

SPECIAL CALLED/JOINT MEETING

October 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS WITH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM 2, ABILENE CONVENTION CENTER

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in a Special Called/Joint Meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 1, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., in Conference Room 2 of the Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N 6th Street, Abilene, Texas. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus, and Councilmembers Shane Price and Jack Rentz. Councilmembers Kyle McAlister and Travis Craver were absent. Also present were Assistant City Manager Michael Rice, First Assistant City Attorney Kelley Messer, City Secretary Shawna Atkinson, and various members of City staff.

Members representing the Planning and Zoning Commission were Chairman Fred Famble, Vice-Chairman Clint Rosenbaum (who arrived late), Members Izair Lankford, Alex Russell and Bill Noonan.

Mayor Williams called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission Chair Famble called the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Williams delivered the invocation, and led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Williams opened the public comment period, and with no speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. **Introductions:**

Cheryl Sawyers, Planning Manager, opened the meeting and introduced Brennan Kane, Director of Planning with Halff Associates, who introduced his team.

3. **Presentation: What is a Comprehensive Plan?**

Mr. Kane went over the definition of a comprehensive plan, where the City of Abilene is now in regards to population and growth, the comprehensive plan background and the plan's purpose and intended outcomes. He introduced the Connect Abilene themes of Environment, Livability, and Prosperity, to create a "complete" community.

Bresa Bryford with Civic Brand went into further detail about the Connect Abilene brand, as well as the goals of project branding and the types of connections that will be made – physical, personal and planning goals. The hashtag #connectabilene will go live on social media, as well as the connectabilene.com website.

Kendall Howard with Halff Associates went over the timeline for the Comprehensive Plan, which is a 15 to 16 month timeline made up of five phases. She went over the tentative meeting schedule for the next 15 to 16 months.

4. Introductions:

City Council, Planning & Zoning and the members of the Comprehensive Plan Action Committee participated in an ice breaker exercise, consisting of each member introducing themselves and their organization, and expressing what they think or hope Abilene will look like in the year 2040. They then completed a handout exercise that was collected by Halff Associates.

5. Visioning Exercises:

Kaylee Sager with Halff Associates led group members through a guiding principles exercise, where each table worked together to come up with guiding principles for the City of Abilene. After the exercise was complete, the tables shared their findings with the group.

Mayor Williams left the meeting at 6:25 p.m., and Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The final exercise was a Perception of Abilene Today mapping exercise. Group members worked with their table to highlight areas around Abilene they feel best represented Abilene, least represented Abilene, enjoy visiting and avoid visiting. A representative from each group brought up their group's map to the front at the end of the exercise and presented their findings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Famble adjourned the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at 7:25 p.m., and Mayor Pro-tem Hurt adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Shawna Atkinson, TRMC
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: October 8, 2020

