

NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, will meet in a Retreat Session on June 2 and 3, 1988, in the "Living Room", northwest corner of McGlothlin Campus Center, Abilene Christian University, 1600 Campus Court, to consider the following items:

Thursday, June 2, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, June 3, 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

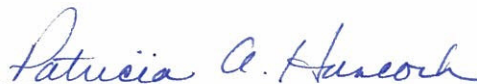
Introduction
Water Resources
Financial Stability
Code Enforcement
Public Safety
Economic Development
Capital Improvements
Citizen Interaction
Service Delivery
Proposed 1988-89 Budget

Revised Agenda

Pending and Contemplated Litigation (see notice for executive session, litigation for listing subjects)
Appointment and Evaluation of Public Officials (see notice for executive session, litigation for listing subjects)

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 27th day of May, 1988, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. and the revised agenda on the 31st day of May, 1988 at 8:30 a.m..



Patricia A. Hancock
City Secretary

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JUNE 2, 3, 1988

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
MC GLOTHLIN STUDENT CENTER, LIVING ROOM
ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a City Council Retreat on June 2 and 3, 1988, in the Living Room of the McGlothlin Student Center at Abilene Christian University. Mayor Dale E. Ferguson was present and presiding with Councilman Gary D. McCaleb, Councilwoman Betty Ray, Councilmen Walter E. Wheat, Tom Ceniglis, Welton Robinson, and Harold Nixon. Also present were City Manager Jim C. Blagg, Assistant City Managers Roy L. McDaniel and Rickey Childers, City Secretary Patricia Hancock, City Attorney Harvey Cargill, Jr., and various members of the City staff.

Day 1 - Thursday, June 2, 1988
1:30 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order. City Manager Jim Blagg gave the introduction for the session explaining how the daily sessions would proceed and the purpose of the Retreat. The overall purpose of the Retreat is to help relate City Council objectives to the staff's work program and to the budgeting process. He stated that Day One will consist of budget overviews by the Directors and Day Two will involve a review, discussion, and goal setting of specific issues.

Mr. Blagg reminded the Council and news media that the budget overviews are preliminary budget figures. Some dollar amounts that will be discussed may, and probably will, change by the time City Council receives the proposed budget from the City Manager.

Mr. David Wright, Director of Finance, gave a brief description on the overall budget requests for FY 1988-89 and the procedures and processes involved in preparing the budget.

Each Director then gave an overview of their budget requests as follows: Rickey Childers, Assistant City Manager; Patricia Hancock, City Secretary/Council; Bob Fowler, Housing and Inspection; Bob Whitehead, Public Works; Lee Roy George, Planning and Development; Dwain Pyburn, Police; David Wright, Finance; Mike Morrison, Community and Economic Development; Bob Hodge, Airport; Richard Knopf, Fire; Ron Pollard, Risk Management; Mike Hall, Community Services; Harvey Cargill, Legal; Dwayne Hargeshemer, Water; and Pam Collins, Administrative Services.

**Day 2 - Friday, June 3, 1988
8:30. a.m.**

Dr. Gary McCaleb was absent.

Mr. Blagg gave a quick description on how the topics for discussion will be presented. The Council has been provided with written material containing a narrative on each of the items or issues which the Council indicated they desired to discuss.

The information in each item includes a summary of the history, a status of the current projects that relate to the item, the needs for the next three years, and a list of goals for Council consideration. These goals are merely suggestive in nature and the Council may adopt them, amend, or suggest and adopt different goals.

A staff member will present a brief oral presentation on each item; Council and staff will discuss each item thoroughly; Council will develop goal statements for each item. Once the Council has developed a list of goals, the staff will take these goals and evaluate each with respect to the effort needed for their accomplishment: legislative action, personnel, funds, time, and organizational responsibility. This evaluation will be submitted to the Council for its final review and adoption.

Dwayne Hargesheimer, Director of Water Utilities, presented the oral presentation on Water Resources, including Wastewater and Water Treatment Requirements, Facilities Improvement, and Advanced Wastewater Treatment.

Council questioned the City's supply of water and the surrounding Water Supply Corporations. Mr. Hargesheimer mentioned that the City of Clyde has approached the City for water. He feels Abilene could service Clyde with no problem. Some of the Water Supply Corporations are growing and the Council will need to address those requests at the time the requests are made. He feels Abilene should have enough water to service most requests, however, a major question will be who the City can service and what Abilene's limits are in that regard.

Mr. Harvey Cargill, City Attorney, stated the City has been negotiating with the Water Supply Corporations and the Federal Home Administration (FHA) to prepare contracts that meet the requirements of the FHA and the needs of the Water Supply Corporations. The question of annexation is the largest concern.

The Council questioned the manner in which the City manages hazardous discharges into the water supply. Mr. Hargesheimer explained that it is managed through the City's Industrial Waste Ordinance. There are several industries that fall under the definition of industrial users and must comply with the requirements of the ordinance. The Department monitors those industries very closely. He admitted there are some problems in Abilene and the Department is attempting to deal with those problems and enforce our ordinance to keep from being penalized by FHA.

Council questioned the immediate plans for Lake Kirby and its use. Mr. Hargesheimer stated he doesn't have any plans to change its use, which is to provide raw water to the golf courses.

(Dr. McCaleb arrived)

Ron Pollard, Risk Manager, presented the self-insurance fund history, current status, and needs for the next three years.

David Wright, Director of Finance, presented the concept on the equipment replacement program. He gave some examples of replacement financing on ten pieces of equipment. He discussed the current status of the fund being that since fund moneys were used to fund the general fund operating budget for FY 87/88, it is possible this fund could be depleted by 1992 if that practice is not changed.

The Council questioned specific situations that may exist whereby certain equipment used seasonally can be leased out. The staff does consider leasing its equipment and does currently do that in certain situations. Council asked staff to investigate the possibility of sharing equipment with other cities; look at purchasing equipment from Dyess that sells at reduced costs; and adding the fire trucks to the fund.

Lee Roy George, Director of Planning, presented some Code enforcement issues. He discussed improving City entrances. The Council mentioned a good job has been done on Texas Avenue and Dub Wright Blvd., but some work still needs to be done on Ambler from Treadaway to Pine, East Highway 80, and Pine from the freeway south to the Central Business District. The Council is concerned that the staff has the tools to bring people into compliance but that the City does not enforce current ordinances. Mr. George stated some penalties need to be stiffer.

Mr. George next presented the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP). Mr. George gave a slide presentation depicting the problems of trash and debris, inoperative vehicles, illegal home businesses, etc., that appear in neighborhoods. The question to the Council is to what extent does the Council want the staff to deal with these situations. The emphasis the staff wants to make is that, in the past, violations have been dealt with on an individual basis versus a neighborhood basis. Dealing with them on an individual basis has its disadvantages and staff feels the proposed NIP is the best method available at the present time. Mr. George agrees there are some present ordinances addressing some of these problems, but staff needs direction from Council on whether Council wants a pro-active enforcement program or a reactive enforcement program as it is currently.

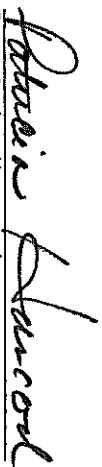
Dwain Pyburn, Chief of Police, presented some public safety issues including the Police Patrol structure, equipment needs for hazardous devices section of the department, and off-duty handguns.

Richard Knopf, Fire Chief, presented the issues of fire prevention and fire equipment.

Due to the time limitations, the Council was not able to discuss all of the remaining issues, but chose to discuss the Airport Development last.

Bob Hodge, Airport Manager, presented the issue of Airport Development. He also handed out the revenues received by Republic Parking System over the most recent five months. Council would like to see more information in regard to the feasibility of resuming the operation of the Airport Parking lot when the current lease is expired.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 12:00 noon.


Patricia Hancock
City Secretary


Dale E. Ferguson
Mayor

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