

Pre-Council Work Session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, to be held in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall on Thursday, **February 25, 1988**, at 8:30 a.m. to consider the following:

1. Discuss consent and/or regular agenda items.
2. Report by Robert Hodge, Airport Manager, on future prospects for the Airport.

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, to be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Thursday, **February 25, 1988**, at 9:00 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Dale Ferguson; Council - Gary D. McCaleb, Betty Ray, Walter E. Wheat, Tom Ceniglis, Welton Robinson and Harold Nixon.

1. Call to Order.
2. **INVOCATION:** Councilman Harold Nixon.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Special City Council Meeting held February 3, 1988; Pre-Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting held February 11, 1988.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence.

4. **Ordinances and Resolutions:**
 - a. Oral Resolution authorizing City Manager to execute grazing lease for Abilene Boys Ranch.
 - b. Consider Resolution approving Sanitary Sewer Waiver request located at FM 707 and U.S. 83-84.
 - c. Consider on first reading - an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Subpart C, Signs and Billobards, concerning sign regulations, and set a public hearing for March 10, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.
 - d. Consider on first reading - an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Subpart C, Section 23-171, concerning portable signs, and set a public hearing for March 10, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.
 - e. Consider on first reading - an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Advertising, concerning political signs, and set a public hearing for March 10, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

5. **Award of Bid:**
a. **Police Sedans, Bid #233.**

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Public Appearance:**
a. Mike Dohrse to present the findings and recommendations of the Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee, and set a public hearing.

7. **Ordinances & Resolutions:**
a. **Public Hearing:** Consider on second and final reading - an ordinance amending Section 23-306.5 of the Abilene City Code, concerning day care screening provisions.
b. **Public Hearing:** Consider on second and final reading - an ordinance amending Section 23-317 and 23-363 of the Abilene City Code, concerning accessory buildings.

8. **Other Business:**
a. Consider authorizing implementation plan for Overall Economic Development Program.
b. Pending and Contemplated Litigation (see Notice for Executive Session, Litigation for listing subjects).
c. Appointment and Evaluation of Public Officials (see Notice for Executive Session, Personnel for listing subjects).
d. Resolution appointing 1988 Election Officials.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Personnel)

The City Council may consider the appointment, employment, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, City Secretary, and the City Board and Commission Members. A complete list of the City Boards and Commissions are on file in the City Secretary's Office.

After discussion of the appointment and evaluation of the Council Appointees and the Board and Commission members, in executive session, any final action or vote taken will be in public.

(Litigation)

The City Council may consider pending and contemplated litigation subjects. The following subjects may be discussed:

1. Stanley V. Taylor v. City
2. Velasquez v. City
3. Smithwick-Wheeler v. City
4. Maria Slaughter v. City
5. Leonard Glenn Taylor v. City
6. James Hudson & AB Airlines v. City
7. State of Texas v. City
8. Ramsey v. City
9. Michael Mellen v. City
10. Patricia Partin v. City
11. Williams & Chambers v. City
12. Video Vue & American Video
13. McNutt v. City
14. Welch v. City
15. J. C. Haines v. City
16. City of Abilene v. Northeastern Software
17. Abilene Zoological Society v. Pinkerton's
18. Guadalupe Diaz v. City
19. Alicia Garcia v. City
20. Virginia Martin v. City
21. Frieda Hintz v. City
22. WTU Rate Request
23. City v. Board of Adjustment

Litigation is, by its nature, an on-going process, and questions may arise as to trial tactics which need to be explained to the City Council. Upon occasion, the City Council may need information from the City Attorney as to the status of the pending or contemplated litigation subjects set out above. After discussion of the pending and contemplated litigation subjects, in executive session, any final action, or vote taken, will be in public.

