

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 28, 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 May 28, 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 Shane Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Lynn Beard, and Councilmembers Jay Patterson, Brian Yates, Miguel Espinoza and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Miguel Espinoza led the invocation.

Copen Kirk, 2nd grader from Ward 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

- Recognitions:
 - Wylie ISD Destination Imagination Teams
 - National Cemetery Administration's Operational Excellence Award for the Veteran's Cemetery
- Proclamations:
 - ALS Awareness Month – accepted by Aubri Ward
- Dyess Airmen Exceptional Performance Recognition:
 - Staff Sergeant Bianna White
 - Senior Airman Caelan Stegall

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 5-14. Items 11 & 12 were pulled for individual consideration.

Item(s) pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 11 – Mayor Pro-tem Price
- Item 12 – Councilmember Espinoza

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Mary Maura
- Tammy Fogle
- Marisa Polanco
- Diana Bradley
- Jason Wilson
- Alvaro D Santos
- Andrea Kelly

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

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 5-10 and 13-14. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Patterson, Yates, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (0): None

5. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on May 14, 2026 and the Special Meeting Held on May 12, 2026
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Acceptance of the 100 Acre Wood Series Sculptures as well as the Michael Mattson sculpture "This Way Up" as part of the City Sculpture Series
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 100-2026]
7. 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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 101-2026]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Amended Professional Services to Assist in the Design, Configuration and Implementation of Network Technologies from Hoover Technology Consulting LLC
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 102-2026]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the Acquisition of Verkada Products and Installation Services from Lynk Automation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 103-2026]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the Composition of the Neighborhood Services Advisory Board
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 104-2026]
13. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-25: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 1.21 Acres from Residential Single-Family (RS-12) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located on the Southwest Corner of ES 11th St and Oldham Ln.
14. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-27: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a Request from The Owner, To Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.81 Acres from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC). Located at 1700, 1718, 1726, and 1742 Ambler Avenue

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

11. Ordinance (First Reading) TC-2026-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from McMurry University to Abandon a Certain Portion of Right-of-way known as Ross Avenue from South 15th Street to Hunt Street and a portion of South 16th Street from Ross Avenue to 140 Feet West to an Alley Running North and South.

Having pulled the item, Mayor Pro-tem Price expressed his concerns with closing a portion of Ross Avenue, stating that he is concerned it will cause problems with the homeowners who reside on this portion of the street.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

NAYS (0): None

12. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-23: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from The Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 99.38 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) To a Planned Development District (PDD-199) to allow Residential Medium Density and Residential Single-family uses with amended standards. Located At 4489x Caldwell Road.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Espinoza wanted clarification on what the blue portion of the map referenced. Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Zoning stated this portion is the floodway. Council would like more information on what Tract 2 will be designed and developed for at the second reading.

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

- Derek Hood

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

NAYS (0): None

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 32, "Utilities," Article II, "Rates and Charges," Section 32-35, "Metering of Water Used for Sewer Rates", Abilene Code of Ordinances
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 46-2026]

Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 32, Article II, Rates and Charges, increasing the Metering of Water Used for Sewer Rates.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

16. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-286, "Decreased Speed Limits-School Zones," of the Abilene Municipal Code
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 47-2026]

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would decrease the speed limit in front of the Crockett Early Headstart school during school hours.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

NAYS (0): None

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-24: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from The Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 6.86 acres from General Retail (GR) To A Planned Development District (PDD-200). Located At 256 East Beltway.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 48-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from General Retail (GR) to a Planned Development District (PDD-200) to allow for an apartment building.

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

- Tal Filingham, agent

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

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented with the additional condition of adding ornamental trees to the east side of the property. Mayor Pro-tem Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-21: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.50 Acres from Residential Single Family (RS-8) to Town Home (TH). Located at 3035 Buffalo Gap Road.
[FAILED]

Councilmember Patterson had a conflict of interest on the item and abstained from voting and left the room during deliberation. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

Mayor Pro-tem Price moved to remove the item from the table for discussion. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Patterson

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Residential Single-Family (RS-8) to Town Home (TH).

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

- BJ Pritchard, agent

The following spoke in opposition to the item:

- Jan Craig
- Tammy Fogle
- Arlieta Jones
- Larry Jones

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

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Hurt seconded the motion; motion failed.

AYES (3): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, and Councilmember Craver

NAYS (3): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, Councilmembers Espinoza and Yates

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Patterson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt stated there was no business to discuss, therefore Executive Session was not held.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

34. 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. 105-2026]

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

Board	Term End Date
<i>Landmarks Commission</i>	
Austin Butler [Regular] [New] - Construction Rep	November 2029

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

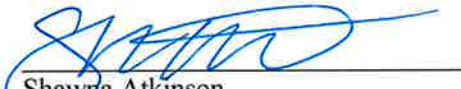
Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: June 11, 2024