

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSESSION
JULY 27, 2016, 8:30 a.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 conduct a budget work session at 8:30 a.m. on July 27, 2016 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Bruce Kreidler, Anthony Williams, Kyle McAlister, Jay Hardaway and Steve Savage. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, Assistant City Managers Mindy Patterson and James Childers, Director of Finance Mike Rains, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

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

Council was provided the projected fund balance for the General Fund FY 2017 and the Summary of the Water & Sewer Administration expenditures.

	General Fund Projected Fund Balance
FY 2017 Projected Fund Balance:	
Designated for 27 th Pay Period	\$ 2,030,000
Undesignated – 2.96 mos	<u>\$21,703,840</u>
Total	\$23,733,840
Fund Balance Policy Recommendation 3 mos	\$22,017,990
Anticipated Shortfall	-\$ 314,150

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) water & sewer rates proposed for the new fiscal year; 2) the Capital projects for the Water Department for both revised 15-16 and the proposed 16-17 budget; 3) Stormwater; 4) Environmental fees; 5) detention ponds; 6) new software for Stormwater; 7) fire personnel addition; 8) CDBG monies; 9) civic center possible new employee position; 10) furlough possibility next fiscal year depending upon sales tax revenue; 11) recycling sign-up is going slow – have until the 1st of August to sign up; 12) communications position – is a needed position; 13) new aquatics center that will open this next fiscal year; and 14) fees regarding mulch at the recycle center.

Council recessed for lunch and will return at 1:30 pm today.

Mayor Archibald called the meeting back to order at 1:30 and council began further discussion regarding the proposed budget.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) Maxwell Golf; 2) charges for the mulch; 3) expenses for council travel; 4) curbside recycling; 5) fleet purchases; 6) street repair and the tax rate; 7) street index study; 8) aging traffic signals; 9) look at plan development fees; and 10) CityLink fares for the fixed route.

Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the first reading on an Ordinance for the Revised Budget for FY 15-16. Councilman Hardaway seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Williams, Hardaway, McAlister, Savage and Mayor Archibald
NAYS: Councilman Kreitler

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman McAlister made the motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance for the proposed Budget for FY16-17. Councilman Price seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Williams, Hardaway, McAlister, Savage and Mayor Archibald
NAYS: Councilman Kreitler

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2016, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

Councilman Price made the motion to approve the first reading on an Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax for the City of Abilene at .7465. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) is set at .5448 and Interest and Sinking (I&S) is set at .2017. Councilman McAlister seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Williams, Hardaway, McAlister, Savage and Mayor Archibald
NAYS: Councilman Kreitler

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2016, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2016; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Savage made the motion to approve the first reading on the Ordinance approving and adopting fees and charges for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, for the City of Abilene; repealing all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances, Resolution and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith calling a public hearing. Councilman Hardaway seconded the motion, motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Price, Kreidler, Williams, Hardaway, McAlister, Savage and Mayor Archibald
NAYS: None

A public hearing and final reading will be held on the Revised Budget 2015-2016 on August 11th.


Public hearings will be held on the Tax Rate on August 11th, (Evening Meeting) August 23rd, August 25th and the final hearing on September 8th.

A public hearing will be held on the Proposed Budget 2016-2017 at the Evening Meeting on August 23rd and final reading and public hearing will be held on the Budget 2016-2017 and on the Ordinance adopting the Fees and charges, on September 8th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



Danette Dunlap
City Secretary



Norm Archibald
Mayor