

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 27, 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 27, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Blaise Regan, and Brian Yates. Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Travis Craver delivered the invocation.

Mason and Cooper Gorman, both 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Austin 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:
  - Michael Baird – 30 Years – Police Department
  - Stephen Hughes – 30 Years – Fire Department
- Proclamation:
  - Black History Month – accepted by Andrew Gwinn from the Salvation Army.
- Special Presentation:
  - The West Central Texas Branch of the National Association of Social Workers recognized Councilmember Lynn Beard for being selected as the Public Elected Official of the Year for their chapter of social workers.

**PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-16. Items 5 and 9 were pulled for individual consideration. Item 16 was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

Item pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 5 – Councilmember Regan
- Item 9 – Councilmember Regan

Items pulled from consideration:

- Item 16

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

- Charles Baucum
- Aaron Young
- Erin Wiley
- Thomas McIntire
- Tammy Fogle

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Price moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of 4, 6-8 and 10-15. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on February 13, 2025
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Purchase of an Aqua Wash Press Unit from Parkson Corporation for the Hamby Water Reclamation Facility  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 26-2025]**
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the purchase of seven (7) 2025 Ford Escapes from Arrow Ford through bid received from CB-2512 for the Police Department and Planning Services  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 27-2025]**
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Execute Professional Services Contracts with West Texas Occupational Corporate Health Solutions (WTX-OCHS) and Screening For Life to Conduct Annual Medical Physicals for Employees of the Abilene Fire Department (AFD)  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 28-2025]**
10. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2025-03: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to Approximately 0.9 Acres to Allow for Contractor Services within General Commercial (GC) Zoning, Located at 625 ES 11th Street
11. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2025-04: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, Represented by Precision Contractors, to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to Approximately 1.81 Acres Zoned General Commercial to Allow Freight containers, Located at 718 S. Clack Street
12. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2025-05: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to Approximately 15.03 Acres to Allow an RV (Recreational Vehicle) Park, Located at 3201 Dub Wright Blvd.
13. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-03: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 22.14 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to Multi Family (MF) Located at 6310 Butterfield Trail
14. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on an Ordinance of the City of Abilene, Texas, and Providing for the Extension of the Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, Texas, and for the Annexation of Certain Territory - 31 acres - Lying Adjacent and Contiguous to the Present Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, and Granting to All the Inhabitants of Territory, all the Rights and Privileges of other Citizens and Binding the Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of the City of Abilene; and Adopting a Service Plan Agreement

15. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on an Ordinance of the City of Abilene, Texas, and Providing for the Extension of the Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, Texas, and for the Annexation of Certain Territory - 28.58 acres - Lying Adjacent and Contiguous to the Present Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, and Granting to All the Inhabitants of Territory, all the Rights and Privileges of other Citizens and Binding the Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of the City of Abilene; and Adopting a Service Plan Agreement

#### ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Purchase of Chairs for the Convention Center from MityLite Inc.  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 25-2025]**

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Regan had concerns about the dollar amount for the chairs. Robert Hanna, City Manager, stated that this item was competitively bid through Buyboard, and is not out of the budget.

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Tiffany Nichols, General Manager of the Abilene Convention Center

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

Councilmember Regan moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Amending Resolution 21-2025 in Support for OPG Cypress Partners LLC Supporting their Proposed Project on 301 Cypress St.  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 29-2025]**

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Regan wanted clarification as to what the changes were to this item from the first time they approved it. Robert Hanna, City Manager stated that OPG Cypress Partners LLC needed the resolution to state that we are in "support" of this item, so just a minor wording correction.

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 (5): Mayor Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, and Yates  
NAYS (1): Councilmember Regan

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

## ITEMS PULLED FROM INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

16. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the Fee Ordinance to Add a Commercial Breeder/Show Animal Permit Fee  
**[NOT COSNIDERED]**

## REGULAR AGENDA

17. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl, of the Abilene Code of Ordinances  
**[NOT CONSIDERED]**

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

18. Discussion: Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing and Provide Direction on a Downtown Paid Parking Program

Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager, presented the item. This program would designate certain parking lots as paid parking in the downtown area. After two consecutive hours of parking the customer would be required to pay a fee. A fee structure was presented, and staff is looking for council direction on moving forward with this. The consensus from council was to start only with the parking lot in front of the DoubleTree Hotel. Council does not feel comfortable creating the old Abilene Reporter News lot as a paid parking lot as of now, especially with Cypress street still in construction.

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

- Glen Dromgoole
- Tammy Fogle
- Rani Burke
- Jerry Salinas

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

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 10:04 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:

- 19.A.551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property)
  - 1. Abilene Heritage Square
- 19.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
  - 1. Boards & Commissions
- 19.F.551.087 (Economic Development)
  - 1. AYSA Flat Fields

The Executive Session ended at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

## REGULAR AGENDA

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. 30-2025]**

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

| Board                                                    | Term End Date |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Abilene-Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Board</i> |               |
| Tim Bundick [New]                                        | December 2026 |
| <i>Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #3</i>         |               |
| Sam Vinson [Reappointment]                               | March 2028    |
| Robert Stormy Higgins [Reappointment]                    | March 2028    |

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 Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

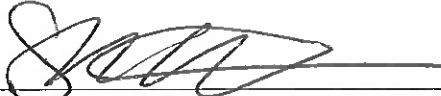
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NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

  
Shawna Atkinson  
City Secretary

  
Weldon Hurt  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: 3/13/2025

