

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 27, 2020 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 August 27, 2020, at 4:30 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.

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 Section:

14. D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
1. City Manager
 2. City Attorney
 3. City Secretary

The Executive Session ended at 5:25 p.m. and 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.

Councilmember Travis Craver delivered the invocation.

Branson King, 8th grader at Madison Middle School, and Trinity Apple, 6th grader at Madison Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-7. Item #7 was pulled for individual consideration.

Items pulled for individual consideration were as follows:

- David Swart, citizen – Item #7

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt moved to approve the Consent Agenda, now consisting of items 4-6. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus seconded the motion. 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

4. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 13, 2020
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Awarding Bid No. 2070 to Bontke Brothers Construction, Inc. for TASA US 83/84 Bike/Ped Improvements [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 157-2020]

6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing and Take Action to accept an Airport Improvement Program Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 158-2020]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Approve the Purchase of Airport Terminal Replacement Furniture
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 159-2020]

The item was pulled by David Swart, citizen.

Having pulled the item, David Swart questioned if the new furniture is equipped to charge phones. He stated that everyone should bring their own charging device instead of using one provided, as it is safer and more secure that way.

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

Don Green, Director of Transportation, responded to Mr. Swart's concerns stating that they would not be monitoring cell phones or even providing cords to charge them with.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Resolution: (remove from table) Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Award of Bid No. CB-2069 – Sale of Property, T & P Freight Warehouse (901 N. 1st)
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 160-2020]

This item was tabled at the August 13th meeting. Mayor Williams moved to remove the item from the table. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt seconded the motion; 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

Because the motion originally failed at the August 13th meeting, Mayor Williams moved to reconsider the item. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt seconded the motion; 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

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would award Bid No. CB-2069 – Sale of Property, T & P Freight Warehouse. There were two bidders, Charles Wolfe (dba Abilene Majestic, LLC) at \$950,000, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at \$770,000. City Attorney Stanley Smith gave Council a brief update on the previous vote and what needs to happen for this item to go forward.

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

- David Swart – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Joe Spano – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Marquez Angelo Hawkins – filled out a card in support of the item, but did not speak.
- Kevin Scotty – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Espy Harper – filled out a card in support of the item, but did not speak.
- Jerryon Johnson – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Tim Smith – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Justin Russell – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Cynthia Pearson – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Yvonne Batts – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Darrin Black – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- David Smith – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Chris Carnahan – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Bennie Mouser – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Norm Archibald – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Brent Razzle – did not speak but was in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Pete Garcia – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Samuel Garcia – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Lindsey Minter – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Jerry Smith – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Josh Black – did not speak in favor of either bidder, but for the history of the building and preserving it.
- Lauren Moore – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Chloe Roberts Simmons – spoke in support of awarding the bid to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Sam Wolfe – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Cindy Wolfe – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Tim Yandell – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Graham Sapiza – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Bob Thomas – did not speak in favor of either bidder, but of his concern for those who look to the City Council for guidance.
- Cynthia Alvidrez – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.
- Jennifer Morrison – spoke in support of awarding the bid to Charlie Wolfe.

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

Mayor Williams moved to award the sale of the property to Charlie Wolfe (dba Abilene Majestic, LLC) with the condition that the roof repairs be completed before closing. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem Hurt and Councilmembers Price, Rentz and Craver
NAYS (2): Mayor Pro-tem Albus and Councilmember McAlister

Council took a 5 minute recess from 7:25 to 7:30 at the conclusion of the above item.

9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving an Economic Development Agreement with KKP Investments, LLC regarding approximately 150 acres of land out of the M. Talbot Survey No. 103, Taylor County, Texas, located on FM 707 S and west of Buffalo Gap Road
[PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION]

This item was pulled from consideration.

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Modifying and Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster Issued July 23, 2020
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 162-2020]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would modify and extend the Declaration of Local Disaster issued on July 27, 2020

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

- David Swart – stated he is still wanting the City to send a letter of support for local businesses to the Governor. Spoke about his friend being out of work due to the pandemic, and questioned why the mask order is open ended, as he does not think that is legal.

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

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

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

NAYS (1): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing and Take Action to Approve a Revenue Guarantee Agreement with SkyWest Airlines to Provide Daily Service to Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport for United Airlines
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 163-2020]

Don Green, Director of Transportation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a revenue guarantee agreement for SkyWest Airlines to operate as a United Airlines regional carrier for daily scheduled service between Abilene Regional Airport and Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport, effective October 21, 2020, using a 50- passenger regional jet.

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

- David Swart – stated this is a great opportunity but our track record with airlines is not that good, especially when American is seriously considering cutting routes in light of the pandemic. Also questioned why there will only be one route going east, which is a good deal for destinations on the east coast, but not for anywhere west.

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

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

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Approve an Airport Lease and Operating Agreement with SkyWest Airlines
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 164-2020]

Don Green, Director of Transportation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an agreement for SkyWest Airlines to lease office space and common use space to operate at Abilene Regional Airport for a three-year initial term, with two one-year options.

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

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

13. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2020-11: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Cade and Katie Browning to rezone property from Single Family Residential 12 (RS-12) to Single Family Residential 12/Historic Overlay (RS-12/HO) zoning located at 910 Highland Avenue
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 34-2020]

Mike Warrix, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above reference property from Residential Single-Family (RS-12) to Residential Single-Family with Historic Overlay Designation (RS-12/H).

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

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

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Evaluation of the City Manager
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration.

16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Evaluation of the City Attorney
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration.

17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Evaluation of the City Secretary
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration.

18. Resolution Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 165-2020]

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

Councilmember Craver moved to (re)appoint the following:

Board	Term End Date
<i>Betty Hardwick Center Board of Trustees</i>	
Rosendo Contreras [New]	August 2021 [Unexpired Term]
<i>Civil Service Commission</i>	
Regi McCabe-Gossett [New]	November 2022 [Unexpired Term]

Councilmember McAlister seconded the motion; 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- David Swart – spoke about streets and how proud he is of Butternut Street now that the repairs are complete. Stated that John Knox still needs a lot of work, and the lights at Mockingbird need to be fixed. He also asked if the City can add a street light outage reporting button to the SeeClickFix App that reports directly to AEP.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: September 10, 2020