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**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION, THURSDAY
February 25, 1988, 8:30 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a Pre-Council Work Session on February 25, 1988, at 8:30 A.M. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Dale E. Ferguson was present and presiding with Councilman Gary D. McCaleb, Councilwoman Betty Ray, Councilmen Walter E. Wheat, Tom Ceniglis, Melton Robinson, and Harold Nixon. Also present were City Manager Jim C. Blagg, Assistant City Managers Roy L. McDaniel and Rickey Childers, City Attorney Harvey Cargill, Jr., City Secretary Patricia Hancock and various members of the City staff.

The Council briefly discussed various consent and regular agenda items. Robert Hodge, Airport Manager, presented a report on future prospects for the Airport. A true and correct copy of that report is attached and incorporated herewith as Exhibit A. Mr. Hodge responded to questions from the Council. The Council expressed their appreciation and support to Mr. Hodge. There being no further questions, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. for the regular Council Meeting.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 25, 1988, 9:00 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL**

Mayor Ferguson reconvened the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, into Regular Session February 25, 1988, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Invocation was given by Councilman Harold Nixon.

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held February 3, 1988; Pre-Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting held February 11, 1988; the minutes stand approved as presented.

Prior to the consent agenda, Mayor Ferguson presented a proclamation to Sergeant Gerald Finch of the Abilene Police Department, for Neighborhood Watch Week. Sergeant Finch recognized Police Officers Albert Hoppe and Leonard Hudson; and Ernestine Shirey, Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Several participants of the program were in attendance, and were recognized for their volunteer contributions.

Councilman Wheat moved to approve the consent agenda items, being 4a through 4e, and 5a, as presented by the staff. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray and the motion carried.

AVES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon and Mayor Ferguson.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: Councilman Ceniglis, item 4a only.

4. Ordinances and Resolutions:

- a. Oral Resolution authorizing City Manager to execute grazing lease amendment for Abilene Boys Ranch.
- b. Consider Resolution approving Sanitary Sewer Waiver request located at FM 707 and U.S. 83-84.

The Resolution is numbered 6-1988 and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, WAIVING IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED BY THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE FOR LOT 1, BLOCK A, 707 ADDITION, ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED AT F.M. 707 AND U.S. 83-84 IN ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY. TEXAS.

- c. Consider on first reading - an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Subpart C, Signs and Billboards, concerning sign regulations, and set a public hearing for March 10, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT", SUBPART C, "SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW: PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, DECLARING A PENALTY AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.
- d. Consider on first reading - an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Subpart C, Section 23-171, concerning portable signs, and set a public hearing for March 10, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

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- e. Consider on first reading - an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Advertising, concerning political signs, and set a public hearing for March 10, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, "ADVERTISING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW: PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, DECLARING A PENALTY AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

5. **Award of Bid:**

- a. Police Sedans, **Bid #233**. The bid was awarded to White Chrysler Plymouth, as recommended by staff.

Mike Dohrse, Chairman of the Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee, was in attendance and presented the findings and recommendations of the Committee. A mission statement, as well as goals and objectives, were developed by the Committee. He reviewed the tasks of the Committee, which were to: propose site locations for a fuel dispenser; revise the Master Plan; and revise the Minimum Standards for Fixed Base Operators (which has been renamed Aeronautical Activities). He stated that the Airport Layout Plan will have to be approved by the FAA.

Next, Mr. Dohrse reviewed specific sites and alternative site proposals for the location of fuel dispensing activities, for both temporary and permanent sites; and revisions to the Airport Layout Plan.

He recommended that the Council conduct a public hearing to receive input from the public prior to adopting the recommendations. In addition, he reported that each person interested in these recommendations has also received a copy of the proposed changes, so they may make themselves familiar with the proposal prior to the public hearing.

He publicly thanked the staff for all their assistance, technical information and support. Specifically, Mr. Dohrse recognized the work of James Condry and Kelly Beard, Traffic Administration. Additionally, Mr. Dohrse recognized the Committee members in attendance being: Doug Adams, Marvin Smith, Jack Gressett and Ken Musgrave, Sr. Mr. Dohrse concluded his presentation by answering questions from the Council.

Mayor Ferguson expressed appreciation to Mr. Dohrse and the Committee members for their work and accomplishments. Councilman Robinson moved to receive the report and set a public hearing for March 10, 1988, to receive input on and consider the adoption of the Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wheat and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

John Hancock, Principal Planner, briefed the Council on an ordinance considered on second and final reading amending Section 23-306.5 of the Abilene City Code, concerning day care screening provisions.

Following consideration of several variance cases pertaining to height and opaque requirements of the zoning Ordinance, the Board of Adjustment directed the staff to develop a proposed ordinance amendment which would require six (6) foot opaque walls or fences between child day care outdoor play areas and all adjacent property, regardless of the zoning.

Specifically, the Board was concerned about day care centers in non-residential zones adjacent to residentially-zoned properties on one or two sides. As a result, these centers currently only have to meet the six-foot wall/fence requirement on only those sides which are adjacent to residential properties, which may leave up to two other sides of the play area with no screening. The Board is concerned for the protection of the children involved and also for affording some degree of privacy to adjacent residents/property owners.

The proposed amendment would require six foot opaque wall or fence on all sides of child day care play areas regardless of adjacent zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the amendment and recommends approval. Staff also recommends approval.

Mayor Ferguson opened a public hearing on the item, and there being no one present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Ceniglis moved approval of the ordinance amendment concerning day care screening provisions as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman McCaleb, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.
NAYS: None.

The Ordinance is numbered 9-1988 and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," SUBPART E, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

John Hancock, Principal Planner, briefed the Council on an ordinance considered on second and final reading amending Section 23-317 and 23-363 of the Abilene City Code, concerning accessory buildings. After several years of confusion and problems resulting from the present Zoning Ordinance section concerning Accessory Buildings, the staff drafted an amendment in an attempt to rectify the present situation. The proposed amendment, essentially, defines an accessory building and more clearly delineates what constitutes an attachment. The intent is to

clearly provide direction for future accessory building construction. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Mayor Ferguson opened a public hearing on the item, and there being no one present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman McCaleb moved to approve the ordinance amendment concerning accessory buildings, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

The Ordinance is numbered 10-1988 and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," SUBPART E, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

Jim Blagg, City Manager, presented the Council with an implementation plan for the Overall Economic Development Program. The Overall Economic Development Program recommended as one of the tasks for the City, the creation of an Economic Development Department. Since the City has a contract with the Abilene Economic Development Company which requires the City to administer a revolving loan program and to provide business counseling services, it is his opinion that the initial implementation of the Overall Economic Development Program can be done using funds already allocated for Abilene Economic Development Company, Inc., the Community Development Administration, and Housing Administration.

Mr. Blagg continued by recommending that currently allocated funds be utilized to create a Community and Economic Development Department to administer the Abilene Economic Development Company, Inc. contract, the Community Development Block Grant Program, and carry-out the implementation of the Overall Economic Development Program. These obligations would be met by utilizing the existing Community Development staff combined with the hiring of a Business Analyst to provide the required business counseling services under the Abilene Economic Development Company, Inc. contract.

Furthermore, he is recommending the Housing Programs remain the responsibility of the Director of Housing and Inspection Services. A Housing Administrator would need to be hired in order to handle the day-to-day administration of these programs. Monies will come from Community Development Block Grant and

Housing funds. No General Fund monies will be needed to implement the first two phases of the Economic Development Program.

The implementation of the Overall Economic Development Program will begin with a three-phase approach. Phase I of the implementation involves the reorganization, as previously discussed; along with the City administering the Abilene Economic Development Company, Inc. contract, including the revolving loan program and a business counseling service.

Phases I and II will be implemented during FY 1987-88. Phase III will be implemented during FY 1988-89 with the City Council's approval.

