

**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION, THURSDAY  
August 10, 1995, 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 August 10, 1995, at 8:30 A.M. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Gary D. McCaleb was present and presiding with Councilmen Paul R. Vasquez, Jimmy McNeil, Russell Berry, Ray Ferguson, and Councilwoman Kay Alexander. Also present were City Manager Lanny Lambert, City Attorney Harvey Cargill, Jr., City Secretary Jo Moore, Assistant to the City Manager Debra Guerra, and various members of the City staff. Councilman A. Don Drennan was absent.

The Council briefly discussed various consent and regular agenda items, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was recessed to the City Council Chambers until 9:00 a.m. for the regular Council Meeting.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 10, 1995, 9:00 A.M.**

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

Mayor McCaleb reconvened the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, into Regular Session August 10, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Invocation was given by Councilman Ray Ferguson.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Meagan Thorne, 4th grader at Wylie Elementary School, and granddaughter of Colleen Worley, Secretary to the Mayor and City Manager.

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Budget Worksessions held July 24 and 25, 1995; and the Pre-Council Session and Regular City Council Meeting held July 27, 1995, Councilman Vasquez moved to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

Mayor McCaleb, assisted by City Secretary Jo Moore, presented an **Employee Service Award** to the following individual for his years of service:

20 Years	Ramon Moreno	Park Worker
		Community Services

Mayor McCaleb, assisted by Assistant to the City Manager Debra Guerra, presented the July **Employee of the Month Award** to Mark Bland, Firefighter.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve consent agenda items 3.1 through 3.4, and approval of first reading for items 3.5 and 3.6, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Berry and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

**Resolutions:**

3.1 Oral Resolution approving the 1995/96 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

3.2 Resolution authorizing and approving assignment to West Central Texas Housing Finance Corp. of the City's authority to issue single family mortgage revenue bonds.

The Resolution is numbered **27-1995** and is captioned as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT TO THE WEST CENTRAL TEXAS HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION OF THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS UPON APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 1, 1995 DEADLINE AND AGAIN BEFORE THE JANUARY, 1996 DEADLINE, BASED UPON THAT PORTION OF THE CITY'S POPULATION THAT RESIDES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE WEST CENTRAL TEXAS HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION.

**Ordinances:**

3.3 **Approval of second and final reading** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Section 18-285, of the Abilene Municipal Code.

The Ordinance is numbered **34-1995** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

3.4 **Approval of second and final reading** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Sections 18-293, 294, 299 and 304, of the Abilene Municipal Code.

The Ordinance is numbered **35-1995** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

**3.5 Approval of first reading - TC-03395** - Ordinance for thoroughfare abandonment of a 20' east-west alley segment on the south side of Lot 9, Block 9, Section 2, Wychwood Addition, located in the 2000 block of Glenwood Drive, and set a public hearing for August 24, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

**3.6 Approval of first reading - Z-03495** - Rezone from RM-3 to PDD district, located in the 1900 block of S. 3rd St., and set a public hearing for August 24, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SUBPART E, "ZONING," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, CONCERNING PDD #60 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING A PENALTY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Resolutions**

4.1 Mike Morrison, Director of Economic Development, briefed the Council regarding a Resolution to amend the FY 1994/95 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Final Statement to include the proposed Downtown Revolving Loan Program and receive citizen comments on the FY 1993/94 Grantee Performance Report.

Staff recommended Council hold the public hearing for this item and items 4.2, Ordinance approving revised 1994-95 and proposed 1995-96 budgets; and 4.3, Ordinance setting FY 1995-96 tax levy. At the conclusion of the public hearing, separate votes will be taken for each item.

Mayor McCaleb opened a public hearing on the items, and the following individuals spoke in response to the items:

.Roger Berry, President of the Abilene Police Officers Association, asked Council to listen with open minds and hearts, and addressed what he believed to be misconception in 1994 across the board (misleading); this year was across the board. Abilene Police Officers' salaries are below the median. He addressed comparisons he felt were inaccurate, and asked Council to consider Chief Martin's recommendation for a 6.8% pay raise.

.Guy Turner, President of the Abilene Firefighters Association, feels the 6% recommended pay raise by the City Manager was fair.

.Betty Reynolds, 1925 Beltway South, feels a small tax increase to give a raise is worth it.

There being no one else present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Vasquez stated that the statement that the Council has ignored the statistics and involvement in the community by the Police and Fire Departments are not true - all employees need to be considered, it's hard to separate employees and make them different. He stated dangers were mentioned, and said every job has some danger; we must question what comes with every job. Councilman Vasquez stated his appreciation and support for the Fire and Police Departments. Councilman Ferguson agreed.

Mayor McCaleb stated his appreciation to Mr. Turner and Mr. Berry for speaking on behalf of the employees who serve the community. There is no question that all seven council members have the very highest regard for the Police and Fire Departments. He expressed his disappointment at the column recently published, stating it was said they didn't deserve a raise. Mayor McCaleb stated he finds the statement quoted is very hard to believe, that not even a suggestion of such a statement was made. Open communication is vital through dialogue, surveys, and information. The Council has not chosen to ignore surveys. A percent of surveys can be misleading if used in certain ways; it is unfortunate if anyone feels the Council is willing to settle for our community to be below average; he believes we are far above average, and the quality of people is how we sense that worth. It is difficult to pay employees what they deserve or what they are worth. Pay is not the only indicator of the value of employees, in every area, they are always worth more. The reality of the fact is that there are hundreds who deserve to be paid more. Typical pay increases over the past three years has been 3% in the areas of employment. Nothing across the state or other cities indicate more than 3%. He stated his deep appreciation for the work of the departments and will continue to look for ways to support them.

Councilman McNeil moved to approve the Resolution to amend the FY 1994/95 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Final Statement to include the proposed Downtown Revolving Loan Program and the FY 1993/94 Grantee Performance Report, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Berry and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

The Resolution is numbered **28-1995** and is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING AN AMENDED FINAL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994-95.

### **Ordinances:**

4.2 Councilman Vasquez moved to approve the Ordinance considered on second and final reading approving the revised 1994-95 and proposed 1995-96 budgets and the DCOA budget as

recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Berry and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

The Ordinance is numbered **36-1995** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994-95; APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 1995, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

4.3 Councilman Vasquez moved to approve the Ordinance considered on second and final reading setting the FY 1995-96 tax levy as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, McNeil, Berry, Ferguson, Councilwoman Alexander, and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

The Ordinance is numbered **37-1995** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1995, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1995; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**5.0. Other Business:**

Mayor McCaleb recessed the Council into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, and to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect to pending and contemplated litigation and to consider the appointment and evaluation of public officers.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Jo Moore  
City Secretary

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Gary D. McCaleb  
Mayor

