

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
March 23, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.**

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

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Special Session on the March 23, 2020, at 11:15 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus and Councilmembers Shane Price, Jack Rentz, Kyle McAlister and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, City Secretary Shawna Atkinson, and various members of the City staff.

Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation.

Councilmember Craver led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Extending the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster Issued March 16, 2020.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 61-2020]

Robert Hanna, City Manager presented the item. Adoption of the item would extend the Mayor's Disaster Declaration issued on March 16, 2020, for another seven days. Mr. Hanna stated that another meeting would need to be held in seven days to extend the declaration further, should the need arise.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Temporarily Suspending the Requirements of the public Information Act
[NOT CONSIDERED]

Mayor Williams stated that this item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting, but wanted the City Attorney to let the public know the intention of the Resolution. Stanley Smith, City Attorney, stated that the Public Information Act has a provision for emergency situations that allows for governmental entities to suspend their response on public information requests for a period of 14 days. He clarified that is not stopping public information from being released, just putting all the requests in a holding pattern until there is adequate staffing to address them.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

As this item was pulled before the start of the meeting, no votes or action were taken at this time.

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving a Chapter 380 Agreement with the United Way of Abilene [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 63-2020]

Robert Hanna, City Manager presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Chapter 380 agreement with the United Way of Abilene, to assist with personnel and other city resources that may be required in their response to the local disaster.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.


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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: April 9, 2020

