



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

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the City Council of City of Abilene to be held on August 27, 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 Jay Patterson

PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion or presentation of these items unless otherwise requested by a Council Member. In the event one or more Council Members remove an item from the consent Agenda for separate discussion or presentation, the item or items removed will be considered in numerical order as part of the Regular Agenda and shall include a public hearing.

After the Council Members have requested any item on the consent Agenda be considered separately, the public comment period will be held. The public comment section of the consent agenda allows members of the public to present any ideas or information to the City Council and staff, and also allows for public comment on the consent agenda items not otherwise pulled for separate consideration. Neither the City Council nor staff will engage in discussion with the public during the public comments unless the item is listed on the Council agenda.

Members of the public will have a total time limit of three (3) minutes to speak during the public comments section.

2. **Minutes:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 13, 2026 **(Shawna Atkinson)**
3. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Negotiated Settlement Between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division Regarding the Company’s 2026 Rate Review Mechanism Filing; Declaring Existing Rates To Be Unreasonable; Adopting Tariffs that Reflect Rate Adjustments Consistent with the Negotiated Settlement; Finding the Rates to Be Set By the Attached Settlement Tariffs to Be Just And Reasonable And In The Public Interest; Approving an Attachment Establishing A Benchmark for Pensions and Retiree Medical Benefits; Requiring the Company to Reimburse ACSC’s Reasonable Ratemaking Expenses; Determining that this Resolution was Passed in Accordance with the Requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; Adopting a Savings Clause; Declaring an Effective Date; and Requiring Delivery of this Resolution To the Company and the ACSC’s Legal Counsel **(Marjorie Knight)**
4. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation's FY 2027 Budget **(Marjorie Knight)**
5. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Acknowledging Receipt of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District's FY 2026 Revised Budget and FY 2027 Budget **(Marjorie Knight)**
6. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing Staff to Enter Into an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Ambler Ave. Signal Improvement Project **(Max Johnson)**
7. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for the Integrated Infrastructure Management Plan – Wastewater Treatment Advisor Phase I **(Jeremiah Bihl)**
8. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Garver, LLC for the Integrated Infrastructure Management Plan – Wastewater Treatment Phase 1 Master Plan **(Jeremiah Bihl)**
9. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for the Integrated Infrastructure Management Plan – Water Treatment Domain Phase I **(Jeremiah Bihl)**
10. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Taylor Engineering, LLC for the Integrated Infrastructure Management Plan – Wastewater Collection Domain Phase 1 **(Jeremiah Bihl)**
11. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Jacob & Martin, LLC for the Integrated Infrastructure Management Plan – Water Distribution Domain Phase 1 **(Jeremiah Bihl)**
12. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the City Manager to Execute a Change Order to the Contract Between Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC and the Abilene Fire Department, for the Purchase of Four (4) Pierce Custom-Built Fire Apparatus **(Cande Flores)**

13. **Ordinance (First Reading) HOZ-2026-02:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Apply Historic Overlay Zoning To Approximately 0.139 Acres Zoned General Commercial (GC). Located at 1902 North 1st Street. **(Tim Littlejohn)**
14. **Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-43:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.8 Acres from Heavy Commercial (HC) to a Planned Development District (PDD-202). Located at 803, 825, and 833 Pine Street. **(Tim Littlejohn)**
15. **Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-45:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 166.9 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to Patio Home (PH), Multi-Family (MF), and General Retail (GR). Located at 6002 Texas Avenue. **(Tim Littlejohn)**
16. **Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-46:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 2.0 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to Residential Single-Family (RS-6). Located at 3234 Beltway S. **(Tim Littlejohn)**
17. **Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-47:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to amend the terms of a Planned Development District (PDD-76). Specifically, to allow town homes and Patio Homes within Tract 3. Located at 5534 Health Way Dr. **(Tim Littlejohn)**
18. **Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-48:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to change the zoning of approximately 30.08 acres from Agricultural Open (AO) to Residential Single Family (RS-6). Located at 6648 Butterfield Trail. **(Tim Littlejohn)**

REGULAR AGENDA - ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS

19. **Resolution:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Emergency Construction Contract with Dowtech Specialty Contractors, Inc. for the Hamby VFD & Blower Emergency Project **(Jeremiah Bihl)**
20. **Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-44:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 8.05 Acres from General Commercial (GC) to Multi-Family (MF). Located on the 1200 Block of Spur 707. **(Tim Littlejohn)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21. **The City Council of the City of Abilene reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by the noted Texas Government Code Sections:**
 - A. **551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)**
 1. City of Abilene v. 3118 South 22nd Street, Abilene, Texas, et al.; Cause No. 11968-D, In the 350th Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; filed October 11, 2019
 2. Alton H. Smith, Jr. and Alicia Malorie Smith v. City of Abilene, Texas; Cause No. 51055-A, In the 42nd Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; filed March 11, 2021
 3. The City of Abilene, Texas v. Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas; Cause No. D-1-GN-21-006299, In the 250th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas; filed October 20, 2021
 4. Richard Scheriger, et al. v. City of Abilene; Cause No. CV33253, In the 90th Judicial District Court, Stephens County, Texas, filed April 21, 2023
 5. PFAS Litigation
 6. Ginger Robertson v. City of Abilene and Abilene Zoological Society; Cause No. 13179-D, In the 350th Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; filed December 5, 2023
 7. City of Dallas, et al, v. Disney DTC, LLC, et al., Cause No. DC-22-09128, In the 14th Judicial

District Court, Dallas County, Texas, filed August 3, 2022

8. Patricia Anderson v. City of Abilene; Cause No. 51867-A, IN the 42nd Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; filed March 1, 2024

9. Mary Lou Gonzales v. City of Abilene, Board of Building Standards; Cause No. 29156-B; In the District Court, 104th Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas; filed April 10, 2024

10. Tracey Freeman v. City of Abilene, Case No. 13596-D; In the District Court of Taylor County, 350th Judicial District, filed on July 8, 2025

11. Victor Lynn Lee v. Erin Stamey, et al., Case No. 5:25-cv-00590-XR; In the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division; filed May 28, 2025

12. Brennon and Brittany Manske, et al. v. City of Abilene, et al.; Case No. 1:25-cv-00172-H, In the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Abilene Division, filed September 5, 2025

13. Kevin Young v. Matthew Clopton; Case No. 1:24-CV-00113-H, In the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Abilene Division, filed July 16, 2024

14. Ishmael Jaimes v. City of Abilene; Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-00249-H; In the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Abilene Division; filed November 13, 2025

15. Joseph Jarrell Turner v. H Haught, Case No. 1:25-CV-00201-BU; In the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Abilene Division; filed October 16, 2025

16. Samantha Henry a/k/a Samantha Kae Henry-Davis v. Chris Milliorn, et al.; Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-00003, In the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Abilene Division, filed January 6, 2025

17. Donald Schultz v. Abilene Police Department; Case Number SC26-11800J11, In The Justice Court, Precinct 1, Place 1, Taylor County, Texas; filed June 18, 2026

18. Brandon Jeffrey Gurganus v. City of Abilene; Cause No. 13925-D, In the 350th Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; filed June 15, 2026

19. Matthew Bishop v. Chris Volirakis, APD; Cause No. SC26-11759J11, In the Justice Court, Precinct 1 Place 1, Taylor County, Texas, filed March 20, 2026

B. 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)

C. 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations)

D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. City Council may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employees, City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, City Secretary, and City Board and Commission Members

2. City of Abilene Boards & Commissions May be Discussed, as needed for (re)appointment

E. 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices)

F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)

RECONVENE

REGULAR AGENDA

22.

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 (**Shawna Atkinson**)

- Airport Development Board
- Animal Services Advisory Board
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #2
- Visual Arts Jury

23.

Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving a Settlement Agreement, Patricia Anderson v. City of Abilene, Cause No. 51867-A, In the 42nd Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas (**Stanley Smith**)

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 21st day of August, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Shawna Atkinson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary