CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2025 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 February 13, 2025, 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.

Councilmember Travis Craver delivered the invocation.

Mason Brewer and Ry'Niah Blaylock, both 5th graders from Bassetti 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

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-14. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Raymon Carrillo
- Erin Wiley
- Cynthia Knox
- Christopher Smith
- Mary Mwaura
- Samuel Garcia
- Tammy Fogle
- Jack Odun

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of 2-14. 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

Councilmember Beard had a conflict of interest on item 4 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 4 alone was:

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

2. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 23, 2025, the Special Workshop Meeting Held on January 31, 2025, the Special Called Meeting Held on February 4, 2025, and the State of the City Address Held on February 4, 2025

3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Ordering a City of Abilene General Election to be Held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the Purpose of Electing Members to City Council Places 5 and 6
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 12-2025]

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Ordering a Special Election for Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the Purpose of Issuing Bonds in the Amount of $20,000,000 for Airport Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 13-2025]

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Taylor County for a General and Special Election to be Held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, and Authorizing the Extension of this Contract to Cover a Runoff Election, if Needed
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 14-2025]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Termination of Inactive Campaign Treasurer Appointments
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025]

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between Keep Abilene Beautiful, Inc. and the City of Abilene
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 16-2025]

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the Expenditures Between the City of Abilene and Incircle Management Inc. for Mowing Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 17-2025]

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding the Bid to Dowtech Specialty Contractors, Inc. for the Sodium Hydroxide Bulk Storage & Dry Polymer Feed Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 18-2025]

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Purchasing a Dodge 5500 Chassis Purchase for the Abilene Fire Department
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 19-2025]

11. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 6, Animals and Fowls, of the Abilene Code of Ordinances

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Dedicating Property Located at 601 Nth 8th Street (Property ID: 68478) as Addition of Parkland to Carver Park
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-2025]

13. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 22, Parks and Recreation, Article I, In General, Sec. 22-5, Camping, sleeping, parking overnight, of the Code of Ordinances

14. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Charging a Fee for Overnight Camping in Johnson Park and Sea Bee Park

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Creation of a Second Reinvestment Zone No. RZ21-1 Being Approximately 940.89 Acres
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 09-2025]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would create the second reinvestment zone RZ21-1 on 940.89 acres of land.

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

- Samuel Garcia

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

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard 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

16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving a Resolution of Support for OPG Cypress Partners LLC. Supporting their Proposed Project on 301 Cypress St.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 21-2025]

Councilmember Price moved to reconsider the item that was denied at the Council meeting held on 1/23. 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

Van Watson, Assistant Director of planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would provide a letter of support for OPG Cypress Partners LLC, for a 49 unit apartment projected located at 301 Cypress Street.

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

- April Augstrom, representing OPG Cypress Partners, LLC.
- Doug Williamson, representing the Chamber of Commerce
- Rebecca Bridges, representing the Downtown Association

The following spoke in opposition to the item:

- Samuel Garcia

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

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price 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 (1): Councilmember Regan

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-01: 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 Approximately 91.21 Acres to Allow a 150' Tall Monopole Tower Within Agriculture Open (AO), Located at 1602 Loop 322 **[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 10-2025]**

Van Watson, Assistant Director of planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would apply a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the above referenced property, to allow for a 150' monopole tower.

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

- Laddie Galloway, representing the applicant
- County Commissioner Randy Williams

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price 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

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-02: 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 Approximately 0.57 Acres to Allow a Drive-Thru Lane, Located At 3210 Antilley Road **[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 11-2025]**

Van Watson, Assistant Director of planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would apply a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the above referenced property, to allow for a drive-through lane.

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

Councilmember Regan moved to approve the item as presented. 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

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.00 Acres from General Retail (GR) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning, Located On The 6600 Block Of Buffalo Gap Road
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 12-2025]

Van Watson, Assistant Director of planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from General Retail (GR) to General Commercial (GC).

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

- Michael Suttle, representing the applicant
- Kevin Phillips, property owner
- Tammy Fogle

The following spoke in opposition to the item:

- Rebecca Eldridge
- David Sealy
- Cale Mostorn

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister 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 Hurt recessed the meeting for a five-minute break at 10:21 a.m.

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.48 Acres from Central Business (CB) to A Planned Development District (PDD-192), Located At 1066 S. 2nd Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 13-2025]

Van Watson, Assistant Director of planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Central Business (CB) to a Planned Development District (PDD-192).

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. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 10:30 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:

21.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
1. Violation of Laws Against City
2. Animal Services Ordinances (Agenda Item #11)

21.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
1. City Manager
2. Boards & Commissions

21.F.551.087 (Economic Development)
1. Lancium Tax Abatement Agreement (Agenda Item #22)

The Executive Session ended at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA

22. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Amendments to the Amended and Restated Tax Abatement Agreements with Lancium
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-2025]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve amendments to the amended and restated tax abatement agreements with Lancium.

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

- Mark Teague

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver 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

23. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 23-2025]

Adoption of the item would approve the (re)appointments of the following board and commission members, per the city Charter:

Board of Adjustment	
Ken Hogan [Alternate] [New]	November 2026

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. 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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary

Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: February 27, 2025