

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD IN THE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE PROPOSED 1992-93 BUDGET.

1:30 p.m. July 15 and 16, 1992

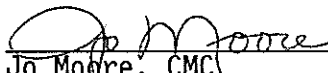
AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation.
3. Staff and City Council workshop on Budget and Tax Levy for the City of Abilene:
 - a. Staff Presentation
 - b. Review of General Fund
 - c. Review Water and Sewer Fund
 - d. Review Other Funds
 - e. Executive Session:
 1. Pending and Contemplated Litigation (See Notice for Executive Session, Litigation for listing subjects).
 2. Appointment and Evaluation of Public Officials (see Notice for Executive Session, Personnel for listing subjects).
4. Complete Budget Review
5. Ordinances & Resolutions:
 - a. Consider on First Reading - Ordinance Approving Revised 1991-92 Budget and Proposed 1992-93 Budget and Resolution approving refuse rate schedules.
 - b. Consider on First Reading - Ordinance Setting Tax Levy.

ADJOURN

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 10 day of July, 1992, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.


Jo Moore, CMC
City Secretary

(Personnel)

The City Council may consider the appointment, employment, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officer or employee, the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, City Secretary, and 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. Bechtel, et al v. City
2. City v. Leo & Shirley Riley
3. James Richardson v. City
4. Pam Martin et al v. City and General Beverage
5. Thinnes v. City
6. DeHoyos v. City
7. Pamela Susan Combs v. Dillard's & Mall of Abilene & City
8. Kim Maynard v. City & Charles Kimbel Vickers
9. Leroy Hammond v. City
10. Ybarra v. City & Midnight Rodeo & Gannaway
11. Heritage Parks Community Association v. City & taxing entities
12. Allied Steel v. City, et al
13. Creel v. City
14. City Water Permit Applications
15. Lone Star Gas Gate Rate
16. Southwestern Bell Rate Case
17. West Texas Utilities Rate Case

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.

If personnel or litigation issues arise as to the posted subject matter of this City Council Meeting, an executive session will be held.

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BUDGET WORK SESSION
JULY 15 and 16, 1992

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

July 15, 1992

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a budget work session on July 15 and 16, 1992, in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Gary D. McCaleb was present and presiding with Councilman Paul R. Vasquez, Councilwoman Betty Ray (arrived at approximately 3:00 p.m.), Councilmen Jack Grable, Bill Terry, Ray Ferguson and Councilwoman Liz Herrera. Also present were City Manager Jim C. Blagg, Assistant City Manager Roy McDaniel, Director of Finance David M. Wright, City Secretary Jo Moore, and Director of Administrative Services Pam Collins.

The Council convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 15, 1992. City Manager Jim Blagg opened the session by giving an overview of the revised 91/92 budget and the proposed 92/93 budget; noting some fee increase program charges in the proposed budget.

Assistant City Manager Roy McDaniel made a presentation explaining how programs and services are reviewed and the criteria for proposing charges. He listed goals of consolidation, evaluation and identification, fiscal management, identify basic management improvements, privatization, advanced technology, and enhanced revenue producing capabilities.

Finance Director David Wright continued reviewing the proposed budget.

Marva Pritchett, Director of Planning and Development Services, briefed the Council on the new state requirements and regulations.

Dwayne Hargesheimer, Director of Water Administration, explained mandates totaling approximately \$500,000.00 set out by the EPA on stormwater runoff for cities over 100,000. Although some mandates are not really applicable to Abilene, we still have to comply.

Following a short break, Mr. Blagg continued briefing on the basic budget and general fund of \$37,942,250, which would require no tax increase. He stated that \$1.1 million was reduced from the basic budget prior to development of the proposed budget. The average homeowner's increase in taxes would be \$16.37 if the recommended following priority needs for the 92-93 Fiscal Year are approved.

Abilene Police Department Street Crimes Unit	\$189,750
Fast Track Academy for the Police Department	100,000
Police Department Child Abuse Investigator	53,272
Crime Stopper / D. A. Liaison Officer	52,152
CID Offices and Patrol Vehicles	62,650
Police Department Assessment Center	8,000
DWI STEP Program for the Police Department	10,420
Pay Adjustment - Option 1 (Across the Board)	300,000
Pay Adjustment - Option 2 (Market Adjustment)	(200,000)
Street Sweeping	96,570
Municipal Court Collection Unit	0

\$872,814

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The tax rate would increase by 4.33 cents for a new rate of 64.14 cents. The last two months shows citizens have spent over \$2 million on the lottery; an average of \$19.32 per person.

