

**SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING**  
**April 16 2021 at 10:00 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 Joint Special Session with the Development Corporation of Abilene on April 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding with Mayor Pro-tem Shane Price and Councilmembers Donna Albus, Weldon Hurt, Kyle McAlister, and Travis Craver. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Jack Rentz was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Jack Rich, Chair of the Development Corporation of Abilene called the DCOA meeting to order as well.

Mayor Pro-tem Shane Price delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 10:02 a.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:

- 2. F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
  - 1. DCOA Project Legacy

The Executive Session ended at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 2. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action Approving DCOA Project Legacy  
**[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 48-2021]**

Misty Mayo, CEO of the Development Corporation of Abilene, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an economic development agreement with Great Lakes Cheese Company for a packaging facility, with a capital investment of \$184,500,000.

Council and staff discussed the deal and gave their input on how great of an opportunity this is for Abilene.

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

- David Swart – stated that he is for economic development, but thinks that if the DCOA is so great, that capital should be reinvested. There should be a vote of the taxpayers to see if this structure is working too. That money could go toward street maintenance instead of this deal, but he thinks it should be up to voters.

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

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

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


NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Jack Rentz

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

  
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Shawna Atkinson  
City Secretary

  
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Anthony Williams  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: May 13, 2021

