

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 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 July 23, 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, Benjamin Bailey, Miguel Espinoza and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Travis Craver 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

- Dyess Exceptional Service Awards:
 - Airman First Class Lamberto Arrez Sanchez
 - Senior Airman Jacob Gomez
- Recognition:
 - Dyess Fire Captain Lawson Stuart

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-17. Item 17 was pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Aaron Young
- Jessica Jacob
- Jarred Stratton
- Tammy Fogle
- Anthony Archuleta

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 4-16. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

4. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on July 9, 2026
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Accept the Federal Aviation Administration's FY26 Airport Improvement Program Grant

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 138-2026]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Accept the Federal Aviation Administration's FY26 Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 139-2026]

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve 2027 Employee Benefit Plans: BCBS to Provide Administrative Services Only (ASO) for Medical and Pharmacy Benefits. Symetra Life Insurance Company to Provide Group Life/AD&D, Voluntary Life, Dependent Life, Director Long Term Disability, Voluntary Short-Term Disability, Voluntary Long-Term Disability, Voluntary Accident and Voluntary Critical Illness Coverages

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 140-2026]

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on CB-2638 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Dallas Stretched Ceilings for the Abilene Convention Center Auditorium Step/Aisle Lighting Renovation

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 141-2026]

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Hazen & Sawyer for the Integrated Infrastructure Management Plan – Asset Management Phase 1 Project

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 142-2026]

10. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2026-11: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Apply a Conditional Use Permit to Approximately 0.32 Acres Zoned Central Business (CB) to Allow a Tattoo Parlor. Located at 1240 N 8th Street.

11. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-34: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.23 Acres from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to Medium Density (MD). Located at Property ID 1063914.

12. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-38: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.33 Acres from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to Patio Home (PH). Located at 2525 Bel Air Dr.

13. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-39: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.90 Acres from Medium Density (MD) to General Retail (GR). Located at 3509 S 14th Street.

14. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-40: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to change the zoning of approximately 3.40 acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to General Commercial (GC). Located at 1627 and 1613 Musgrave Boulevard.

15. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-41: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.32 Acres from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Heavy Commercial (HC). Located at 2202 Butternut Street.

16. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-42: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 7.59 Acres from A Planned Development District (PDD-53) to Office (O). Located at 6550 Directors Parkway.

ITEM PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

17. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-09: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from The Owner To Apply a Conditional Use Permit to Approximately 41.188 Acres Zoned Agricultural Open (AO) To Allow for A Recreational Vehicle Park. Located at 6702 East Lake Road.

Having pulled the item, Mayor Pro-tem Price had questions and concerns about the sewage connection and requirements. The applicant has appealed the recommendation of denial from the Planning and Zoning Commission for this item.

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

- Faith Gage
- Aaron Young
- Dan Choate
- Vickey Reynolds
- Jim Bailey
- Paul Walker
- John Ray
- Robert Kern
- Jody Team
- Collin Bonnet
- Monya Barton
- Samantha Atkins

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Will Ratliff, agent for the developer

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Ordering a City of Abilene Special Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Purpose of a Citizen Petition to Adopt Collective Bargaining for the Abilene Fire Department, In Accordance with Local Government Code 174.051(c)

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 143-2026]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, and Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary, presented the item. Adoption of the item would order a special election for the purpose of a citizen petition to adopt Collective Bargaining for the Abilene Fire Department.

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Seth Weston

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

Councilmember Patterson 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, Bailey, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

19. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Ordering a City of Abilene Special Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Purpose of a Citizen Petition to Amend the Abilene City Charter to Add a New Section 145 for Collective Bargaining Impasse
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 144-2026]

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary, presented the item. Adoption of the item would order a special election for the purpose of a citizen petition to amend the Abilene City Charter to add a new section 145 for Collective Bargaining Impasse.

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 Patterson seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

20. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Terminal Expansion and Improvements Construction Phase 1 with Linbeck
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 145-2026]

Don Green, Director of Transportation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the guaranteed maximum price for the Terminal Expansion and Improvements Construction Phase 1 with Linbeck.

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. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

Mayor Hurt recessed the meeting for a 10-minute break.

21. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Approve Task Order 4 with Kutchins & Groh for Capital Improvement Implementation Consulting on Terminal Expansion and Improvements Phase 1
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 146-2026]

Don Green, Director of Transportation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve task order 4 with Kutchins & Groh for Capital Improvement Implementation Consulting on Terminal Expansion and Improvements Phase 1.

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. Councilmember Espinoza seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

22. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2026-010: 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 Allow a Daycare Operation – Center-Based within Multi-Family (MF). Located at 3050 Old Anson Road
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 62-2026]

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 daycare operations.

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 Bailey seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

23. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-35: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 24.48 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to Multi-Family (MF). Located at the north-east intersection of East Lake Road and Musgrave Boulevard.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 63-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Agricultural Open (AO) to Multi-Family (MF).

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

NAYS (0): None

24. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-37: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 6.97 Acres from General Retail (GR) to Multi-Family (MF). Located at 2202 Union Lane.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 64-2026]

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 Multi-Family (MF).

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

- Tal Filingham

With no other 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, Bailey, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 10:40 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:

551.071 (Consultations with Attorney)
Regular Items: 18 & 19

The Executive Session ended at 10:50 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. 147-2026]

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

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2026 EXHIBIT "A"	
Board	Term End Date
<i>Betty Hardwick Center Board of Trustees</i>	
Priscilla Rayford [Reappointment]	August 2028
<i>TIRZ #2 Board</i>	
Ricardo Gutierrez [Reappointment]	August 2028

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. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on:

August 13, 2026