It was suggested that the two officers at Safety City return to regular police duties and two civilians be hired to replace them; then hire 3 additional officers.

Mr. Blagg distributed requests for funding and the amounts requested from outside agencies.

Mayor McCaleb asked the Council if they had any more questions or requests for further information on the items, then reviewed with the Council the format for Thursday's worksession.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

July 16, 1992

The Council convened at 1:30 p.m. and began their budget worksession by reviewing funds other than the General Fund, which was completed the previous day. Funds reviewed were:

- . Community Development Block Grant Projects
- . Housing Fund
 - Low Rent
 - Section 8 Certificates & Vouchers
- . Senior Citizens
- . Health Services
- . Transportation Planning
- . General Obligation Debt Services
- . Water and Sewer
- . Transit System
- . Equipment Maintenance
- . Equipment Replacement
- . Self Insurance

Development Corporation of Abilene is still evaluating their request; their budget will be before the Council in August.

Mayor McCaleb proposed the following:

Necessary Fee Increases - noted fee increase for after school program, continue as is. There are 500+ participants. Mayor McCaleb suggested looking at it again next year to see who and how many the program impacts.

\$57,000

Program Reductions - leave Stevenson Pool open, study to see how park could be made more viable; recommend to begin to look for other funding for park improvements and ask Parks Board to look at whether it would be better to improve this park, relocate, etc.

\$14,000

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Add the following Priority Needs:
APD Street Crimes Unit - modified approach. Keep Safety City open with civilians working. Investigate other organizations helping with funding.

Fast Track Academy - different beginning approach (instead of when vacancy occurs). Consider when academy begins (to assure and maintain fully staffed) with Chief and City Manager making final determination.

Police Department Child Abuse Investigator - car for investigator to come from this year end budget.

Crime Stopper/DA Liaison officer - car purchase from this year end funds.

CID Offices - patrol vehicles out of this year end funds

Police Department Assessment Center

DWI STEP program for Police Department

Mayor does not propose pay adjustments - hard to justify to raise taxes

Revenue - increase estimate from sales tax - add \$100,000 - These changes will require an additional 1.56 cents above effective tax rate.

The budget as recommended addresses three major concerns: Crime, Children, and Youth

Mayor McCaleb stated for the record that if additional funds existed after the vehicles for the Police Department's new programs were purchased, these funds should go to the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Councilwoman Ray recommended keeping the Equipment Replacement Fund and DARE Program in mind.

Councilman Vasquez stated he is comfortable with the Mayor's recommendation, expressing his appreciation.

Councilman Ferguson stated although he wished for a smaller tax increase, with the Mayor's recommendation only a 2.6% increase would be needed. He stated we may want to shift around exemptions next year, and let the public know the enormous cost of compliance with State and Federal mandates.

Mr. Blagg stated the public hearing is set for August 27, but if it is below a 3% tax rate increase the public hearing can be August 13.

Councilman Vasquez moved to approve first reading of the Ordinance approving the revised 1991-92 budget as amended, the proposed budget for FY 1992-93 as amended; Ordinance setting 1992/93 tax levy; and call a public hearing for August 13, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Herrera and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilman Vasquez, Councilwoman Ray, Councilmen Grable, Terry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Herrera, and Mayor McCaleb.

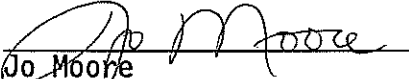
NAYS: None.

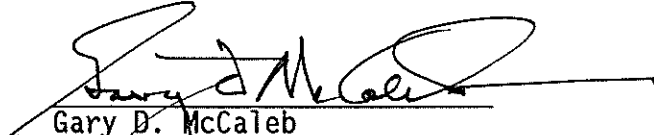
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991-1992; APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 1992, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1993, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1992, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1992; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Blagg thanked the Council and staff for their work on the budget, and Mayor McCaleb and the Council expressed their appreciation to the staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.


Jo Moore
City Secretary


Gary D. McCaleb
Mayor