

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2021 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 Regular Session on August 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Donna Albus, and Weldon Hurt. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Presentation:
 - Annette Lerma, Health Director, and Dr. Wiley from Hendrick Medical Center spoke on COVID-19.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-12. Items 3, 4, 5 and 8 were pulled for individual consideration.

Item pulled for individual consideration were as follows:

- Councilmember Beard – Item #8
- David Swart, citizen – Items #3, 4, 5 & 8

Councilmember Albus moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 2, 6-7, and 9-12. Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

2. **Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Special Budget Workshop on July 27, 2021, and the Regular Meeting Held on July 29, 2021**

6. **Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with APEX Surface Care for Preventative Maintenance Services for the Abilene Convention Center**
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 129-2021]

7. **Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages in the Abilene Convention Center by an Approved Caterer**
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 130-2021]

9. **Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving a Ground Lease and a City Facilities Lease with Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation, and a City Facilities Development Agreement with Garfield Public/Private for the Downtown Convention Center Hotel**
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 132-2021]

10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action To Execute an Agreement with WHP Training Towers for the Supply and Installation of Padgenite Super HD Thermal Lining for the Abilene Fire Department Burn Building
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 133-2021]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approval of Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program Project Budgeted with HOME Program Funds
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 134-2021]
12. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on an Ordinance of the City of Abilene, Texas, and Providing for the Extension of the Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, Texas, and for the Annexation of Certain Territory Lying Adjacent and Contiguous to the Present Boundary Limits of the City of Abilene, and Granting to All the Inhabitants of the Territory, all the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens and Binding the Inhabitants by All of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of the City of Abilene; and Adopting a Service Plan Agreement

ITEM PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 126-2021]

The item was pulled by David Swart.

Having pulled the item, Mr. Swart stated that he thinks this LIDAR could be used as a laser-generating weapon to blind drivers.

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Rate Settlement Agreement with Atmos Energy
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 127-2021]

The item was pulled by David Swart.

Having pulled the item, Mr. Swart stated that thinks it is good that the City is advocating for citizens on rate increases from Atmos, but thinks there is no one to advocate for them on things like water and sewer rates, since the City has the monopoly on those.

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

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the item. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing and Take Action to Approve the acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant 50
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 128-2021]

The item was pulled by David Swart.

Having pulled the item, Mr. Swart stated that he heard the jet ways aren't working at the airport and that is very inconvenient. He also stated that he hopes none of money approved at the previous Council meeting for marketing for United Airlines has been spent yet, since they are leaving Abilene.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver moved to approve the item. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Modifying and Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster (COVID-19) Issued July 8, 2021
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 131-2021]

The item was pulled by Councilmember Beard and David Swart.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Beard asked for clarification on why we continue to do this and the ramifications if we do not. City Manager Hanna clarified that we do it to continue to receive federal funds, and that if we do not renew, we could potentially lose that funding.

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

- David Swart – spoke about the government giving away money to everyone, vaccine incentive programs and the origination of COVID-19.

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard and Albus
NAYS (1): Councilmember Hurt

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Resolution of the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation Authorizing the Issuance of the Corporation's Hotel Revenue Bonds; Approving Execution and Delivery of All Agreements and Documents Related to the Development, Construction and Operation of the Convention Center Hotel Project; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 135-2021]

Robert Hanna, City Manager presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the issuance of the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation First-Lien Hotel Revenue Bonds, series 2021A, and the Abilene Convention Center Hotel Development Corporation Second-Lien Hotel Revenue Bonds, series 2021B, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000; authorizing the selection of a bond trustee and the execution and delivery of all agreements and financing documents related to the issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds, and the development, construction, and operation of the Convention Center Hotel Project, including an indenture of trust, a ground lease, a management agreement and all other documents in connection. Mr. Hanna introduced George Williford from Hilltop Securities, who went over the funding and financing for the project.

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

- David Swart – questioned if local subcontractors can or will be used for the construction of the hotel.
- Betty Hukill – spoke in favor of the item and the downtown hotel.
- Michael Bob Starr – spoke in favor of the item and the downtown hotel.
- Gary Grubbs – spoke in favor of the item and the downtown hotel.

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

Councilmember Albus moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Williams seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Issuance of City of Abilene, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021A; Establishing Procedures and Delegating Authority for the Sale and Delivery of the Certificates; Providing an Effective Date; and Enacting other Provisions Relating to the Subject
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 31-2021]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize the issuance of Certificates of Obligation totaling \$23,600,000 for street projects related to Maple Street and EN 10th Street. George Williford from Hilltop Securities, also spoke and presented the structure of the Certificates of Obligation for this item and the next.

