CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 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 24, 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 Deputy City Secretary Kaitlin Richardson.

Mayor Weldon Hurt led the invocation and 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 2-11. Item 8 was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

Item pulled from consideration:
- Item 8

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan moved to approve the consent agenda. 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

2. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on July 10, 2025

3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering Into a 3 Year Agreement with Sprout Social for Social Media Management, Publication, Analytics, and Reporting Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 127-2025]

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Contract for Repair of Fort Phantom Hill Lake Intake Pumps #2 and #3
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 128-2025]

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract With Jacob & Martin, LLC. for the Interstate Highway 20 Utility Relocates – Phase 2 Engineering Design and Construction Administration
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 129-2025]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Acquire, Install and Implement Verkada Access Control and Surveillance Cameras in the Police Department Facility from Sigma Surveillance Inc. DBA STS360
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 130-2025]

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Professional Services to Manage Technology Projects and Initiatives from Computer Task Group (CTG), Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 131-2025]

9. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2025-13: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner To Apply A Conditional Use Permit To Allow A Freight Container Within Planned Development District 52 (PDD-52). Located At 4338 Rio Mesa Drive

10. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2025-14: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Apply A Conditional Use Permit To Allow A Freight Container Within General Commercial (GC). Located At 358 East South 11th Street.

11. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-19: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner To Rezone Approximately 21.22 Acres From General Retail (GR) To Multi Family (MF). Located Along Memorial Drive

ITEMS PULLED FROM INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-2026 Action Plan, and Proposed Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funds
[NOT CONSIDERED]

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-20: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 56-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the terms and conditions of a Planned Development District (PDD-181), to amend the buffer area surrounding the property, at the above referenced property

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

Mayor Pro-tem Yates moved to approve the item as presented. 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

13. Presentation: Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on Modifying Year-Round Water Management Stage

Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Mr. Dane went over the five-year water management plan, current lake levels, and the water levels as they currently sit. According to the plan, the lake levels are at a stage where we can move back to three days per week watering restrictions. Council discussed the item at length and came to the consensus of staying with the two days per week watering, in order to conserve more.

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

This item was for presentation only. No votes or action were taken at this time.

14. Ordinance (First 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

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances, establishing a Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) Permit. Mr. Smith went through the changes from the last meeting.

Council discussed the item at length and expressed concerns about the permit still. Council is more in favor of not having an actual permit, but regulating the hours of alcohol consumption instead. The consensus is to table the item for now, so that staff can draft a new ordinance to regulate the hours of alcohol consumption from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. and remove the permit requirement completely.

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Rochelle Johnson
- Eric Bengs

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

Councilmember Price moved to table the item. 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

Councilmember Craver left the meeting at this time.

15. Ordinance (First 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

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, recommended tabling this item as well, since item 14 was tabled already.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan moved to table the item. Councilmember Espinoza seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:47 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:

16.A.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. Assistant Municipal Court Judges (Agenda Item 18)

The Executive Session ended at 9:57 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. 133-2025]

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

Board	Term End Date
Betty Hardwick Center Board of Trustees	
Rosendo Contreras [Reappointment]	August 2027
Landmarks Commission	
Derek Hood [New] [Regular]	November 2028
Josh Black [New] [Alternate]	November 2028

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

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

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

18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Appointing One or More Assistant Municipal Court Judges
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 134-2025]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would appoint Forrest B. McCray and Chaile Allen to act as Assistant Municipal Court Judges, in the temporary absence or unavailability of the judge of the Municipal Court.

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

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

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

19. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc.'s Economic Development Plan
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 135-2025]

Misty Mayo, CEO and President of the Development Corporation of Abilene, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the 2026 Economic Development Plan for the Development Corporation of Abilene.

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. Mayor Pro-tem Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

20. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Annual Budget for the Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 136-2025]

Misty Mayo, CEO and President of the Development Corporation of Abilene, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the FY 2026 Annual Budget for the Development Corporation of Abilene.

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 Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard and Espinoza
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Councilmember Craver

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary

Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: August 14, 2025