



City of Abilene City Council Agenda

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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - BUDGET WORKSHOP

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the City Council of City of Abilene to be held on August 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.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 Benjamin Bailey

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. **Presentation:** Revised FY 2026 and Proposed FY 2027 Budgets and Complete Budget Review

ORDINANCES

3. **Ordinance (Consider on First Reading):** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Revised 2025-2026 Budget
4. **Ordinance (Consider on First Reading):** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget
5. **Ordinance (Consider on First Reading):** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Setting the Tax Levy

6. **Ordinance (Consider on First Reading):** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Adopting Fees and Charges for FY 2026-2027
7. **Ordinance (Consider on First Reading):** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Establishing Base Salary and Step Pay Qualifications, Specialized Functions, Certifications, Assignments, and Additional Pay for Abilene Fire Fighters Employed by the City of Abilene for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027

TAX PAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

The City of Abilene has proposed a budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Texas Government Code § 551.043(c)(2) requires the notice of a meeting at which the City Council will discuss or adopt the budget to include a taxpayer impact statement. This statement compares the property tax bill for the median-valued homestead property for the current fiscal year with the estimated property tax bill for the upcoming fiscal year under the following scenarios:

1. Adoption of the proposed budget and proposed tax rate; and
2. Adoption of a budget funded at the no-new-revenue tax rate.

Tax Scenario	Median-Valued Homestead Property	Tax Rate per \$100 of Taxable Value	Estimated City Property Tax Bill
Current Fiscal Year — FY 2026	\$163,456	\$.7506	\$1,226.90
Upcoming Fiscal Year — FY 2027 Proposed Budget	\$171,775	\$.7495	\$1,287.45
Upcoming Fiscal Year — FY 2027 Budget at the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	\$171,775	\$.7196	\$1,236.09

Estimated Change Under the Proposed Budget

If the City Council adopts the proposed budget and a tax rate of \$.7495 per \$100 of taxable value, the estimated City property tax bill for the median-valued homestead would:

increase by approximately \$60.55, or 5%, compared with the current fiscal year.

Estimated Change Under the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate

If the City Council adopts a balanced budget funded at the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$.7196 per \$100 of taxable value, the estimated City property tax bill for the median-valued homestead would:

increase by approximately \$9.19, or 1%, compared with the current fiscal year.

Important Information

These estimates reflect only property taxes imposed by the City of Abilene. They do not include taxes imposed by the county, school district, or other taxing units.

The proposed budget and proposed tax rate may be amended before final adoption. If the City Council discusses the budget at a subsequent meeting and the underlying values, tax rates, or budget assumptions have changed, this statement will be updated for the notice of that meeting.

The 2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget is available at:

<https://www.abilenetx.gov/224/Annual-Budget>

ADJOURNMENT

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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 18th day of August, 2026, at 1:20 p.m.

Shawna Atkinson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary