

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

May 15, 2020 at 8:30 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 a Special Session on May 15, 2020 p.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.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus delivered the invocation and 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 April 30, 2020.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 96-2020]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would extend the Declaration of Local Disaster issued on April 13, 2020, and mirror Texas Governor Abbot's Executive Orders. Council and staff talked through the various parts of the declaration including when various parts of the City will open back up to the public.

Councilmember Price shared his concerns that we aren't stripping this declaration down enough and recommended removing a few sections, and adding that the City encourages everyone to follow CDC guidelines.

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

- David Swart – wanted to let everyone know that Attorney General Barr is going to be reviewing all stay at home orders to see if they are constitutional. He stated that he does not have a problem with how everything is being reopened and that he appreciates City Council.

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

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the item with the removal of numbers 10 through 12, 15 and 16, and adding the wording that citizens should follow the CDC's guidelines. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; the motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus and Councilmembers Price, Rentz, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (1): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt

PUBLIC COMMENTS


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

- David Swart – wanted to let everyone know that there will be planes flying over fire stations and hospitals today for everyone to watch for. Also wanted to thank the City for getting in three new street lights at Rolling Green Drive, as he had been asking for. Also spoke about a recent visit to Cedar Hills Cemetery and how he was saddened to see that there were high weeds in certain areas and several citizens weed eating their loved ones plots.


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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

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Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: May 28, 2020

