

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 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 August 13, 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 Miguel Espinoza 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

- Employee Service Awards:
 - Cole Edmondson – 35 Years – Animal Outreach
 - Sandra Sotelo – 25 Years – Finance

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-10. Item 9 was pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Justin Wallace
- Spencer Butcher
- Tammy Fogle

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

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 3-8 and 10.
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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on July 23, 2026
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve the Construction Management Task Order with Parkhill for Terminal Expansion and Improvements Phase
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 148-2026]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Technology License and Service Agreement with Transloc for Citylink
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 149-2026]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving Artwork Commissioning and for Public Display at the Storybook Garden and along North 1st Street
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 150-2026]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve Award of RFP CB-2630 – Comprehensive Compensation Study and Pay Philosophy Project to Management Advisory Group (MAG).
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 151-2026]
8. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-44: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, 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
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Developers Agreement with Martin Marietta Materials Real Estate Investments, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 153-2026]

Mayor Pro-tem Price requested to have item 9 moved to the end of the Regular agenda for discussion.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Adopting the City of Abilene Water Utility Design Standards and Authorizing the Director of Water Utilities to Approve Future Revisions and Updates
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2026-11: 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 Approximately 0.32 Acres Zoned Central Business (CB) to Allow a Tattoo Parlor. Located at 1240 N 8th Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 65-2026]

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 a tattoo parlor.

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

13. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-34: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 66-2026]

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-6) to Medium Density (MD).

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

- Clayton Farrow, agent for the developer

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

Councilmember Bailey 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, Bailey, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

14. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-38: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.33 Acres from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to Patio Home (PH). Located at 2525 Bel Air Dr.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 67-2026]

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-6) to Patio Home (PH).

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

- Tal Fillingim, agent for the developer

With no other 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

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

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Medium Density (MD) to General Retail (GR).

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

- Brad Cranford
- Gary Casey
- David Jones

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Ron Ingram, applicant

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

Councilmember Craver moved to deny the item as presented. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Bailey, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (2): Mayor Hurt and Councilmember Patterson

16. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-40: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 69-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to General Commercial (GC).

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

- Tal Fillinim, agent for the developer

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

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-41: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.32 Acres from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Heavy Commercial (HC). Located at 2202 Butternut Street.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 70-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Heavy Commercial (HC).

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 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

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2026-42: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 71-2026]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from a Planned Development District (PDD-53) to Office (O).

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

- Justin Allen, agent for the developer

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

Councilmember Craver 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, Bailey, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (0): None

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the 2026-2027 Action Plan, and Proposed Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funds
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 152-2026]

Having pulled the item, Mayor Pro-tem Price had corrections he wanted made to the action plan before submittal. He read through his corrections and asked staff to provide this document two meeting prior to the submission deadline in the future, so that Council and staff has enough time to review and make changes.

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 with the recommended changes read during the meeting. 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, Bailey, Espinoza and Craver
NAYS (0): None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:36 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:

19.A. 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney)

1. Alton Smith Jr & Alicia Marie Smith v. City of Abilene, Cause No 51055-A
2. Patricia Anderson v. City of Abilene, Cause No 51867-A
3. Tracey Freeman v. City of Abilene, Cause No 5:25-cv-00590-XR
4. Ishmael Jaimes v. City of Abilene, Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-00249-H

19.D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. City Manager
2. Boards & Commissions (re)Appointments

19.E. 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices)

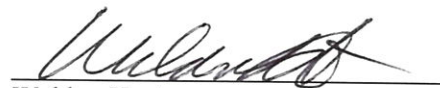
1. IT implementation of security assessments and deployment of technology resources
2. Flock Cameras

The Executive Session ended at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: August 27, 2024

