



**THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 23, 2020**

**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, WEST CONFERENCE ROOM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**Members Present:** Ms. Pebbles Lee, Chair  
Ms. Jamie Dalzell, Vice Chair  
Dr. Michael McClellan, Sergeant at Arms  
Mr. Steve Butman  
Mr. John Scott  
Mr. James Wagstaff  
Ms. Sidney Levesque, Alternate  
Ms. Morgan Roden, Alternate

**Staff Present:** Ms. Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney  
Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager  
Mr. Zack Rainbow, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services  
Mr. Nick Watts, Planner I/Historic Preservation Officer  
Ms. Melissa Farr, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Morgan Paschal

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meetings, February 25, 2020 and March 24, 2020 were approved. Mr. Butman moved to **approve** both sets of minutes. Mr. Wagstaff seconded the motion. The motion to **approve** the minutes from both meetings prevailed by the following vote:

**AYES: Dalzell, McClellan, Butman, Scott, Wagstaff, Lee**

**NAYS: None**

## AGENDA ITEMS

**HOZ-2020-01:** Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing on a request from applicants, Cade and Katie Browning, to apply Historic Overlay Zoning on the property located at 910 Highland Avenue, at the southwest corner of South 9th Street and Highland Avenue; Legal Description being all of lot 5 in Block 20 of the Continuation to the Highland Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County Texas

Mr. Nick Watts presented this request. The applicants are requesting the Historic Overlay Zoning designation for their property, which was built in 1925 and known as the William J. Fulwiler house. This structure was accepted into the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places on November 26, 2018 and placed on the Texas Historical Commission list of Historic Structures on December 9, 2019.

Ms. Lee opened the public hearing. Seeing no one present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

### **PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval**

The Commission discussed the purpose of Historic Overlay Zoning, which is the property owner receives an automatic annual reduction of the city property taxes for being in the Historic Overlay Zoning district. The annual reduction in the city property taxes will be \$200 or 20% of the city property taxes, whichever is greater.

The property owner may qualify for additional reductions of the city property taxes for projects that maintain, rehabilitate, or improve the historic property. To recover some or all of the costs of the project, the city property taxes may be reduced by up to 50% for a period of up to ten (10) years.

A plaque can be placed on the exterior front elevation to identify the property's historic significance.

Dr. McClellan moved to **approve** this request. Ms. Dalzell seconded the motion. The motion to **approve** prevailed by the following vote:

**AYES: Dalzell, McClellan, Butman, Scott, Wagstaff, Lee**

**NAYS: None**

## ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, The Landmarks Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

