

**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION, THURSDAY  
February 22, 1996, 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 22, 1996, 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, A. Don Drennan, Jimmy McNeil, Russell Berry, and Ray Ferguson. Also present were City Manager Lanny Lambert, Assistant City Manager Roy L. McDaniel, City Attorney Harvey Cargill, Assistant to the City Manager Debra Guerra, City Secretary Jo Moore, and various members of the City staff. Councilwoman Kay Alexander was absent.

David Wright, Director of Finance, distributed to the Council a tentative schedule of events for the sale of \$2,280,000 Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1996, and presented the staff's recommended proposal of the Certificate of Obligation sales based on the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Councilman Drennan stated his continued objection to the borrowing of money for operating expenses, specifically 1) traffic sign replacement; 2) signal head replacement, and 3) street name sign replacement. Mike Morrison, Director of Economic Development, presented the T & P Historic Corridor Plan, outlining how it relates to the Everman Park project. The Council briefly discussed various consent and regular agenda items, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. for the regular Council Meeting.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 22, 1996, 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 February 22, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Invocation was given by Councilman Paul Vasquez.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Casarez, David Nichols, and Devin Williams, all fifth graders at Lee Elementary School, and accompanied by school counselor Myra Moreau.

Kay Berry, President of Abilene Clean and Proud, assisted Mayor McCaleb in the presentation of the **Abilene Clean & Proud Special Recognition Awards** to WolfePak Software for Landscape; Coca-Cola/Seven-Up Bottling Co. for Recycling; the Windsor Hotel for Beautification; and New Light Baptist Church for Litter Control.

The following proclamations were presented by Mayor McCaleb:  
February 26-March 2, 1996 as Technology Awareness Week; and  
March as Women's History Month.

Mayor McCaleb presented a Certificate of Appreciation to retiring Fire Chief Deloss Edwards for 37 years of service to the City of Abilene.

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the Pre-Council Session and

Regular City Council Meeting held February 8, 1996, Councilman McNeil moved to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Berry and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

Councilman Vasquez moved to approve consent agenda items 3.1, 3.2, 3.5 through 3.9, and first reading of items 3.3 and 3.4, as recommended by the staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ferguson and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

### **Ordinances:**

**3.1 Approval of second and final reading** - Ordinance amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Sections 18-285, 286, 293, 297, 299 & 302 of Abilene Municipal Code.

The Ordinance is numbered 5-1996 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.

**3.2 Approval of second and final reading** - Ordinance to repeal Tattoo Parlor regulations.

The Ordinance is numbered 6-1996 and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "HEALTH AND SANITATION", OF THE ABILENE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

**3.3 Approval of first reading** - Ordinance approving revised Personnel Policy & Procedures Manual.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ALL PRIOR CONFLICTING PERSONNEL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**3.4 Approval of first reading** - Ordinance adopting 1995 International Plumbing Code with amendments.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, "CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS" ARTICLE VI, "UNIFORM CODES AND OTHER REGULATIONS", DIVISION 4, "PLUMBING CODE", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

### **Resolutions:**

**3.5 Oral Resolution** approving Request to Advertise "for sale" City-owned property in the 2400 block of N. 10th St. Staff recommends the lot be advertised for sale with a minimum bid of \$345.00 total value with the understanding that the successful bidder shall pay the advertising costs and be furnished a Quit Claim Deed.

3.6 Oral Resolution authorizing use of \$11,819 in TIF District funds to reimburse Museums of Abilene, Inc. (MOA) for painting and maintenance of the Grace Cultural Center.

3.7 Oral Resolution amending Water Contract between City and WCTMWD/Ivie Reservoir.

3.8 Oral Resolution approving COPS MORE grant with the City providing funding as follows: Year 1 (\$12,792); Year 2 (\$18,477), Year 3 (23,096).

3.9 Oral Resolution approving a contract funded by CDBG funds with Coopers & Lybrand for Downtown Hotel Feasibility Study in the amount of \$23,000 plus allowed expenses not to exceed \$3,450.

### **Ordinances:**

4.1 Carl Lockett, Assistant Director of Development Services for Planning, briefed the Council on an Ordinance considered on second and final reading - **TC-00596** - thoroughfare abandonments of (1) Estes Street and (2) two 14' east-west alleys in Block 3, Sayles Subdivision located between Amarillo and Vine and S. 17th and S. 18th Streets. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval, subject to retention of Estes Street for drainage pending approval of a new drainage plan and retention of Estes Street as a utility easement if telephone or cable service is required on the east end of the property.

Mayor McCaleb opened a public hearing on the item, and the following individual spoke in favor of the request:

.Eddie Chase, agent for the proponent.

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

Councilman Drennan moved to approve the Ordinance for thoroughfare abandonments of (1) Estes Street and (2) two 14' east-west alleys in Block 3, Sayles Subdivision located between Amarillo and Vine and S. 17th and S. 18th Streets as recommended by staff, subject to retention of Estes Street for drainage pending approval of a new drainage plan and retention of Estes Street as a utility easement if telephone or cable service is required on the east end of the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

The Ordinance is numbered **7-1996** and is captioned as follows:

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.

### **Public Appearance**

4.1 Mike Hall, Director of Community Services, introduced K. O. Long, Co-Chair of the Library Task Force, and distributed the report submitted by the Task Force. Mr. Long recognized Maggie Morford and the other members of the Task Force for their work; then reviewed the recommendations as submitted.

Following questions and answers among the Council and Mr. Long, and statements of

appreciation from the Council, Mayor McCaleb expressed his appreciation for a remarkable job. He stated they accomplished what they were charged with, which was: 1) access need; 2) look at timeliness of the issue; and 3) make recommendations. All three were accomplished, as well as increased awareness of technology and children's issues. They accomplished their charge and did not go beyond into specialty needs. Mayor McCaleb suggested accepting the report and appreciation to the Task Force. No further action is required at this time.

Councilman Drennan moved to accept the report with appreciation to all members of the Task Force. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez and the motion carried.

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

NAYS: None.

**Other Business:**

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

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

5.2 Mayor McCaleb asked the council for approval of his appointments of Janet Ardoyno to Abilene Clean and Proud, Inc., term expiring 11/96 and James H. Elam to Reinvestment Zone #1 City of Abilene (TIF), term expiring 11/97. Councilman McNeil moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mrs. Ardoyno and Mr. Elam. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, Berry, Ferguson, and Mayor McCaleb.

NAYS: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Jo Moore  
City Secretary

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Gary D. McCaleb  
Mayor

