



## City of Abilene City Council Agenda

Shane Price, Mayor Pro-tem  
Lynn Beard, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem  
Jay Patterson, Council Member  
Benjamin Bailey, Council Member  
Emily Crawford, City Manager

Weldon Hurt, Mayor

Miguel Espinoza, Council Member  
Travis Craver, Council Member  
Stanley Smith, City Attorney  
Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

### **Special Called Meeting - Runoff Election Canvass**

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the City Council of City of Abilene to be held on June 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INVOCATION**

1. Councilmember Jay Patterson

#### **PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There will be no votes or any formal actions taken on subjects presented during public comment. The public comment period will only allow members of the public to present ideas and information to city officials and staff.

#### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

2. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the Runoff Election Held in the City of Abilene on June 13, 2026 for City Council Place 4 (**Shawna Atkinson**)
3. **Issue the Following to Councilmember-Elect Benjamin Bailey - Place 4:**

- Certificate of Election
- Oath of Office

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Abilene will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 48 hours prior to the meetings. Please call 325-676-6208.*

## **CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 16th day of June, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.*

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*Shawna Atkinson, TRMC, CMC*  
City Secretary



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM  
6/23/2026**

**TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of City Council**  
**FROM: Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary**

**ITEM: 2. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the Runoff Election Held in the City of Abilene on June 13, 2026 for City Council Place 4 (Shawna Atkinson)**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

On February 12, 2026, the City Council ordered a general election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing one councilmember from Place 3 one councilmember from Place 4, and the Mayor.

Texas Election Code, Title 6, Chapter 67, Section 67.002, requires that for an election ordered by an authority of a political subdivision other than a county, the political subdivision's governing body must canvass the results. Approval of this item will meet that requirement.

The results provided by Taylor County report that no single candidate received the majority of votes for Place 4. Therefore a runoff election was held on June 13, 2026.

The City Charter, Article III, Section 27, provides, in part, that "*... a qualified person receiving a majority of the votes cast for any office shall thereupon be declared elected by said council.*"

The results provided by Taylor County for the June 13th runoff election reported that Benjamin Bailey received the majority of the vote for City Council Place 4, and is therefore duly elected.

**FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**STAFF AND/OR BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the official results of the June 13, 2026, Runoff Election.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Canvassing the June 7, 2025 Runoff Election (1)
2. Final Results - Unofficial
3. Presentation\_Special to Canvass NEW (2)

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION UPDATED? No

UPDATED ON:



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,  
CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE  
RUNOFF ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF ABILENE ON JUNE 13, 2026 FOR  
CITY COUNCIL PLACE 4**

**WHEREAS**, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, the City Council of the City of Abilene, through adoption of Resolution No. 85-2026, ordered a runoff election to be held in said City on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of said city, for the purpose of electing one councilmember from Place 4; and

**WHEREAS**, That the city council after having duly examined the Unofficial Runoff Election Returns submitted by Taylor County finds that it is a true and correct tabulation of the election results; that the election held on June 13, 2026 was duly ordered and notice given in accordance with law; that the election was held in the manner required by law; that only duly qualified resident voters of the city of Abilene voted in the election: and that returns of the election have been made by the proper officers; and

**WHEREAS**, That the canvass and tabulation of votes cast at the election for 1 member of the city council, held June 13, 2026, discloses that the following candidate received a majority of the votes cast at the election in his respective place:

Place 4 – Benjamin Bailey

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

That the City Council of the City of Abilene finds and declares the results of such election as per Exhibit A attached to this resolution.

That it is declared and ordered that Benjamin Bailey has been elected Member of City Council, Place 4; and

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as indicated below.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Abilene on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

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Weldon Hurt, Mayor

APPROVED:

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Stanley Smith, City Attorney

Final

**Cumulative Results Report**

LIVE ELECTION DAY

Run Time 8:13 PM  
Run Date 06/13/2026

**Taylor County**

**2026 City of Abilene Runoff Election**

6/13/2026

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**Unofficial Results**

Registered Voters  
4606 of 71521 = 6.44%

Precincts Reporting  
35 of 35 = 100.00%

**Abilene City Council, Place 4 - Vote for One**

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Benjamin L. Bailey		195	55.71%	2,423	77.51%	847	75.02%	3,465	75.24%
Tammy Fogle		155	44.29%	703	22.49%	282	24.98%	1,140	24.76%
Cast Votes:		350	100.00%	3,126	100.00%	1,129	100.00%	4,605	100.00%

\*\*\* End of report \*\*\*

# Resolution: Canvassing the June 13, 2026 Runoff Election





# Canvass Runoff Election Held on June 13, 2026

The Runoff Election was Ordered on May 12, 2026

Resolution #85-2026

Purpose: Elect Member for City Council Place 4

Unofficial Results:

Benjamin Bailey received 75.24% of votes cast for Place 4, and is therefore duly elected



# Issue of the Following to Councilmember-Elect Benjamin Bailey – Place 4

Certificate of Election  
Oath of Office

