

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
January 29th 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - TOUR OF BOND LOCATIONS

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in a Special Called Session on January 29th 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Joe Spano, Anthony Williams, Jay Hardaway, Steve Savage and Kyle McAlister. Also present were Interim City Manager David A. Vela, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various members of the City staff.

Mayor Archibald announced that the Council would be boarding a CityLink bus for a tour of the following proposed bond projects:

- Fire Training Facility (4242 East Lake Road)
- Fire Station #4 (1909 West Stamford Street)
- Civic Center (1100 North 6th Street)
- Rose Recreation Center (2601 South 7th)
- Zoo (2070 Zoo Lane)
- Impound Lot (2349 Sandy Street)

After boarding the bus Council traveled down N 6th #6 and then to Judge Ely Blvd #11 on the Street Project list.

Upon arriving at the Fire Training Facility Fire Chief Ken Dozier briefed the Council on the issues with the training facility and Council toured the facility. Discussion included: 1) classroom sizes; 2) EMS training; 3) limitation on the use of technology due to the age of the facility and varmints that have chewed through wires etc.; 4) the request is for a similar facility that Police have at their training facility.

Council then boarded the bus and heard from Director of Public Works Megan Santee who briefed the Council on the street projects which included: 1) West Lake Rd # 3 on the Project List.

Upon arriving at the Fire Station #4 Fire Chief Ken Dozier gave a tour of the facility. Discussion included: 1) storage issues; 2) height issue of the bay doors; 3) ladder trucks do not fit in the bays; 4) hail damage to the roof; 5) water issues from roof leaking; and 5) newer engine can't fit into the station.

Council then boarded the bus and heard again from Director of Public Works Megan Santee who briefed the Council on the street projects which included: 1) Ambler Ave. #1 on the project list.

Upon arriving at the Civic Center Community Services Director James Childers gave a tour of the Civic Center. Discussion included: 1) age of the building; 2) the Fly system. Stage hands load as much as 1,200 lbs. on the arbor at any given time to operate the system. The use of an automated system would reduce the risk of injury; 3) terrazzo floors in the main foyer along with electrical upgrades; 4) the Exhibit Hall; 5) the kitchen off of the Exhibit Hall; and 6) the upgrades needed for the Conference Center.

Council then boarded the bus and heard again from Director of Public Works Megan Santee who briefed the Council on the street projects which included: 1) Pine Street #13 as part of the Central Business District Concrete rehab; 2) Director of Planning and Development Services Jon James explained the proposed sidewalk project on a section of South 1st and the proposed fence on the section next to the railroad track.

Upon arriving at Rose Recreation Center Community Services Director James Childers gave a tour of the Recreation Center. Discussion included: 1) age of building; 3) gym, meeting room and office; 4) most

popular recreation center for youth programming due to its location; and 5) later the Adaptive Recreation could use the building if a new Recreation Center is built.

Council then boarded the bus and traveled to the Zoo.

Upon arriving at the Zoo Community Services Director James Childers introduced the projects at the Zoo and Zoo Director Bill Gersonde gave a tour of the facilities. A new maintenance facility is proposed that would provide for a larger facility to enable staff to provide for maintenance of the 16 acre park. An animal hospital would allow for sterile surgery, appropriate drug storage room, and treatment and recovery room. Mayor Archibald left after the tour of the Zoo.

Council then boarded the bus and traveled to the Impound Lot. Upon arriving at the Impound Lot Janice Holden explained the setup of the facility and the need for a more secure facility.

The City Council then returned to City Hall and reconvened at 5:16 in Council Chambers with Mayor Pro-tem Joe Spano presiding.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Danette Dunlap, TRMC
City Secretary

Norm Archibald
Mayor