

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 5:30 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 Called Workshop Meeting to hear a presentation from Community Services Director Lesli Andrews regarding a Parks and Recreation vision and Master Plan. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Anthony Williams, Jay Hardaway, Steve Savage, Kyle McAlister, and Bruce Kreidler. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

Councilman Price gave the invocation.

Mayor Archibald led the pledge to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

Mayor Archibald opened the public comment period and the council heard from the following citizens:

- Thomas Vines – spoke against curbside recycling
- Debbie Alexander – spoke on her request that the city ban of chaining dogs
- Monica Hardy – against curbside recycling
- Welton Robinson – spoke on burglar alarm bill, pavement study, Stormwater charge and water rates
- Chad Carter – spoke on the Street Budget
- Bob Chatfield – spoke on curbside recycling and pedestrian bridge
- David Beckham – spoke on bonds/money, budget, reduction in property tax

There being no one else present and desiring to speak at the public comment period, it was closed.

Discussion regarding Alameda Neighborhood Traffic Calming Measures.

Erica Currie with the Alameda Neighborhood visited with the council regarding the neighborhood's concerns regarding traffic. The neighborhood has raised about \$2,000 toward traffic safety devices in the area around Corsicana and Alameda Streets.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) the possibility of utilizing CDBG Funds; and 2) continue the dialog between the staff and the neighborhood regarding traffic safety.

Lesli Andrews Director of Community Services reviewed the Parks and Recreation vision and Master Plan.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) Leagues and fields; 2) after-school programs; 3) maintenance issues; 4) adaptive rec; and 5) handicap equipment at parks – staff is working on having a specific area for handicap park equipment.

Mayor Archibald opened the public hearing on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for FY 17 and the following citizens spoke:

- Jud Beal – in regards to the budget & fees

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

The City will have another Public Hearing on the Tax Rate on the August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Regular Council Meeting and the final public hearing on the Budget and Tax Rate on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Danette Dunlap  
City Secretary



Norm Archibald  
Mayor