

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 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 November 18, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding, along with, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Donna Albus, and Weldon Hurt. Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister was absent. 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

- Mayor Williams and the City Council were presented ceremonial gavels from State Senator Lucio

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 8:38 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:

- 22. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. Public Comment Law & the Open Meetings Act
- 22. B. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. Public Comment Law & the Open Meetings Act

The Executive Session ended at 9:18 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- David Swart – spoke about McDonalds and Thanksgiving, congratulated Mayor Williams on his recent awards, and described a flaw he found on the new two-way lanes on North 5th.
- Dorothy Clay – wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked the Council for their hard and diligent work, and all they have done for the City of Abilene.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-17. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 3-17. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
- NAYS (0): None
- ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on October 28, 2021, and the Regular Meeting Held on November 4, 2021
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter (Board of Building Standards and Library Advisory Board)
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 195-2021]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Baker Tilly US, LLP for a Comprehensive Compensation and Classification Study
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 196-2021]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid No. 2169 to Teinert Construction for Renovation to the Abilene Convention Center North Plaza
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 197-2021]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on renewal of the Water Supply Contract with the Hamby Water Supply Corporation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 198-2021]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Contract with Smith Pump Company, Inc. for Repair of Ivie Raw Water Intake Pump #1
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 199-2021]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Engineering Services for Maple Street Roadway Improvements Carriage Hills Parkway to Loop 322 to Jacob and Martin
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 200-2021]
10. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 17, "Misc Provisions", Article III, "Metal Recycling Entities and Precious Metal Buyers", Section 17-68, "Permit Expiration" of the Abilene Municipal Code
11. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-30: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from Hit Ventures LLC to Change Zoning from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Neighborhood Retail (NR) District on Approximately 4.51 acres at 3250 Beltway South
12. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-31: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from Jeffrey C. Snead to Change Zoning from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a General Commercial (GC) District on Approximately 36 Acres of Land at 3658 East Highway 80 in East Abilene
13. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-32: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request From Weatherbee Construction Inc. (Represented By Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Engineering Consultants) To Change Zoning From Agricultural Open Space (AO) To A Residential Medium-Density (MD) District On Approximately 14 Acres Of Land at 665 East South 27th Street In Southeast Abilene
14. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-33: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request From Sitzes Brothers LLC (Represented By Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Engineering Consultants) To Change Zoning From Residential Multi-Family (MF) To A Planned Development (PD) District Allowing Uses Commensurate With Residential Multi-Family (MF) Zoning As Well As Self-Service Storage, On Approximately 1¼ Acre Of Now-Vacant Land At 3750 Rolling Green Drive, In South Abilene

15. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-34: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request From Christopher Blake Howard (Represented By Jacob & Martin LLC) To Change Zoning From Residential Single-Family (RS-6) To A Residential Single-Family Patio Home (PH) District On Approximately 2.78 Acres Of Now-Vacant Land At 1633 Griffith Road
16. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-35: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request From Broadview Baptist Church (Represented By Les Campbell) To Change Zoning From Residential Single-Family (RS-6) To A Neighborhood Retail (NR) District On 0.3271 Acre Of Land At 2414 South 27th Street In South Central Abilene
17. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-36: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request From Abilene Majestic LLC (Represented By Jacob & Martin LLC) To Amend Terms And Conditions Of Planned Development District Number 77 (PD 77) Specifically As They Affect 1.98 Acre Of Now-Vacant Land At 3850 Catclaw Drive In South Abilene, Expanding The Range Of Allowed Uses There To Include (Minor) Repair And Maintenance Of Automobiles And Small Trucks

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Adopting Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria Renewal
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 201-2021]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would renew the City's guidelines and criteria for tax abatements for a two-year period.

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. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

19. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on amending Chapter 32, "Utilities" of the Abilene Municipal Code, Article III, "Fats, Oils, and Grease"
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 63-2021]

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 32, "Utilities" of the Abilene Municipal Code, Article III, "Fats, Oils, and Grease", adding language to expedite the review and approval process for variances, and adding an appeal process to the City Manager.

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

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

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

20. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-289.1, "Same - During Certain Hours" of the Code of Ordinances Regarding School Zone Areas No Longer in Use [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 64-2021]

Greg McCaffery, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-289.1, "Same - During Certain Hours" of the Code of Ordinances regarding school zone areas no longer in use.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

21. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing and Take Action on Amending Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-297, "Stopping, standing and parking prohibited," of the Code of Ordinances to install a No Stopping, Standing, Parking Zone on the North and South sides of EN10th Street near Taylor Elementary School [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 65-2021]

Greg McCaffery, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article XIII, "Schedules," Section 18-297, "Stopping, standing and parking prohibited," of the Code of Ordinances to install a No Stopping, Standing, or Parking Zone on the North and South sides of EN10th Street near Taylor Elementary School.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

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22. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
1. Sharra Sampson v. City of Abilene
 2. Officer Mark Watson & the City of Abilene
 3. The City of Abilene v. Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas
 4. Public Comment Law & the Open Meetings Act

- 22. D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. Firemen's Pension Fund Board
- 22. F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
 - 1. DCOA Project Artemis

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REGULAR AGENDA

23. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving an Agreement with Project Artemis
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 202-2021]

Misty Mayo, CEO of the Development Corporation of Abilene, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve an economic development agreement for Project Artemis.

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

- Samuel Garcia – stated he was not for or against this item, but he wanted to voice his concerns with how the DCOA was handling the redaction of public records.

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

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

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

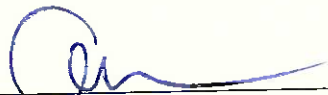
NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: December 2, 2021

