

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 27, 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 27, 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.

Viviano Garcia, Benny Garcia, Kingsley Harris, and Memphis Harris, all from Alcorta Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-18. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Spencer Butcher
- Tammy Fogle

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

Mayor Pro-tem Price moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 2-18. 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

Councilmember Espinoza had a conflict of interest on Item 14 and filed a Conflict of Interest Affidavit with the City Secretary prior to the meeting. The vote for Item 14 alone was:

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Patterson, Bailey, and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Espinoza

2. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 13, 2026

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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 155-2026]
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation's FY 2027 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 156-2026]
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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 157-2026]
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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 158-2026]
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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 159-2026]
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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 160-2026]
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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 161-2026]
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 I
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 162-2026]
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 I
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 163-2026]

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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 164-2026]
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

REGULAR AGENDA

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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 165-2026]

Jeremiah Bihl, Assistant Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an amendment to the Emergency Construction contract with Dowtech Specialty Contractors for the Hamby VFD & Blower Emergency Project.

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

- Tammy Fogle

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

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

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

Patterson, Bailey, Espinoza and Craver

NAYS (0): None

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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 73-2026]

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

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

- Gary Terry

The following spoke in support of the item:

- Tal Fillingim, agent

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 8:53 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:

21.A. 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney)

1. Richard Scheriger et al v. City of Abilene, Cause No. CV33253

2. Patricia Anderson v. City of Abilene, Cause No. 51867-A (also agenda Item #23)

21.D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. Municipal Court Judge

The Executive Session ended at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 167-2026]

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

Board	Term End Date
<i>Airport Development Board</i>	
Weston Johnson [New]	November 2029
<i>Animal Services Advisory Board</i>	
Miguel Espinoza [New]	November 2027 [unexpired term]
<i>TIRZ #2 Board</i>	
Charles Black [Reappointment]	August 2028
Sam Vinson [Reappointment]	August 2028
Robert Higgins [Reappointment]	August 2028
Ben Grant [Reappointment]	August 2028
<i>Visual Arts</i>	
Dan McGregor [New] [ACU Rep]	No Term End Date [Ex-Officio]

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Bailey seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Patterson, Bailey, and Craver

NAYS (0): None

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
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 167-2026]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a confidential settlement agreement with Patricia Anderson. Once the settlement is resolved, it will become public record at that point.

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. 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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: September 10, 2026

