

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

June 20th 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 on June 20th 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Norm Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Shane Price, Bruce Kreidler, Weldon Hurt, Kyle McAlister, Steve Savage, and Councilwoman Donna Albus. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Danette Dunlap, and various other members of staff.

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

3.1 Update and Discussion on Funding Street Maintenance Program

James Childers Assistant City Manager briefed the city council on funding mechanisms for street maintenance.

Discussion included: 1) Generating \$10 million dollars in new revenue will necessitate using multiple revenue streams; 2) one method Local Option Street Maintenance Sales Tax; 3) Street Maintenance fee for residential and commercial customers; 4) reducing 1/8 of a penny allocated for 4A to be dedicated for street maintenance and would generate approximately \$2.5 million. Election would need to be called by August 10 for a November Election; 5) Maintenance Fee – would be on the Municipal Account Statement; 6) Trip Factor Index an method to calculate the cost on business development; 7) fee structure for the commercial accounts set up in a tiered fee structure; 8) proposed revenue from all sources 1/8 local option sales tax \$2,500,000, Residential \$4,860,000, Commercial \$3,633,200 for a Total of \$10,993,200 – assumes that \$9 is charged to both single and multi-family accounts; 9) Sunset provision; 10) fee dispute process and 11) exemptions if any.

Council and Staff discussion included: 1) 1/8 of a cent; 2) November election for the 1/8 of a cent sales tax; 3) Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc. and how the 1/8 of a cent will affect the DCOA; 4) the water bill and how the community thinks about the bill; 5) over 65 exemption; 6) possible exemptions for Universities; and 7) engaging the public before the possible election; 8) Sunset options.

3.2 Update and Discussion on Budget process for FY 2017-Revised and FY 2018 Proposed - requested by Councilman Price.

Robert Hanna City Manager made a brief update on the budget process. FY 17 Revised is about 85,000 out of balance and it will not take a lot to get it in balance. The bigger issue is for FY 2018 the budget is about 2.1 million out of balance. Directors were asked to cut budgets more and looking to include salary adjustment for employees both civil and non-civil. The fire apparatus fund is taken care of and looking for right-of-way maintenance funds for mowing. Question on the use of HOT funds for maintenance of the Convention Center.

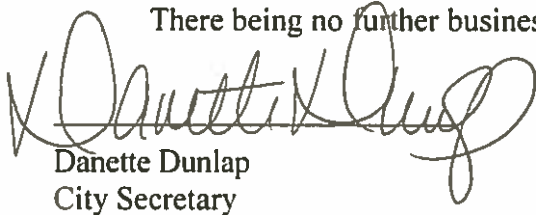
3.3 Public Comment:

Mayor Archibald opened public comment period and council heard from:

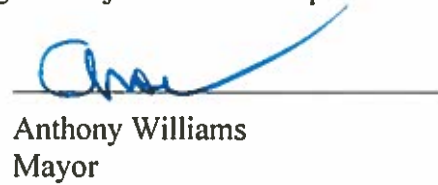
- Doug Offermann – talked about budget and the street maintenance fund
- Billy Enriquez – street maintenance fund and exemptions
- Bob Thomas – sales tax fund and street maintenance fund

The public comment period was closed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Danette Dunlap
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor