

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Regular Session on May 23, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister and Councilmembers Shane Price, Jack Rentz, Donna Albus, Weldon Hurt, and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, Interim City Secretary Shawna Atkinson, and various members of the City staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. pursuant to the following of the Open Meetings Act, with the following issues discussed during this session, as listed on the agenda and authorized by the noted Texas Government Code Sections:

- 21.A 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 14. Emergency Services District Petition
- 21.D 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
 - 2. 3.59 Acres adjacent to County Jail
- 21.D 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Secretary
- 21.F 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
 - 1. Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Coporation
 - 2. Windsor Hotel
 - 3. Civic Plaza Hotel

The Executive Session ended at 5:26 p.m. The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 5:30 p.m. as noted on the posted agenda. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Anthony Williams delivered the invocation.

Luke Hull, fifth grader at Wylie Intermediate School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Proclamation:
 - National Public Works Week
 - Flood Awareness Week

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-17.

Items pulled for individual consideration were as follows:

- Ron Poston, citizen – Item 15

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 4-14 and 16-17. Councilmember Rentz seconded the motion; motion carried.

The vote on items 4-10, 12-14 and 16-17 was as follows:

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, Hurt and Craver
NAYS (0): None

Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmember Price had a conflict on Item 11 and abstained from voting on the item. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out by each before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. The vote for item 11 was as follows:

AYES (4): Councilmembers Rentz, Albus, Hurt and Craver
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (3) Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmember Price

4. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on May 9, 2019, and the Special Meeting held on May 15, 2019
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving and Ratifying the Sale of the Cotton Warehouse to Abilene Majestic, LLC - Series R
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 110-2019]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve Change Order 1 to the Coffman Associates Airport Land Use Planning Contract
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 111-2019]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Award a Contract with Zachry Associates through CB-1926 for Airport Marketing Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 112-2019]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Award a Contract to Zachry Associates for Airport Advertising Sales through CB-1926
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 113-2019]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Changes to the Visual Arts Jury Bylaws
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 114-2019]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding RFP No. CB - #1937, Metropolitan Transportation Plan Services to Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 115-2019]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Abilene and ARL Retail, LLC.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 116-2019]
12. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2019-11 Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a request from Carriage Hills Development Corporation, Clayton Farrow/Jacob and Martin, to rezone property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to Residential Single Family (RS-6). located at 7681 Maple Street and 250 E Beltway S., east of Maple Street and south of Carriage Hills Parkway; setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2019

13. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2019-12 Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from Shane McClung to rezone property from Light Industrial (LI)/Corridor Overlay (COR) zoning to General Commercial (GC)/Corridor Overlay (COR) zoning located at 617 Ambler Avenue; setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2019
14. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2019-13 Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from Susan Montolvo, Independent exec. of Dorthey Shaw Parker (Deceased) to rezone approximately 62.1 acres located on 6800-6900 blocks (west side) of Highway 83-84, from its existing Agricultural Open Space (AO) zoning classification to a combination of General Retail (GR), Office (O), Residential Medium-Density (MD), and Residential Multi-Family (MF) zoning districts; setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2019
16. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2019-15 Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from Kevin Batton to rezone property from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) zoning to Planned Development District (PDD) zoning to allow broadcast studio located at 1909 Victoria Street; setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2019
17. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2019-16 Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from Canon Light Enterprises, LLC, Karen Light (agent) to rezone property from Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning to Rural Residential (RR-1) zoning located at 210 Hardison Lane; setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2019

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

15. Ordinance (First Reading): Z-2019-14 Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on a request from Pauline Houlihan, Ronald Poston (agent), to rezone property from Heavy Commercial (HC) zoning to Planned Development District (PDD) zoning located at 717 and 719 Butternut Street; setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2019

The item was pulled by Ron Poston, citizen

Having pulled the item, Ron Poston spoke on the plans for this project. He stated they have completely rehabilitated the building and will be using it to create a vertical market to grow mushrooms for local restaurants. He availed himself to Council for questions.

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, Albus, Hurt and Craver
NAYS (0): None

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Administrative Services Only (ASO) for Medical and Pharmacy Benefits with BlueCross BlueShield
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 117-2019]

Brenda Alexander, Director of Human Resources, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the administration of both health and pharmacy services from BlueCross BlueShield with an effective date of January 1, 2020.

Scott Gibbs with McGriff, Seibels and Williams presented the research his firm did on the different plans available and availed himself to Council for questions.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz, Hurt, and Craver
NAYS (0): None

19. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action Suspending the AEP Texas, Inc Rate Change Request from June 5, 2019
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 118-2019]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would suspend the June 5, 2019 effective date of AEP Texas Inc.'s rate change request for 90 days to allow the City to negotiate.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz, Hurt, and Craver
NAYS (0): None

20. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Acceptance of the Donated Mr. Tiger Sculpture for Placement on the Adamson Spalding Storybook Garden Lawn of the Abilene Convention Center
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 119-2019]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Community Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the acceptance of the donated Mr. Tiger Sculpture to be placed on the Adamson Spalding Storybook Garden Lawn of the Abilene Convention Center.

Lynn Barnett with the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council also spoke on the item. She brought characters from the books that will be in attendance at the 2019 CALF Festival.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz, Hurt, and Craver
NAYS (0): None

22. Resolution: Appointing Members to various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 95-2019]

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to (re)appoint the following.

Board	Term End Date
Board of Adjustment	
Dani Ramsay (Alternate) [Reappointment]	November 2020
Mayor's Downtown Task Force	
Jessica Cantu [New]	
Brandon Osborne [New]	
Senior Citizens Advisory Board	
Cynthia Cooke [Reappointment]	May 2021
Joe Lopez [Reappointment]	May 2021
Sydne Moore [Reappointment]	May 2021
Sylvia Herrera [Reappointment]	May 2021
Monroe Nevells [New]	May 2020 (Unexpired Term)

Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmembers Price, Albus, Rentz, Hurt, and Craver
 NAYS (0): None

23. Ordinance and Public Hearing (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, Conduct a Public Hearing and Take Action Regarding Extension of Local Disaster Declaration
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 29-2019; NOT CONSIDERED]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would extend the Local Disaster Declaration signed by Mayor Williams on May 18, 2019, in response to the tornado, which expires Friday, May 24, 2019, at midnight.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. The following addressed the City Council:

- David Swart – spoke on the importance of multiple ways to receive severe weather notices – the Emergency Alert System on cell phones and NOAA radios. He also asked about the potential of a tornado siren system being implemented in the future.

Council and staff discussed the need for extending the declaration and the consensus was that there is currently no need to do so.

No Action was taken on the item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Williams opened the public comment period. The following addressed the city council:

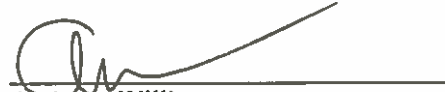
- David Swart – spoke about the upcoming Energy Star Tax Free Weekend, coming up this weekend. All Energy Star appliances can be purchased tax exempt and he encouraged everyone to take advantage.

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Shawna Atkinson
Interim City Secretary

Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: June 13, 2019

