CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 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 November 6, 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.

Councilmember Shane Price led the invocation.

Asher Nieves, Oakley Little, and Tristan Murphrey, all from Hartford Learning Center 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 2-10. Item #4 was pulled for individual consideration.

Item(s) pulled for individual consideration:

- Item #4 – Councilmember Price

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Eddie Pugh
- Rusty Towell
- Diane Bradley
- Tammy Fogle
- Joseph Scraggs

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, consisting of items 2-3, and 5-10. 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 October 23, 2025

3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Affirming the Casting of Votes for a Candidate to the Jones County Appraisal District Board of Directors
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 217-2025]

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment) for the New Recreation Centers (Cesar Chavez & G.V. Daniels) from Officewise through Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative, Contract #747-24 and Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative, (Davis – NCPA) Contract #07-84 and (Kimball) Contract #240108 and (VIA) Contract #07-128 and TIPS Purchasing Cooperative, (Calyx – HAT - Fomcore) Contract #230301 and (Allermuir) Contract #250303
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 219-2025]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment) for the New Recreation Centers (Cesar Chavez & G.V. Daniels) from Tangram through Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative (KI-Omnia) Contract #RA240109 and (Steelcase-Omnia) Contract #2019.001899
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 220-2025]

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Contract with BTSOFT, Inc. for the Purchase and Implementation of a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for the Environmental Laboratory Division
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 221-2025]

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for the Northeast Water Treatment Plant (NEWTP) Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 222-2025]

9. Ordinance (First Reading) OAM-2025-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a Request from the City of Abilene to Amend the Land Development Code Chapter 4, Article 2, Division 11 – Vacation Travel Trailer/Recreational Vehicle Parks

10. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-41: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from the owner to amend the terms of PDD-177. Specifically, to allow alternative side setbacks adjacent to streets, allow for duplexes within tracts A and B, and to allow residential single-family within tract D. Located at the 3700-4000 blocks of Caldwell Road and the 4200 block of West Lake Road.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment) for the New Recreation Centers (Cesar Chavez & G.V. Daniels) from O'Kelley Office Supply Omnia Partners Purchasing Cooperative, (JSI) Contract #R240107 and (Darran – NCPA) Contract #07-82 and TIPS Purchasing Cooperative, (Groupe Lacasse) Contract #210305 and (Nevers) Contract #240301
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 218-2025]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price had questions on the quotes provided in the packet and if they will still be good after 30 days, since that is what is listed on them. Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks & Recreation, confirmed that the quote was updated and they will honor it through the end of November. Adoption of the item would purchase furniture and equipment for Cesar Chavez and GV Daniels Recreation Centers.

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. 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

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Oil & Gas Drilling Permit with Teal Exploration, LLC, Permit No. 903971 **[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 223-2025]**

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a permit for drilling and operating an oil/gas well within the City Limits, for Teal Exploration, LLC, at property located southeast of Jolly Rogers Road and Caldwell Road.

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 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 (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Issuance of City of Abilene, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds **[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 81-2025]**

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would allow the City to refund portions of the 2016 General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, 2017 General Obligation Bonds, and 2017 Combination Tax and Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation. George Williford from Hilltop Securities, presented the specific numbers for the refunding.

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 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

13. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of City of Abilene, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, for Waterworks and Sewer System Improvements **[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 82-2025]**

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize the issuance of Certificates of Obligation of $410,000 for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund's Lead Service Line Replacement Program. This is provided in part as an interest-free loan and principal forgiveness.

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 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

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Principal Forgiveness Agreement for Waterworks and Sewer System Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 223-2025]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize the City to execute a principal forgiveness agreement with the Texas Water Development Board in the amount of $426,735.

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 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. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-32: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 20.61 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) And Medium Density (MD) To Multi-Family (MF). Located At The 400 Block Of Jolly Rogers Road.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 83-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) and Medium Density (MD) to Multi-Family (MF).

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 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

16. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-34: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 2.88 Acres From RS-8/COR And AO/COR To GR/COR. Located at 6144 Buffalo Gap Road.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 84-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from RS-8/COR and AO/COR to GR/COR.

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 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-2025-35: 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-136). Located at 1699 S. 1st Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 85-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend PDD-136 at the above referenced location, to allow for the building to be used for commercial purposes, while requiring that its historic appearance remains visible from South First Street and Grape Street.

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

- William Minter, representative from Abilene Heritage Square

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

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-36: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 5.23 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Heavy Commercial (HC). Located at 3329 Maple Street.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 86-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to Heavy Commercial (HC).

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

- Tal Fillingham, agent

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

Councilmember Craver 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

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-37: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 44.90 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Residential Single-Family (RS-6) And General Commercial (GC). Located At 3009 Dub Wright Boulevard And 3010 Bishop Road.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 87-2025]

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

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

- Tal Fillingham, agent

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

Councilmember Price 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

20. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-38: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 0.48 Acres From Heavy Industrial (HI) To Light Industrial (LI). Located At 525 S Treadaway Blvd.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 88-2025]

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

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 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:32 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:

21.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
1. Municipal Court Judge Applicants

21.D.551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
1. Project Surf
2. Project Rise
3. Lancium Project

The Executive Session ended at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

22. 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. 225-2025]

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

Board	**Term End Date**
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board	
Kenneth Bowles [Reappointment]	November 2027

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. 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

23. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc.'s ("DCOA") Incentive for Project Surf, Amending the DCOA's Budget to Include Expenditures for the Incentive; and Approving an Infrastructure Incentive Reimbursement Agreement with the DCOA for Project Surf
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

24. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving a TIRZ #2 Incentive for Project Surf
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

25. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement for Project Surf
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

Councilmember Beard had a conflict of interest on items 26, 27 & 28 and left the room during deliberation and abstained from voting. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

26. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Development Corporation of Abilene's Incentive for Project Rise, and Amending the Annual Budget for the Development Corporation of Abilene
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 229-2025]

Misty Mayo, CEO of the Development Corporation of Abilene, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the annual budget for the Development Corporation of Abilene and approve the incentive for Project Rise.

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

27. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving an Agreement with the Development Corporation of Abilene for Project Rise
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 230-2025]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a revenue guarantee incentive reimbursement agreement with the Development Corporation of Abilene for Project Rise.

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
ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Beard

28. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold and Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Approve a Revenue Guarantee Agreement for Project Rise
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 231-2025]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize the City Manager to execute a transportation services agreement for Project Rise, which is with Skywest Airlines, Inc. Dan Belmont from Skywest Airlines also spoke about the partnership and their excitement to add these services.

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

- Tammy Fogle

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

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan 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
ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Beard

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

~~Shawna Atkinson~~ Kaitlin Richardson
Deputy City Secretary

Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: November 20, 2025