

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
February 4, 2025 at 3:15 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL - BALLROOM

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in a Special Called State of the City address on February 4, 2025, at 3:15 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 500 Cypress Street, Ballroom, Abilene, Texas. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver, and Councilmember Brian Yates. Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, and Blaise Regan were absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

The special called meeting/work session was held for the purpose of presenting the Mayor's Annual State of the City address.

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

After a kick-off and introduction video was played, City Manager Robert Hanna then welcomed everyone to the event, and introduced Mayor Weldon Hurt.

Mayor Hurt's State of the City address covered issues in the following areas:

- Cypress Street Improvement Project
- Street Maintenance
- The Future of Water
- Bond Projects Update
- Rebuild ABI update

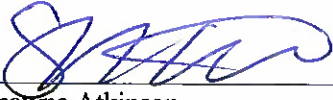
After Mayor Hurt's address, Mari Cockerell, Communications Director, facilitated a panel Q&A session with Phil Crowley, Taylor County Judge, Misty Mayo, CEO of the Development Corporation of Abilene, Dr. John Kuhn with Abilene ISD, Joey Light with Wylie ISD, Doug Peters with the Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Weldon Hurt and City Manager Robert Hanna. Questions were submitted online ahead of the meeting. Questions included topics on:

- West Texas Water Partnership and the Cedar Ridge Reservoir
- Lancium / Project Stargate
- AISD Strategic Planning and Reorganization
- AISD School Choice
- WISD Bond Investments
- WISD Cell Phone Policies
- Downtown Initiatives
- Dyess Air Force Base and the B-21 Raider
- County Growth in the Wylie Area
- Taylor County Budgeting
- Bringing Business to Abilene with the DCOA

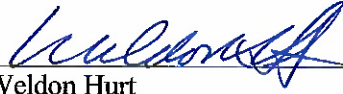
Mr. Hanna wrapped up the event with closing remarks and thank-yous and the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: 2/13/2025

