

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 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 July 10, 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 Brian Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Miguel Espinoza and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan led the invocation.

Olivia, first grader at Wylie East Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-9. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Eric Bengs

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Espinoza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on June 26, 2025
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Teinert Construction for the Pedestrian Plaza
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 119-2025]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving an Extended Term Street Use License with the Center for Contemporary Arts in alleyway, North of North 2nd Street to 240 Cypress Street
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 120-2025]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the purchase of one (1) 2026 Freightliner M2-106 Ledwell 2000 Gallon Water Truck from Houston Freightliner, Houston TX for Streets Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 121-2025]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Dell Server Products and Parts from Dell
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 122-2025]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the acquisition of recovery services from GuidePoint Security LLC through the City's cyber insurance counsel
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 123-2025]
9. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-20): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of A Planned Development District (PDD-181). Specifically, To Amend The Buffer Area Surrounding The Property. Located At 617 F.M. 2404

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending the City of Abilene Pace Program Report
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 124-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would update the 2020 PACE report and associated exhibits to reflect the necessary changes for FHA and HUD properties, improve language, and reduce the burden on the County's Tax Office.

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (0): None

11. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 17, "Miscellaneous Provisions," Code of Ordinance by Approving a Permit Requirement for Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) Establishments
[FAILED]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item and Stanley Smith, City Attorney, went over the proposed ordinance language. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances, establishing a Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) Permit.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke on the item:

- Rochelle Johnson
- Shawnte Fleming-Lewis

- Rob Henke
- Josue (no last name provided)
- Robert Orego
- Chris Kowatch

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

Council came to the consensus that they could not make a decision on this item today. Staff will continue to work on the item to bring back at the next meeting. There was no action taken on this item.

12. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending the Fee Schedule Ordinance to Add a BYOB Permit Fee
[NOT CONSIDERED]

Because there was no action taken on Item #11, this item was not considered or discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:42 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:

- 13.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. Abilene Heritage Square Lease
- 13.B.551.071 (Deliberations About Real Property)
 - 1. 1002 S 32nd St.
- 13.F.551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
 - 1. Project Surf

The Executive Session ended at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

14. 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. 125-2025]

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

<i>Landmarks Commission</i>	
Franz Hallgren [Regular] [New]	November 2026 [Unexpired Term]

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 Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a New Building Lease Agreement for a New Main Branch Library at Abilene Heritage Square
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 126-2025]

Mindy Patterson, Deputy City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would enter into a new building lease agreement for a new Main Branch Library at Abilene Heritage Square.

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

- Sheila Seevers
- Eddie Leroy Bolt
- William Minter (did not speak, indicated support on comment card)
- Jane Varner Beard
- Eric Bengs
- Josue (no last name provided)
- Donna Albus
- Eddie Smith

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

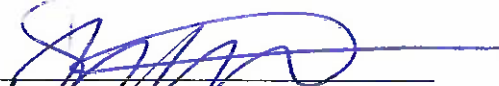
Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: July 24, 2025

