

**SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION
September 3rd, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a Special Meeting to discuss major projects, programs and Council directed initiatives at 5:00 p.m. on September 3rd, 2015 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Bruce Kreitler, Anthony Williams, Kyle McAlister, Jay Hardaway and Steve Savage. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Dan Santee, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

Mayor Archibald gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

Robert Hanna City Manager briefed the council on the Strategic Planning Workshop and the “Big Rocks”. What are Abilene’s most important priorities moving forward?

Council reviewed a list of items “Big Rocks” that have been mentioned by staff and council over the last 90 days.

List included:

- Fallen-Public Servant Monument
- Parks & Recreation Vision and Execution Plan
- Sign Ordinance
- Lincoln-School Building
- Fort Phantom Hill Plan
- Revise Water Conservation Plan
- Revise Landscape Requirements
- Cotton Warehouse
- Property Management (sell unused assets)
- Multi-Modal Transit Center
- Nuisance Ordinance
- Noise Ordinance
- Wastewater Master Plan
- Street Index Study
- Municipal Infrastructure Replacement Program
- ANI
- TIRZ
- Civic Center Maintenance Strategy
- Recycling
- Council Retreat Items
- Infill Development
- Ambulance Provider

- Downtown Hotel
- FOG Ordinance
- Radio Replacements
- CAD/RMS Replacement
- Cedar Creek
- Bond Program
- Hike and Bike Plan
- Elm Creek Bridge

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) Fallen Public Servant Monument; 2) ANI; 3) Sign Ordinance; 4) Bond Program; 5) Municipal Replacement program; 6) Infill development; 7) Property management; 8) Radio replacements; 9) Regulatory review; 10) landscape requirements/water conservation program; 11) Downtown Hotel, Lincoln School and Cotton Warehouse; 12) CIP projects; 13) Technology – ease of use for citizens to access city hall; 14) Ombudsman; 15) Elm Creek Bridge; 16) Parks and Rec Vision and Plan; and 17) policy for acceptance of property donations.

Council then by a process of identifying their top 5 priorities the following list was compiled:

ACTION ITEM	INTEREST
ANI	4
Small Business Development Coordinator	3
Landscape Requirements	3
Downtown Hotel	3
Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance and Replacement	3
Fallen Public Servant Monument	3
Leveraging Technology	2
Ordinance Review	2
Parks & Rec Vision and Master Plan	2
Lincoln Middle School	2
Sign ordinance - We need to discuss it	2
CIP Process	1
Bond Program	1
Property Management	1
Radio Replacements	1
Cotton Warehouse	1
TIRZ	1

Council briefly reviewed the following; 1) Mission/core purpose; 2) Vision statement; 3) Values; 4) Strategic Goals and Plan; and 5) public input item on the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Danette Dunlap
City Secretary

Norm Archibald
Mayor