

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 28, 2021 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 January 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Shane Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Jack Rentz and Councilmembers Donna Albus, Weldon Hurt, Kyle McAlister and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, Deputy City Secretary Kaitlin Richardson, 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:

- 15. B. 551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property)
  - 1. Clyde Water
  - 2. Real Property – 28.014 acres at 125 E South 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- 15. D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
  - 1. Personnel Matters – City Manager
- 15. F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
  - 1. Abilene Convention Center Hotel Project

The Executive Session ended at 4:55 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.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Jack Rentz delivered the invocation.

Bellah Wells, from Craig Middle School, Ava Wells and Liam Wells, both from Bonham Elementary 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 Mentoring Month Proclamation was accepted by Mark Rogers from Big Brothers Big Sisters Abilene

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-12. Item #5 was pulled for individual consideration.

Items pulled for individual consideration were as follows:

- David Swart, citizen-- Item #5

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Rentz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, now consisting of items 3, 4 and 6-12. Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 14, 2021
4. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Accepting an Agreement with Hendrick Medical Center for Payment in Lieu of Taxes  
**[ORAL RESOLUTION]**
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract between the City of Abilene and Cadco Architects-Engineers, Inc. for the design services for City Hall Remodel Project  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021]**
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Awarding Bid No. 2114 to Bontke Brothers, Inc. on Pine Street Area Rehabilitation Project  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 09-2021]**
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Awarding the Bid for Purchase of SDR35 Pipe and Manholes for Improvements to the Northwest Interceptor Sewer  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021]**
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on authorizing the City Manager to Procure Luminare Innoculate in an Amount not to Exceed \$100,000.00  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021]**
10. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Lane Miller to rezone property from a Planned Development (PD) District primarily limited to residences, to a Neighborhood Office (NO) District and located at 3702 Antilley Road, approximately 0.2 mile east from Buffalo Gap Road
11. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Pattie Hollingsworth and Matthew Gjerstad to rezone property from an Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Residential Single-Family (RS-6) District and located on approximately 0.79 acre at 5526 and 5534 Highway 277, approximately 0.62 mile southwest from Texas Avenue's intersection with Highway 277
12. Ordinance (First Reading) TC-2021-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Leonor Rivera, agents Anton and Francesca Barnett, to abandon the public right-of-way (40-feet) of Sunrise Avenue extending between Minda Street (on the south) and Hailey Street (on the north) and located approximately 650 feet east from T&P Lane in east central Abilene

#### **ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Confirming the Appointment of an Interim Police Chief  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 07-2021]**

*The item was pulled by David Swart, citizen.*

Having pulled the item, David Swart questioned why we are taking action on this so late, when it should have been done in November.

Robert Hanna, City Manager, addressed Mr. Swart's concerns stating we are doing this now as part of procedure and the advice of the City Attorney.

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Rentz, and Councilmembers Albus, Hurt, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

### REGULAR AGENDA

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Confirming the Appointment of Marcus Dudley as the Police Chief of the Abilene Police Department  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the appointment of Marcus Dudley as the Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2021.

City Manager Hanna read a letter from the Nick Metts, retired Police Chief in Aurora, Colorado, in regards to Marcus Dudley's professional character. Melvin Martin, former Chief of Police and on the selection panel, spoke about Chief Dudley and the selection process.

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

- Chuck Farina – stated he was for this item and wishes Marcus Dudley well in his transition.

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Rentz, and Councilmembers Albus, Hurt, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

14. Oath of Office for Police Chief Marcus Dudley

Chris Hobbs, Management Assistant to the Chief of Police, administered the oath of office to Police Chief Marcus Dudley.

Chief Dudley spoke briefly about his move to Abilene, his family and thanked the community for their kind words.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

- David Swart – stated he saw that Mayor Williams withdrew his name from the City Manager position in Washington. He received a letter from the Rose Park Senior Center about the new meal pricing, and suggests changing it to a whole dollar amount, so that staff does not have to carry coins for change. Mr. Swart also spoke about Challenger Shuttle in 1986.
- Samuel Garcia – stated that he found more receipts from the DCOA in regards to spending tax payer money frivolously. Mr. Garcia stated that this time it was the CEO of the DCOA and the City Manager that dined at Perini’s Ranch House and used tax dollars to pay for their meal. Mr. Garcia is appalled that they spent tax payer dollars on an out of state vendor to monogram the DCOA’s items, when Abilene has various vendors to choose from. Mr. Garcia also stated that he doesn’t understand why race was brought up at the previous meeting when he spoke.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

  
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Shawna Atkinson  
City Secretary

  
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Anthony Williams  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: February 11, 2021

