

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 9, 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 October 9, 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.

Mayor Weldon Hurt led the invocation.

Madison Lance and Chandler Batchelor both fifth graders from Bowie 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

- Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan presented the following proclamations:
 - National Chiropractic Health Month – accepted by Dr. Nick Anthony
 - National Physical Therapy Month & Physicians Assistant Week – accepted by Hardin Simmons University staff and students.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-13. Items 7 and 12 were pulled for individual consideration.

Item(s) pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 7 – Councilmember Espinoza
- Item 12 – Councilmember Espinoza

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Eddie Pugh
- Tammy Fogle

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 3-6, 8-11 and 13. 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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on September 25, 2025 and the Special Meeting Held on October 3, 2025

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Casting a Vote to Nominate a Member to the Jones County Appraisal District Board of Directors
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 196-2025]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Appointment of Chris Riley as an Assistant Municipal Court Judge
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 197-2025]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Annual Street Services Division Materials Bid #CB-2561
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 198-2025]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Renewal of a Lease Agreement with Partners Mall Abilene, LLC for the South Branch Library
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 200-2025]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Library Materials Purchases from Midwest Tape
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 201-2025]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Continue the Agreement with OverDrive for Library Materials
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 202-2025]
11. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Increasing Passenger Fares for CityLink
12. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Amend the Fee Schedule Ordinance to Increase the Permit Fee For Certain Food Establishment Permits
13. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General, Section 18-11, Use of Golf Carts on Public Streets.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation's FY 2026 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 199-2025]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Espinoza asked for the staff presentation on the item just for public information.

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the FY 2026 Budget for the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation. The numbers presented are preliminary only, as Hilton has not prepared their budget yet.

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 Espinoza moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price 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

12. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Amend the Fee Schedule Ordinance to Increase the Permit Fee For Certain Food Establishment Permits

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Espinoza asked for the staff presentation on the item just for public information.

Annette Lerma, Director of Health, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the FY 2026 fee schedule ordinance to increase the permit fee for certain food establishment permits following the updates to Senate Bill 1008 and House Bill 2844.

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 Espinoza 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

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-25: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owners, To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of A Planned Development District (PDD-104), Specifically To Allow For Multi-Family (MF) Base Zoning In Tract 4. Located Along East South 27th Street.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 72-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the conditions of Planned Development District (PDD-104) to allow for Multi-Family (MF) base zoning in Tract 4 at the above referenced location.

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, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

15. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-27: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 0.23 Acres From Multi-Family (MF) To Mixed Use (MX). Located At 1365 Sayles Boulevard.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 73-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Multi-Family (MF) to Mixed Use (MX). Mr. Littlejohn also presented a second option to Council to change to the zoning to Neighborhood Office (NO) instead of Mixed-Use (MX), to allow limitations on hours of operation, if they would prefer that.

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

- Danielle Delhomme
- Shona Williford
- Val Petronells
- Sandy Freeman (did not wish to speak, indicated opposition on card)
- Clay Freeman (did not wish to speak, indicated opposition on card)

The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Erica Lunsford, applicant
- Tammy Fogle

Mayor Pro-tem Yates moved to approve the item as presented. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented in the second option, which would change the zoning to Neighborhood Office (NO). 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 (1): Councilmember Beard

16. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-28: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 32.55 Acres From Agriculture Open (AO), Multi-Family (MF) And General Commercial (GC) To General Commercial (GC). Located At 1755 E Stamford Street.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 74-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Agriculture Open (AO), Multi-Family (MF) and General Commercial (GC) to only General Commercial (GC).

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

- Clayton Farrow, agent for the applicant

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 Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-29: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 106.76 Acres From Residential Single-Family (RS-8) To Residential Single-Family (RS-6). Located At The 6700 Block Of Lantana Avenue.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 75-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning at the above referenced location from Residential Single-Family (RS-8) to Residential Single-Family (RS-6).

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

- Clayton Farrow, agent for the applicant

With no other 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

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-30: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 99.45 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Residential Single-Family (RS-6). Located At The 6600 Block Of HWY 277 S.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 76-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning at the above referenced location from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to Residential Single Family (RS-6).

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

- Clayton Farrow, agent for the applicant

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan 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

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-31: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 5.10 Acres From Heavy Industrial (HI) To Light Industrial (LI). Located At 4325 Burl Harris Dr.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 77-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning at the above referenced location from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Light Industrial (LI).

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

- BJ Pritchard, agent for the applicant

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 Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:55 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:

20.A.551.072 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. Eddie Pugh v. Rise Church et. Al; Cause No 52301-A

20.D.551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property)

1. 1002 S 32nd Street

The Executive Session ended at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

21. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Accepting a Proposal for Management Services on City Owned Property at 1002 S 32nd Street, known as Maxwell Golf Course.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 203-2025]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. There was only one proposal received for management of the course, and no bids to purchase. Staff's recommendation was to deny the one proposal received, and to put it back out for bids with clearer expectations.

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

- Mike Fraish
- Mark Santibanez
- Tammy Fogle
- Raymond Blasingame
- Chad Carter

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

Councilmember Beard moved to deny the management proposal received. 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

28. 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. 204-2025]

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

Board	Term End Date
<i>Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities</i>	
JoAnne Fluke [Reappointment]	October 2027
Jamie Thomas [Reappointment]	October 2027
Robert Marshall [New]	October 2027
Nikki Parkhill [Reappointment]	October 2027

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 Regan 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 10:49 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: October 23, 2025