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

- David Swart – spoke about the DCOA’s contribution to streets, and urged citizens to call the Mayor’s office to encourage a bond election for a new fire station.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

15. **Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Issuance of City of Abilene. Texas Combination Tax and Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021B; Establishing Procedures and Delegating Authority for the Sale and Delivery of the Certificates; Providing an Effective Date; and Enacting other Provisions Relating to the Subject [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 32-2021]**

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize the issuance of up to \$23,100,000 of Certificates of Obligation, series 2021B, for designing, constructing and equipping the public convention center facilities consisting of conference and meeting rooms, ballrooms, and related infrastructure and parking that are to be connected to and integrated with the full service convention center hotel.

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

- David Swart – wanted to clarify that this is for the meeting spaces of the hotel, not the hotel rooms. Mr. Swart thinks this hotel will be convenient for events downtown and will help when we have a lot of big events.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

16. **Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on awarding the bid for Second Pressure Plane Supply Line - Phase I [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 136-2021]**

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would award the bid to Western Municipal Construction of Texas, LLC, in the amount of \$7,295,724 for the Second Pressure Plane Supply Line-Phase 1, CB-2140 project.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on authorizing a change order to the contract for Second Pressure Plane Supply Line - Phase I
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 137-2021]

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize Change Order Number 1 to the contract with Western Municipal Construction of Texas, LLC, for the Second Pressure Plane Supply Line-Phase 1, for a reduction in the contract price.

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

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on amending the Agreement with Remington Estates and Iberis Road South Phase 2
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 138-2021]

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an amendment to the agreement with Remington Estates and Iberis Road South Phase 2 that was effective August 18, 2003.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

19. 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. 139-2021]

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

Councilmember Beard moved to (re)appoint the following:

Board	Term End Date
<i>Airport Development Board</i>	
Lori Dodd[New]	November 2023

Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried

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

NAYS (0): None

20. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-11: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Sec.18-289 One-Way Streets-At all Times in the Code of Ordinances [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 33-2021]

Greg McCaffery, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the traffic flow on N 5th Street from Grape to Plum from one-way to two-way traffic, and require two-way traffic in the block of Cypress Street between N 5th and N 6th, in association with the downtown hotel project.

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

- David Swart – spoke on an error in the previous packet on this item, and questioned how the signal work will be taken care of in regards to this project.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

21. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-15: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from Mascorro Properties LLC, Represented by Brandon Mascorro, to Change Zoning from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to a Residential Medium-Density (MD) District on Ten Vacant Lots Bordering the 2400 Block (East Side) of Shelton Street In Northwest Central Abilene [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 34-2021]

Cheryl Sawyers, Planning Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to a Residential Medium-Density (MD) District.

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

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

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

22. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-16: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from Weatherbee Construction Inc., Represented by Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd Inc., to Change Zoning from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to a Residential Medium-Density (MD) District on 2.489 Acres of Vacant Land Bordering the 6100 Block (North Side) of Jennings Drive in Western Abilene and to Change Zoning from Planned Development District Number 111 (PD 111) to a Residential Medium-Density (MD) District on 0.8318 Acres of Vacant Land Having 40 Feet of Frontage on the 6200 Block (North Side) of Jennings Drive in Western Abilene
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 35-2021]

Cheryl Sawyers, Planning Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to a Residential Medium-Density (MD) District.

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

- David Todd – represents the applicant. Stated that it has been vacant since the 50s and restated what the zoning request is.

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

23. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-17: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from Weatherbee Construction Inc., Represented by Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd Inc., to Change Zoning from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Residential Medium-Density (MD) District on Two Vacant Parcels Together Comprising 8.236 Acres Having a Combined 1375+ Feet of Frontage on the 2900-3100 Blocks (West Side) of Dub Wright Boulevard in Western Abilene and to Change Zoning from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Residential Single-Family (RS-6) District on a 2.618-Acre Parcel Having 250 Feet of Frontage on the 6500 Block (North Side) of Hampton Hills Street, as well as on a 5.225-Acre Parcel Having 250 Feet of Frontage on the 6500 Block (South Side) of Hampton Hills Street
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 36-2021]

Cheryl Sawyers, Planning Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Residential Medium-Density (MD) District.

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

- David Todd – represents the applicant. Stated that it has been vacant since the 80s and restated what the zoning request is.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

24. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-18: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from Eplen Properties Inc., Represented by Betco Housing Lab, to Change Zoning from General Commercial (GC) to a Residential Multiple-Family (MF) District on Nine Vacant Lots at 149 and 157-182 Eplens Court (At South End of Eplens Court) in West Central Abilene
[PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

Mayor Williams took a 5 minute recess before this item.

25. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-19: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from Prairie Song LLC, Represented By Jacob Martin LLC, To Change Zoning From Planned Development District Number 144 (PD 144) To A Combination Of A Residential Single-Family (RS-6) District On Approximately 2 Vacant Acres At 2668 Garfield Avenue In Northeast Abilene And A Residential Medium-Density (MD) District On Approximately 12 Vacant Acres Located Directly North From Above-Described 2 Acres Of Land In Northeast Abilene, And To Change Zoning From Residential Single-Family (RS-8) To A Residential Single-Family (RS-6) District On Two Vacant Lots At 2660-2664 Garfield Street (Legal Description Being Lots 4 And 5 In Block 10 Of Hillcrest Addition, Section 4)
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 38-2021]

Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmember Price had conflicts of interest on this item and abstained from voting. Conflict of Interest Affidavits were filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver presided over this item.

Cheryl Sawyers, Planning Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced 14 acres of vacant land from Planned Development 144 to Residential Single-Family (FR-6) and Medium Density (MD). The applicant has worked with the neighbors to come up with a plan that is agreeable to them.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver opened the public hearing. The following addressed the Council:

- David Swart – stated that he thinks there needs to be two ways for emergency services to get in and out of this neighborhood.
- Darrel Sloan – spoke in favor of the new recommendations, but stated that water pressure is an issue.
- Tal Filingham – agent for the developer, spoke about the compromises they've made to make the neighborhood agreeable to the project.
- Chris Kenneman – spoke in favor of the new recommendations.
- Carmen Price – spoke in favor of the new recommendations.

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

Councilmember Albus moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (4): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (3): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister and Councilmember Price

26. Ordinance (Final Reading) SNC-2021-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a Request from The Development Corporation of Abilene to Change the Name of Corridor Drive to Great Lakes Cheese Drive. Corridor Drive Lies Within the Access Business Park and Extends East from Highway 36, at a Location Approximately 0.25 Mile Southeast From Loop 322 and 0.15 Mile Northwest from FM 18 in Eastern Abilene
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 39-2021]

Cheryl Sawyers, Planning Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the name of Corridor Drive to Great Lake's Cheese Drive. Ms. Sawyers stated that staff recommends approval of the item with the change to Great Lakes Drive, as the whole name does not fit on the street sign.

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as recommended by staff. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

BUDGET ORDINANCES

27. Consider on Final Reading - Ordinance Approving Revised 2020-2021 Budget
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 40-2021]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the revised Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

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

- Ron Kinder – spoke about the ICE plans that have been coming and going from ABI Airport, and how he thinks this needs to be considered in the budget.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

Councilmember Beard had conflicts and abstained from voting on accounts 5025 - Child Advocacy Center, 5070 - Victim Advocacy, and 6060 – Aviation and Airport Operating Fund. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

28. Consider on Final Reading - Proposed 2021-2022 Budget
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 41-2021]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

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

- David Swart – urged Council to keep the budget for senior services the same, and use that money to offset other expenses in that area.

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

Mayor Williams moved to approve and adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with a specified amount of \$288,668,300 for all operating funds. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Mayor Williams moved to acknowledge and ratify that the adopted budget will cost more than last year's budget. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Councilmember Beard had conflicts and abstained from voting on accounts 5025 - Child Advocacy Center, 5070 - Victim Advocacy, 6060 – Aviation and Airport Operating Fund, and anything regarding raises for non-civil service employees. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

29. Consider on Final Reading - Ordinance Setting Tax Levy
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 42-2021]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

- David Swart – suggested to keep the tax rate the same as last year and use the money to fix intersections.

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

Mayor Williams moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of the tax rate at \$.7851 per \$100, which is effectively a 3.5% increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

30. Consider on Final Reading - Ordinance adopting fees and charges for FY 2021-2022
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 43-2021]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the fees and charges for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- David Swart – requested some street lights on Business 20 be attended to, as they are out and it is dangerous.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 10:47 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:

- 31. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. Clyde Water
- 31. D. 551.087 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. Upcoming Evaluations for Council Appointees
- 31. F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
 - 1. Abilene Convention Center Hotel Project

The Executive Session ended at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to recess at 11:04 p.m., to reconvene at 12:50 p.m.


At 12:57 p.m., Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order and recessed into Executive Session at 12:57 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:


- 31. B. 551.071 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. Municipal Court Judge Interviews

The Executive Session ended at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: August 26, 2021

