

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
February 21st 2017, 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. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Bruce Kreitler, Anthony Williams, Kyle McAlister and Steve Savage. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

Councilman Kreitler gave the invocation.

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

Item 3.1: Discussion regarding curbside recycling presented by Michael Rice Director of Public Works.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) Health and Safety Code Chapter 361 Solid Waste Disposal Act; 2) Chapter 27 Solid Waste Sec. 27-5 of the Abilene Municipal Code; 3) possible options include – Contract, Franchise Opportunity (Exclusive or non-exclusive); 4) permit; 5) license; and 6) how would a contract work – those interested can visit with Michael Rice and staff will help the business facilitate the process.

Item 3.2: Discussion regarding downtown parking presented by Michael Rice Director of Public Works.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) Land Development Code reference Central Business district; 2) Design considerations include – safety, traffic, parking availability, pedestrian traffic, bicycles, commercial deliver and future developments/downtown master plan; 3) timing issues regarding downtown parking; 4) what is a good fit for downtown businesses; 5) this would need to be an amended ordinance process; and 6) Traffic study/Downtown Master Plan.

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

- Bruce Bixby – South Downtown Master Plan (SODA)
- Robert Morris – Parking downtown
- Caroline Kreitler – Mayor’s 5K and pot holes
- Jennifer Lenches – downtown parking
- Jason Fikes – Payday lending
- Sue Thomesen - Payday lending
- Jen Rogers – Payday lending
- Cynthia Alvidrez – After school program
- Tiffany Sterns, along with her two children Raydan (6yrs) and Lily (8yrs) – After school program
- Billy Enriquez – After school program
- Bob Thomas – Recycling and city government

The public comment period was closed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Danette Dunlap
City Secretary



Norm Archibald
Mayor