

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 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 March 12, 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 and Miguel Espinoza. Councilmembers Lynn Beard and Travis Craver were absent. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson

Councilmember Miguel Espinoza led the invocation and 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:
 - Ezequiel Herrera – 20 Years – Public Works
- Proclamations:
 - Social Work Month – accepted by Roz Evans
 - Kynzie Colmery Day – accepted by Kynzie Colmery
- Recognition:
 - The Marketing & Communications Department was recognized for their exceptional State of the City programming.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 5-14. Item 8 was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Jack Hadlock
- Colton Black
- Jarrod Crockett
- Michael Glynn
- Brandon Gurganus
- Gary Cheek
- Tammy Fogle
- Eric Bengs
- Baker Bryant

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Yates moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 5-7 and 9-14. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price and Espinoza

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Beard and Craver

5. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on February 26, 2026
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve the Airline Terminal Lease and Operating Agreement with American Airlines, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 45-2026]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Purchase Three Fully Upfitted 2026 Ford F-150 PPV Responder Pickups from Randall Reed's Planet Ford, Garland, Texas for Marshals
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 46-2026]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold A discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Lease and Operating Agreement with SkyWest Airlines, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 48-2026]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Professional Services to Assist in Technology Leadership Consulting from Delbert Dee Lott
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 49-2026]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Purchase Microsoft SharePoint Storage from SHI International Corporation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 50-2026]
12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve a Street Use License Extended Term with EA Engineering
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 51-2026]
13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Contract with Dr. Gary Holland to Continue as the Health Authority/Medical Director for the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 52-2026]
14. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the FY26 Fee Schedule for Cypress Plaza and Recreation Centers

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Lease with the U.S. General Services Administration for Office, Breakroom and Storage Space Utilized by the Transportation Security Administration
[NOT CONSIDERED]

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2026-02: 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 Recreation Vehicle Park in Agricultural Open (AO) and General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 309 Arnold Boulevard
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 16-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at the above referenced location, to allow for a recreational vehicle (RV) park in Agricultural Open Space (AO) and General Commercial (GC) Zoning.

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 Espinoza seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price and Espinoza
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Beard and Craver

16. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2026-03: 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 an RV Park in Agricultural Open (AO) and General Commercial (GC) Zoning within 239.86 Acres. Located at 3799 N Danville Drive
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 17-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at the above referenced location, to allow for a recreational vehicle (RV) park in Agricultural Open Space (AO) and General Commercial (GC) 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 Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price and Espinoza
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Beard and Craver

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-05: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 1.54 Acres from Planned Development (PDD-59) to General Retail (GR) Zoning. Located at 4541 Catclaw Drive
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 18-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Planned Development District (PDD-59) to General Retail (GR) Zoning.

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. Mayor Pro-tem Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price and Espinoza

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Beard and Craver

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-06: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.80 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to Residential Single-Family (RS-6) Zoning. Located at the 1500 Block of Wildlife Trails Parkway.

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 19-2026]

Councilmember Espinoza had a conflict of interest on this item 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.

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) Zoning.

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

- BJ Pritchard, agent for the applicant

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 (4): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmember Price

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Espinoza

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Beard and Craver

19. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Approval of City Council Priorities and Guiding Principles

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 53-2026]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the City Council Priorities and Guiding Principles to approve a strategic vision and priorities.

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

- Michael Glynn
- Tammy Fogle
- Jo Bengs

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan 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

13. Presentation: Presentation of Abilene Convention Center 2025 Annual Report

Tiffany Nichols, Convention Center General Manager, presented their 2025 Annual Report. Ms. Nichols highlighted the successes of their year, including a financial overview, key accomplishments, guest satisfaction surveys, the numbers from in-house hospitality and food and beverage service, and their community service initiatives.

This item was for presentation only. No votes or action were taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:42 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.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 7. The Woodlands Pride Inc., et al v. Ken Paxton, AG of Texas, et al
 - 15. Bronson Joseph Serasio v. C Davis, City of Abilene PD
 - 16. Victor Lynn Lee v. Erin Stamey, et. al
 - 21. Peer Cities and Fire Association Meet & Confer Agreement
- 21. D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Secretary

The Executive Session ended at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

25. 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. 54-2026]

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>	November 2026 [Unexpired Term]
Gayla Fullerton [New]	
<i>Street Maintenance Advisory & Appeals Board</i>	
Brock Isbell [Reappointment]	March 2028
Antonio Pallarez [Reappointment]	March 2028
Jennifer Martinez [Reappointment]	March 2028

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 (5): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price and Espinoza

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Councilmembers Beard and Craver

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: March 26, 2026