

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL

OCTOBER 30, 1980
9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation by Councilman Scott.
3. Consider pending or contemplated litigation.

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CHAMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
CITY HALL, THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS.

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Special Session, Thursday, October 30, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. with Mayor Oliver Howard, present and presiding. Councilmen Seaton Higginbotham, Dick Bowen, Leo F. Scott, S.M. Moore, Jr., L. D. Hilton & Councilwoman Kathy Webster, present. City Manager Ed Seegmiller, City Attorney Harvey Cargill & City Secretary Ruth Hodgins, present.

Invocation by Councilman Scott.

Mayor Howard advised that the Council was going into executive session, pursuant to Section 2E of the Open Meetings Act.

After the session, Mayor Howard read a statement that the Council and Mayor had been sued individually and officially by "5" individuals who are represented by West Texas Legal Services, seeking to have the Council elected under single-member district form of government. This is the second lawsuit of this kind filed in the last two years. In this case, the Mayor recommends that we again give the voters a chance to vote on the issue. In that regard, he further stated that the Charter Election should be held in January of 1981.

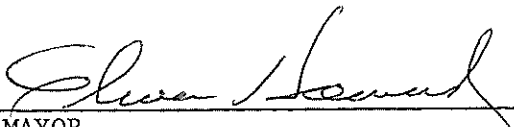
Councilman Webster moved to direct the City Attorney to begin working on this election for January, 1981, and to take appropriate steps to protect and defend the City in this suit, depending upon the results of the election. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Higginbotham, Bowen, Scott, Moore, Hilton, Councilwoman Webster & Mayor Howard.

NAYS: None.

There being no further business, Mayor Howard adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.


CITY SECRETARY


MAYOR