

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Regular Session on October 3, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Blaise Regan, and Brian Yates. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Mayor Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation.

Dani de la Vega and Desmond Egly, both 4th Graders from Stafford Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Service Awards:
 - Baker Bryant – 35 Years – Fire Department
 - Cortney Ruiz – 25 Years – Police Department
 - Randy Baily – 20 Years – Public Works
 - Travis McClure – 20 Years – Public Works
- Proclamations:
 - National Physical Therapy Month – accepted by Hardin-Simmons University Physical Therapy students and staff
 - Fire Prevention Week – accepted by the Fire Marshal Jeremy Williams.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-9. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following addressed the Council:

- Tammy Fogle

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Yates moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 4-9. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Regan, and Yates

NAYS (0): None

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister had a conflict of interest on item 6 and abstained from voting on that item. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. The vote for item 6 alone was:

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Regan, and Yates
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Nominate a Member to the Taylor County Appraisal District Board of Directors
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 229-2024]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid CB-2484 to Epic Construction for the Zoo Parking Lot and Lighting Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 230-2024]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Public Hearing and Financing by the National Finance Authority for the Benefit of Abilene Christian University and Related Matters
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 231-2024]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Acquire Professional Services and Second Amendment for Geographical Information Services in the Fiscal Year 2025 with Resource Data, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 232-2024]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Adopting a Supplement to the 2024 Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 233-2024]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Change Order #1 for Five Points Business Park Fulwiler Rd. & Marigold St. Paving Improvement Contract
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 234-2024]

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Resolution Directing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation for Public Safety and Airport Projects
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 235-2024]

Councilmember Beard had a conflict of interest on this item and left the room during deliberation and abstained from voting. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the publication of a notice of intention to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation for public safety and airport projects.

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following spoke in opposition to the item:

- Tammy Fogle
- Eric Bengs

With no other speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Regan moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Regan, and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Beard

11. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2024-07: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to the Property at 8302 Military Drive, to Allow a Concrete Batch Plant
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 46-2024]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at the above referenced location, to allow for a concrete batch plant. This plant would be used for construction purposes on Dyess Air Force Base.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Regan, and Yates

NAYS (0): None

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2024-24: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.91 Acres from Mobile/Manufactured Home (MH) to Residential Multi-Family (MF), Located at 3141 Grape Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 47-2024]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Mobile/Manufactured Home (MH) to Residential Multi-Family (MF).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Regan, and Yates

NAYS (0): None

13. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2024-25: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.47 Acres from Office (O) to Neighborhood Retail (NR), Located at 317 North Willis Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 48-2024]

Councilmember Regan had a conflict of interest on this item and left the room during deliberation and abstained from voting. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Office (O) to Neighborhood Retail (NR).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Regan

14. Presentation: Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing on Fluoridation of the City's Water Supply

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Mr. Hanna presented the history and background on fluoride in the City's water, and asked for council's direction on how they wanted to move forward. The consensus was to continue to temporarily suspend the additional fluoride added to the city's water supply, and for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to be discussed at the next council meeting backing this up. This ordinance would give the council several options on how to move forward with this.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of the suspension of fluoride:

- Ashley Hurly (did not wish to speak)
- Chris Turner
- Jennifer Bell
- Wendy Hartshorn
- Susan Perry
- Carolyn Dupuis
- Tammy Fogle

With no other speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

This item was for discussion only. No votes or action were taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 10:28 a.m., pursuant to the following of the Open Meetings Act, with the following issues discussed during this session, as listed on the agenda and authorized by the noted Texas Government Code Section:

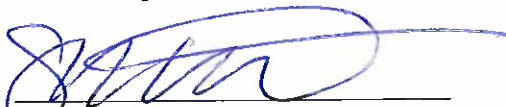
- 15.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. PFAS Litigation
- 15.C.551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations)
 - 1. Storybook Gardens 2
 - 2. 101 Cypress Street Parking
- 15.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Manager

Mayor Hurt left the meeting at the conclusion of Executive Session. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister presided over the remainder of the meeting

The Executive Session ended at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: October 17, 2024