In summary, the City's contractual obligation with the Abilene Economic Development Corporation and Phases I and II of the Economic Development Program can be implemented immediately with a reduction of one and one-half positions and a savings of \$57,739. Depending on the loan activity generated, the Economic Development Staff should not need to be expanded beyond two staff persons during the next two to three years. It is the staff's request that Council authorize the reorganization as outlined and the hiring of a Business Analyst and a Housing Administrator in order to implement Phases I and II of the Overall Economic Development Program during FY 1987-88.

Some Council members questioned whether the Economic Development activities could be placed in the Planning Department, precluding the creation of a separate Economic Development Department, and discussion ensued. Mr. Blagg responded by indicating that his recommendation would be to place the activities under the current Housing and Community Development Administrator and reorganize as he outlined. Additionally, he indicated that the Council could direct him to postpone hiring the Housing Administrator and reconsider that decision together with the proposed FY 1988-89 budget.

Following discussion, Councilman Robinson moved to table the item for further study until the March 10 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ceniglis.

AYES: Councilmen Ceniglis, Robinson, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat and Nixon.

The motion **FAILED**

Vida Willis, 1255 Matador, was present and addressed the Council. She is in favor of economic development and has read the draft of the proposed Overall Economic Development Plan. She questioned the education portion of the Plan. She questioned why the Plan did not include a proposal for the creation of a Junior College, which would enhance economic development. She presented a news clipping discussing a 1972 proposed Taylor

County Junior College's plan to contract for services with Abilene's three church-related colleges. The proposal was declared unconstitutional by the Attorney General due to extensive entanglement between church and state. Ms. Willis would support any proposal for a Junior College in Abilene.

Mr. Joe Lopez, 2449 S. Willis, president of the Abilene Economic Development Company, Inc., was present and requested that the Council not table the item, yet act to implement the program.

After much discussion, Councilman McCaleb moved to approve the reorganization and creation of a Community and Economic Development Department together with the implementation of Phases I and II of the Overall Economic Development Program as outlined and recommended by the staff. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ray and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Ferguson recessed the Council into executive session in accordance with State law, Article 5262-17, Sections 2e and 2g of the Open Meetings Act, to consider pending and contemplated litigation and the appointment and evaluation of public officials.

The Council reconvened from executive session and reported no action taken.

Harvey Cargill, City Attorney, briefed the Council concerning revenue received by Southwestern Bell and the City's franchise fee on that revenue. It appears some money is not being paid to the City of Dallas that is collected by Southwestern Bell for the yellow pages. That change in procedure may also affect Abilene. Other metroplex cities have discovered there are other fees that Southwestern Bell is excluding from its franchise fee to cities. Additionally, Southwestern Bell has changed its policy on the WATS charge which caused some cities to be overcharged. Mr. Cargill recommends the Council authorize the City to join with other cities, and if necessary file suit, in an attempt to collect the fees that are due either under the franchise fee or overcharges of the WATS line.

Councilman McCaleb moved that the City join with other cities, and if necessary file suit, in an attempt to collect the overcharges and underpayments due the City, based upon the franchise. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ceniglis and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

Item 8d, Resolution appointing 1988 Election Officials was removed from the Regular Agenda to be considered at the March 10 meeting.

Councilman Ceniglis moved to adopt the resolution appointing Richard Monroe to the position of Assistant City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nixon and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

The Resolution is numbered 7-1988 and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE.

Councilwoman Ray moved to approve the appointment of Dennis Laster to the Abilene Clean and Proud, Inc. fill a vacated term expiring November, 1989. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wheat and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

Councilman Wheat moved to approve appointments to the Abilene Community Development Company, Inc. as indicated on Exhibit B attached and incorporated herewith to these minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robinson and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman McCaleb, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Wheat, Ceniglis, Robinson, Nixon, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.


Patricia Hancock
City Secretary

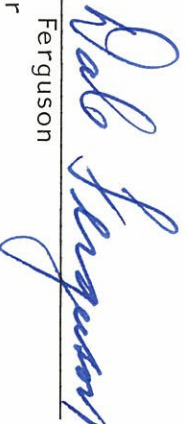

Dale Ferguson
Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"
TO THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 25, 1988

AIRPORTS ARE NOT ONLY FOR PASSENGERS, THEY ALSO SERVE PEOPLE WHO NEVER FLY. AIRPORTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY BECAUSE THEY CREATE JOBS BY ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESS AND SERVING AS THE GATEWAY FOR COMMERCE TO A COMMUNITY.

FOR EVERY DOLLAR SOMEONE SPENDS AT AN AIRPORT, OVER THREE DOLLARS ARE GENERATED FOR A CITY'S LOCAL ECONOMY. AIRPORTS ARE AN INVESTMENT FOR CITIZENS WHO DON'T TRAVEL BY AIR, AS WELL AS A SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO DO.

SO VITAL IS AN AIRPORT TO A COMMUNITY THAT CIVIC LEADERS MUST ENTRUST THE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING TO PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVES WITH BOTH THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED OBJECTIVES.

IF THE CITY OF ABILENE IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN REALIZING PROGRESSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH, THEN THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MUST PLAY A KEY ROLE. DURING THESE PAST TWO WEEKS, I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THE MANY AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY THAT EXIST FOR THIS FACILITY. BUT BEFORE WE EMBARK ON AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN TO SOLICIT INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE AIRPORT, WE MUST FIRST EXAMINE THE EXISTING PHYSICAL PLANT. SEVERAL OF THE HANGARS ARE IN NEED OF MAINTENANCE. OUR RUNWAY LIGHTING SYSTEM IS OUTDATED. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO BRING THIS SYSTEM INTO UNIFORMITY WITH OTHER AIRPORTS OF COMPARABLE SIZE.

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OUR COMBINED AIRPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CRASH FIRE RESCUE UNIT HAS LONG BEEN THE NEGLECTED STEPCHILD. AS A RESULT OF BLATENTLY INADEQUATE LEADERSHIP, THIS DEPARTMENT HAS FALLEN SO FAR AWAY FROM THE STATE OF THE ART, THAT IT WILL TAKE A CONCENTRATED AND WELL DEFINED TRAINING PROGRAM TO RETURN THOSE SKILLS NEEDED TO OPERATE AT PEAK PERFORMANCE. IN SHORT, THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT HAS FALLEN BELOW PAR UNDER TODAY'S BUSINESS STANDARDS.

ONE AREA THAT WE MUST IMPROVE UPON IS THAT OF SECURING ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL UTILIZATION OF OUR COMMUNITY RESOURCES. WE MUST MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO MAKE THE LEADERS OF TODAY'S BUSINESS WORLD AWARE OF THE ABUNDANT ASSETS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE. NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE AN AIRPORT WITH ABOVE AVERAGE POTENTIAL, BUT THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, THE CULTURAL EVENTS, THE AMPLE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING AND THE PLENTIFUL WORK FORCE MAKE ABILENE ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITIES TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE FREE ENTERPRIZE SYSTEM. I PROPOSE THAT WE ESTABLISH AN INTERNSHIP WITH THE BUSINESS SCHOOLS OF OUR LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES TO RESEARCH SUCH AREAS AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANDED AIRLINE SERVICE FROM ABILENE. BY DOING THIS, WE WILL NOT ONLY INVOLVE THE STUDENTS IN A PROJECT NEEDED FOR THE GROWTH OF OUR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BUT ALSO WILL ASSIST THE STUDENT IN PREPARATION FOR TAKING THEIR PLACES IN THE COMPETITIVE WORLD OF TODAY'S BUSINESS.

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I REALIZE FULL WELL, THAT AS A NEWCOMER TO ABILENE, THIS METAMORPHOSIS WILL BE MET WITH SOME DEGREE OF OPTIMISM, AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THESE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE REBIRTH OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. IN RETURN, I WILL PROMISE MY LOYALTY AND TIRELESS LABOR TO MAKE THIS VENTURE A REALITY.