

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 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 December 2, 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 Deputy City Secretary Kaitlin Richardson.

Mayor Anthony Williams delivered the invocation.

Ivy Waldron, 4th grader at Ward Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-17. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- David Swart – spoke about item 4 and his understanding of it being about funding. Mr. Swart also reminded everyone that Tuesday is the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- Dorothy Clay – spoke about making Abilene a sanctuary city for the unborn.
- Senator Perry – stated that he grew up in Sweetwater and looks forward to serving everyone and the community. Senator Perry stated it is good to be back home and feels very welcomed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 2-17. 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

Councilmember Hurt voted differently on item 4 only. The vote for item 4 was as follows:

AYES (5): Mayor Williams, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus

NAYS (1): Councilmember Hurt

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

2. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on November 18, 2021
3. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 204-2021]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Abilene Housing Authority</i>	
Tim Evans [Reappointment]	November 2023
<i>Abilene-Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Board</i>	
Aukai Ward [New]	December 2024
<i>Civil Service Commission</i>	
Blair Schroeder [New]	November 2024
<i>Development Corporation of Abilene</i>	
Sam Vinson [Reappointment]	November 2024
Vic Corley [Reappointment]	November 2024
<i>Keep Abilene Beautiful</i>	
	September 2023 (unexpired term)
<i>Exte Tolliver [New]</i>	
<i>Landmarks Commission</i>	
Michael McLellan [Reappointment]	November 2024
<i>Neighborhood Services Advisory Board</i>	
Joel Sechrist [Reappointment]	November 2023

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Modifying and Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster (COVID-19)
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 205-2021]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Health Plan Year 2022
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 206-2021]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve the Maximum Fares and Charges of Taxicabs under Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances, "Vehicles for Hire"
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 207-2021]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve a Resolution to Authorize Expenditures that May Exceed \$50,000 with Miscellaneous Vendors the City uses in FY22
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 208-2021]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid to Justice Construction for accessibility renovations to City of Abilene Council Chamber
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 209-2021]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding the Rebid for the Purchase of Bulk Citric Acid to be used for Water and Wastewater Treatment Processes During Fiscal Year 2022
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 210-2021]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on approval for purchase of a playground for Vaughn-Camp Park from WeBuildFun, Inc
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 211-2021]
11. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on approving an Ordinance establishing the 2022 Standards of Care and Setting a Public Hearing for December 17, 2021
12. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budgets

13. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone No. RZ21-1 being approximately 875 acres in Taylor County, Texas

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Presentation: Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing on completion of the AMI Meter Replacement Project and a Tutorial of the Customer Portal

Rodney Taylor, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item. Mr. Taylor summarized key information regarding the project schedule and costs. Amanda Pope, Public Information Coordinator for the Water Department, gave a brief tutorial on the customer portal, as well.

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

- David Swart – stated that technology is good, but it sacrifices jobs, and that he has had a few problems with the customer portal already.

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

This item was for presentation only. No votes or action were taken.

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Creating Abilene Neighborhood Empowerment Zone #2, Amending Abilene Neighborhood Empowerment Zone #1, and Creating an Infill Development Plan
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 203-2021]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would create Abilene Neighborhood Empowerment Zone #2, Amending Abilene Neighborhood Empowerment Zone #1, and Creating an Infill Development Plan.

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

- Rosten Callerman – spoke on behalf of the Habitat for Humanity and stated that he is concerned with people being left behind with the increased property value and amount for homes. Habitat for Humanity is working on a plan to aggressively work on building lower dollar amount homes for the lower income families to afford.

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

Councilmember Beard 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

16. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 67-2021]

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 17 of the City Code, to allow a five year permit option for metal recycling entities and precious metal buyers.

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. 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

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-30: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 68-2021]

Tim Littlejohn, Interim Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Neighborhood Retail (NR) 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 (6): Mayor Williams, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

Mayor Williams left the Council Chambers for a short break. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver presided in his absence.

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-31: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 69-2021]

Tim Littlejohn, Interim Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a General Commercial (GC) District.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver 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 (5): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-32: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 70-2021]

Tim Littlejohn, Interim Director of Planning & Development Services, 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.

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

- David Todd, represents the applicant – stated that the applicant is just combining the property to the east with other property they already own and was rezoned not too long ago.

With no other 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 (5): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

20. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-33: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 71-2021]

Tim Littlejohn, Interim Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Multi-Family (MF) to a Planned Development (PD) District allowing uses commensurate with Residential Multi-Family (MF) Zoning.

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

- David Todd, represents the applicant – stated that this plan will forgo extending sewer to the site, and is a really good use of the property.

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

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

AYES (5): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

21. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-34: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 72-2021]

Tim Littlejohn, Interim Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to a Residential Single-Family Patio Home (PH) District.

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

- Tal Fillingham, represents the applicant – stated that this request is to develop seven single-family lots and is the same developer of Griffith Lakes.

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

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

AYES (5): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

22. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-35: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 73-2021]

Tim Littlejohn, Interim Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to a Neighborhood Retail (NR) District.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver opened the public hearing. With no 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 (5): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

Mayor Williams returned and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

23. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2021-36: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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 [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 74-2021]

Tim Littlejohn, Interim Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the terms and conditions of the Planned Development District Number 77 (PD 77) at the above referenced property, expanding the range of allowed uses there to include (Minor) Repair and Maintenance of Automobiles and Small Trucks.

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

- Tal Fillingham, represents the applicant -- stated this is not an automotive repair business and they are just wanting to perform your typical oil change.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 9:46 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:

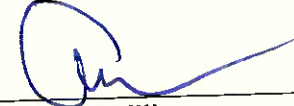
24. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
1. Officer Mark Watson & the City of Abilene
 2. Cockrell Investment Partners, LP v Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
24. D. 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
1. 101 Cypress Street
 2. 1250 N 1st

The Executive Session ended at 10:06 a.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 10:06 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: December 17, 2021