

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 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 December 4, 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, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Miguel Espinoza and Travis Craver. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan was absent. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Travis Craver led the invocation.

George Applin and Lane Martinez, both from Purcell 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

- Employee Service Awards:
 - George Votaw – 20 Years – Public Works
 - Leticia Reeves – 20 Years – Planning & Development Services

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:

- Tammy Fogle
- Samuel Garcia

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 3-9. Mayor Pro-tem Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on November 20, 2025
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Application for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Boating Access Grant
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 247-2025]

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Contract with United States Geological Survey for Streamflow Monitoring Stations
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 248-2025]
6. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on an Ordinance of the City of Abilene, Texas, and Providing for the Extension of the Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, Texas, and for the Annexation of Certain Territory - 19.12 acres - Lying Adjacent and Contiguous to the Present Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, and Granting to All the Inhabitants of Territory, all Rights and Privileges of other Citizens and Binding the Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of the City of Abilene; and Adopting a Service Plan Agreement
7. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on an Ordinance of the City of Abilene, Texas, and Providing for the Extension of the Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, Texas, and for the Annexation of Certain Territory - 140.97 acres - Lying Adjacent and Contiguous to the Present Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, and Granting to All the Inhabitants of Territory, all Rights and Privileges of other Citizens and Binding the Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of the City of Abilene; and Adopting a Service Plan Agreement
8. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on an Ordinance of the City of Abilene, Texas, and Providing for the Extension of the Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, Texas, and for the Annexation of Certain Territory - 47.18 acres - Lying Adjacent and Contiguous to the Present Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, and Granting to All the Inhabitants of Territory, all Rights and Privileges of other Citizens and Binding the Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of the City of Abilene; and Adopting a Service Plan Agreement
9. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2025-47: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Amend the Terms of PDD-181. Specifically, to Amend the Boundaries of This Planned Development District. Located at 5502 Spinks Road

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-16: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to a Property to Allow a Tattoo Parlor. Located at 202 Pine Street.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 91-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would apply a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the above referenced property, to allow for a tattoo parlor.

Councilmember Price expressed his concerns with limiting their hours of operation as they indicated in their plan of operation, as that locks them into those hours. He would like to remove the days listed so they don't have to come back to have that approved again if they'd like to change.

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 with the amendment of removing the allowed days of operation. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

11. Ordinance (Final Reading) HOZ-2025-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner's Agent to Apply Historic Overlay Zoning to Approximately 0.42 Acres Zoned Heavy Commercial (HC). Located at 774 Butternut Street.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 92-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would apply Historic Overlay Zoning (HOZ) to the above referenced location.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no 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 (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-26: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 29.26 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to General Commercial (GC). Located at 4994x West Lake Road
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 93-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning at the above referenced location from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to General Commercial (GC).

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

- Katie Presswood
- Kathy Bunkley
- Samuel Garcia
- Tammy Fogle
- Jimmy Rogers

The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Clint Rosenbaum, agent for the applicant

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

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

AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (1): Mayor Hurt
ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

13. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-39: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 9.44 Acres from General Retail (GR) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 1204 Grape Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 94-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning at the above referenced location from General Retail (GR) to General Commercial (GC).

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

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

14. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-16: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.59 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) & Residential-Single Family (RS-12) to Medium Density (MD) Zoning. Located at 5400 Ridgeline Drive.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 95-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Agricultural Open Space (AO) and Residential Single-Family (RS-12) to Medium Density (MD).

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

- Tammy Fogle

The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Tal Filingham, agent for the applicant

With no other 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, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

15. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Creation of the City of Abilene Reinvestment Zone No. RZ25-1 Being Approximately 614.91 Acres
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 96-2025]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would create Reinvestment Zone No. RZ25-1 for 614.91 acres of land in Taylor County, which is part of the Lancium Campus.

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

- Samuel Garcia
- Tammy Fogle

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

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

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:30 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.F.551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)

1. Lancium Projects

The Executive Session ended at 10:13 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Tax Abatement Agreement and Second Tax Abatement Agreement with Lancium LLC and Abilene DC 9, LLC (Phase 9), Tax Abatement Agreement and Second Tax Abatement Agreement with Lancium LLC and Abilene DC 10, LLC (Phase 10), and Tax Abatement Agreement and Second Tax Abatement Agreement with Lancium LLC and Abilene DC TPP, LLC (Electricity Generation Plant).
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 249-2025]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve tax abatement agreements with Lancium LLC and Abilene DC LLC, for the tax abatement agreement and second tax abatement agreement for Phase 9, the tax abatement agreement and second tax abatement for phase 10, and the tax abatement agreement and second tax abatement agreement for the electricity generation plant for the Lancium Campus.

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 (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

18. 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. 250-2025]

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

Board	Term End Date
<i>Abilene Housing Authority</i>	
Aida Pantoja [New]	November 2026 [unexpired term]
<i>Airport Development Board</i>	
Nanci Liles [Reappointment]	November 2028
Travis Ruiz [New]	November 2028
<i>Board of Building Standards</i>	
Lloyd Turner [Regular] [Reappointment]	November 2027
David Brosig [Alternate] [Reappointment]	November 2027

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 (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: December 18, 2025

