CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 28, 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 August 28, 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, Miguel Espinoza and Travis Craver. Councilmember Lynn Beard was absent. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Shane Price led the invocation.

Linus Craver and Kade Gibson, both 5th 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

- Dyess Airmen Exceptional Performance Recognition:
  - Mayor Hurt and John Nichols, chair of the Military Affairs Committee, introduced a new program the City of Abilene and the MAC will be partnering on to recognize exceptional Dyess Airmen at City Council meetings. The following airmen were recognized this meeting:
    - Senior Airman Landon Feltsen
    - Captain Shannon Hunter
- Proclamation:
  - International Overdose Awareness Day – accepted by Absolute Recovery Solutions.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-25. Items 11, 22 and 23 were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Dorothy Clay
- Eddie Pugh
- Sandra Flores – did not wish to speak
- Josha Daniel – did not wish to speak
- Dr. Jasmine Majkowski – did not wish to speak
- Krystal Lewis
- Lee Ziebel
- Tammy Fogle
- Josue
- Ken Dry
- DeLynn Lane

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Espinoza moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 4-10 and 12-21. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

4. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 14, 2025

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Negotiated Settlement Between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division Regarding the Company's 2025 Rate Review Mechanism Filing; Declaring Existing Rates To Be Unreasonable; Adopting Tariffs that Reflect Rate Adjustments Consistent with the Negotiated Settlement; Finding the Rates to Be Set By the Attached Settlement Tariffs to Be Just And Reasonable And In The Public Interest; Approving an Attachment Establishing A Benchmark for Pensions and Retiree Medical Benefits; Requiring the Company to Reimburse ACSC's Reasonable Ratemaking Expenses; Determining that this Resolution was Passed in Accordance with the Requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; Adopting a Savings Clause; Declaring an Effective Date; and Requiring Delivery of this Resolution To the Company and the ACSC's Legal Counsel
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 155-2025]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for the Rate Model Update and Conversion to the Ellio Software Platform
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 156-2025]

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Standard Utility Agreement (SUA) with TXDOT for the IH-20 Utility Relocation Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 157-2025]

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding the Bid for the IH-20 Utility Relocation Project (CB-2548) to Pate Garver LP
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 158-2025]

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment) for the new Main Library at Abilene Heritage Square from My Unique Office Under the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative Contract
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 159-2025]

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve a Contract with Tyler Technologies for Implementation of Software Platform, Tyler Eagle, to Administer Birth and Death Records
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 160-2025]

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Professional Services to Assist in the Design, Configuration and Implementation of Network Technologies from Hoover Technology Consulting LLC
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 162-2025]

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Commission and Design of the Christopher Robin Sculpture as Part of the Storybook Series
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 163-2025]

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Contract with Enprotec, Hibbs & Todd (EHT) for the Design Specifications for the Installation of Generators as part of a FEMA Grant through Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 164-2025]

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving Bid #CB-2550 with BeBo Works LLC for the Festival Gardens Fence Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 165-2025]

16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of One (1) 2026 Ram 3500 Tradesman Pickup Truck from Sames Bastrop CDJ of Cedar Creek, TX for the Airport
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 166-2025]

17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of One (1) Freightliner M2-106 Cab & Chassis with a Leech 2R3 Rear Load Refuse Body from Houston Freightliner of Houston TX for Solid Waste Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 167-2025]

18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Accept the Award of the Federal Aviation Administration's FY25 Airport Improvement Program Entitlement Grant
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 168-2025]

19. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Accept a Military Installation Readiness Grant from the U.S. Department of Defense
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 169-2025]

20. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from TXAN LP for a Resolution of Support to be in Compliance with HB 21 of the 89th Legislation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 170-2025]

21. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-21: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Rezone Approximately 30.91 Acres From A Planned Development District (PDD-58) To A Planned Development District (PDD-195). Located At 1873 Maple Street

24. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-23: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 4.46 Acres From Planned Development (PDD-42) To Agricultural Open (AO). Located At 4051 W Lake Road

25. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-24: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 140.25 Acres From Agriculture Open (AO) To Patio Home (PH). Located At 3802 Stewart Road

ITEMS PULLED FROM INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Adopt the 2025 Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Documents Related to Said Adoption
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 161-2025]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price had questions on some parts of the proposed plan and noticed typos he would like to see corrected before it is published. Pamela Williams, HR Director, presented the item. Adoption of the item would adopt the 2025 Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan.

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

- Tammy Fogle

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item with the correction of all typos. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

22. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-22: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 33.89 Acres From Medium Density (MD) And General Retail (GR) To Agricultural Open (AO). Located At Parcel ID 75888

23. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2025-15: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action On A Request From The Owner, To Apply A Conditional Use Permit To Approximately 33.89 Acres Currently Zoned Medium Density (MD) And General Retail (GR) But Seeking A Re-Zone To Agricultural Open (AO) To Allow For An RV Park. Located At Parcel ID 75888

Having pulled both items 22 and 23, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan asked for the presentation on the items. Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented. Adoption of item 22 would rezone the above referenced location from Medium Density (MD) and General Retail (GR) to Agricultural Open Space (AO), and item 23 would approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for an RV park there. Council discussed their concerns with the potential development.

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

- Larry Hill, applicant

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan moved to approve both items 22 and 23 as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

26. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 20, "Offenses," Article VII, "Alcoholic Beverages," Code of Ordinances to regulate the hours of operation of Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) Establishments
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 64-2025]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would Amend Chapter 20, "Offenses," Article VII, "Alcoholic beverages," Code of Ordinances to limit the hours of operation of Bring Your Own Beverage Establishments from 2:00AM to 7:00AM 7 days a week.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:39 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:

27.A.551.072 (Consultation with Attorney)
1. Municipal Court Judge Position
2. RV Park, utility services and water supply contracts

27.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
1. City Manager

27.F.551.087 (Business Prospects/Economic Development)
1. RV Park, utility services and water supply contracts

The Executive Session ended at 11:42 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

28. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Tax Abatement Agreements and Amended Tax Abatement Agreements with Lancium, LLC, Abilene DC 1 LLC, Abilene DC 3 LLC, Abilene DC 4 LLC, Abilene DC 5 LLC, Abilene DC 6 LLC, Abilene DC 7 LLC, and Abilene DC 8 LLC
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 171-2025]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve tax abatement agreements and amended tax abatement agreements with Lancium, LLC. These agreements were already approved as one agreement, and are now being split up for each building to allow for individual abatements with the same terms as previously approved.

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

- Tammy Fogle

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary

Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: September 11, 2025