

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2026 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 January 8, 2026, 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.

Vinesa Faimoa, fifth grader from Taylor 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

Mayor Hurt recognized Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City Secretary, for receiving the Top 20 Under 40 Young Professional Award for 2025.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-5. Item 5 was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

Item pulled from consideration:

- Item 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Cynthia Alvidrez

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Price moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 2-4. 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 December 18, 2025

3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve Amendment 1 to the Contract with HR Green, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026]
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering into an Economic Development Agreement with Thornton Homes for 1842 N 10th St., 5301 N 10th St., 1018 Briarwood St., 1217 Mesquite St., 1234 Beech St., 2925 Simmons Av., and 629 Washington St
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026]

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid #CB-2613 to Justice Construction for the Brush Center Building Project
[NOT CONSIDERED]

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action Amending Article V - Community Support Policies of the City Council's Governing Principles, Rules of Procedure, and Council Policies
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 04-2026]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Article V – Community Support Policies of the City Council’s Governing Principles, Rules of Procedure, and Council Policies to update the city sponsored event list.

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Robin Calloway Walls
- Cynthia Alvidrez

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

Councilmember Craver 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

7. Ordinance (Final Reading) OAM-2025-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on an Amendment to Chapter 4, Article 2, Division 11 – Vacation Travel Trailer/Recreational Vehicle Parks of the Land Development Code (LDC)
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 01-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 4, Article 2, Division 11 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding Vacation Travel Trailers/Recreational Vehicle Parks.

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Cynthia Alvidrez

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented, with the discussed change of rewording the language on the setback requirements for the office of the RV parks. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

8. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-42: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 17.11 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) And Medium Density (MD) To Multi Family (MF). Located At 2242 Oakland Dr.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 02-2026]

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 Medium Density (MD) to Multi Family (MF).

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

9. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-43: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 5.1 Acres From Heavy Industrial (HI) To Light Industrial (LI) Zoning. Located At 2258 South Treadaway Boulevard

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & 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 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

10. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-44: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, to Change the Zoning of Approximately 109.8 Acres from Light Industrial (LI) to General Commercial (GC). Located at 1202 Elmdale Road
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Light Industrial (LI) to General Commercial (GC).

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

- Karen Saunders
- Jan Price

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Klint Doam
- Greg Gachassin
- Kyle Haspel – did not speak, indicated support on comment card
- Ross Strain – did not speak, indicated support on comment card

With no other 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, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

11. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2025-18: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner, to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to a Property to Allow an RV Park. Located At 1202 Elmdale Road.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026]

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 location, to allow for an RV Park. Council discussed the item at length. Mayor Hurt allowed Jordan Hibbs with Enprotec Hibbs & Todd, engineer for the development, to come up and answer some of Council's questions regarding the project before the public hearing started.

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Cynthia Alvidrez

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Ross Strain
- Esther Mollette
- Eric Johnson
- Greg Gachassin

- Jack Rentz

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented, including adding the modifications that were approved earlier in item #7, OAM-2025-01, concerning the office setbacks and generators being allowed in the event of a power failure only. 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

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-45: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 2.5 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Residential Single Family (RS-6) Zoning. Located At 3557 FM 1750 [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026]

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) to Residential Single Family (RS-6).

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

- Cynthia Alvidrez

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 (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) CUP-2025-19: 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 Duplexes In Residential Single Family (RS-6) Zoning. Located At 3557 FM 1750 [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 07-2026]

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 location, to allow for duplexes in Residential Single Family (RS-6) Zoning.

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 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

14. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2025-46: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 0.74 Acres From Mobile/Manufactured Home (MH) To Multifamily (MF) Zoning. Located At 317 Neas Road
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 08-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Mobile/Manufactured Hom (MG) to Multifamily (MF) Zoning.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 10:43 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:

15.F.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

1. Rusty Miller and Jenny Miller, Individually, and as Next Friends of Jayden Miller v. the City of Abilene, Cause No 13773-D

2. Eminent Domain Proceedings for Maple Street Project

15.F.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. Board and Commission (re)Appointments

15.F.551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)

1. Site Infrastructure Agreement with Abilene DC9, LLC and Abilene DC10, LLC (agenda item 16)

The Executive Session ended at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Site Infrastructure Agreement with Abilene DC9, LLC, and Abilene DC10, LLC
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 05-2026]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve three Site Infrastructure Agreements with Abilene DC9, LLC, and Abilene DC10, LLC for buildings 9, 10, and the gas turbine power plant.

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.

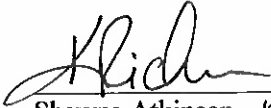
Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

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



~~Shawna Atkinson~~ Kaitlin Richardson

Deputy City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: January 22nd 2026