

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 27, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Regular Session on January 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the South Branch Library, Mall of Abilene, 4310 Buffalo Gap Road. 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 Transportation Services Director Don Green, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Shane Price delivered the invocation.

Sabrina Cannon, 4th grader at Wylie, Natalie Cannon, 5th grader at Wylie, and Roselynn Brown, 4th grader at Wylie, 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 – accepted by Talan Cobb and Big Brothers Big Sisters Abilene.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-13. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- David Swart – requested that the new downtown hotel have electric car charging stations in the parking lot. Mr. Swart also spoke about the Mockingbird underpass lighting that has been out for some time.
- David Beckham – spoke on behalf of the Southern Little League. Mr. Beckham gave a brief overview of the decreased numbers in their league. Mr. Beckham relates this decrease in participation due to the city's player fee, and asked Council to consider removing this required fee.
- Darryl Ellis – spoke on behalf of the Abilene Slow-pitch Softball Association. Mr. Ellis stated they are also seeing a decrease in signups due to the new player fee and asked Council to consider removing it.
- Cynthia Alvidrez – requested the City use ARPA funds towards Parks and Recreation items. Ms. Alvidrez also stated that citizens are stating that housing vouchers are not being allocated fairly and requested a more fair approach to appointing board members.
- Dorothy Clay – spoke in favor of making Abilene a sanctuary city for the unborn.

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

Councilmember McAlister was absent for the beginning of the meeting, but came in during the public comment section.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 3-13. 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

Councilmember Hurt had a conflict of interest on item 5 and abstained from voting. A conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. The vote for item 5 was as follows:

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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 13, 2022
4. 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. 09-2022]

<i>Abilene Housing Authority</i>	
Roberta Thompson [Reappointment]	November 2023

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Amend the Airport Use Agreement with Shift Sector to Extend it One Year
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 10-2022]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from Frontier Texas! to Change their Board Bylaws
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 11-2022]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving Amendment 2 with Freese & Nichols, Inc. for the Archeological Survey of the Cedar Creek Trail
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Professional Services Contract for the Dry Polymer Feed, Sodium Hydroxide Tanks, and Grimes Evaluation Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 13-2022]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Renewal of the Water Supply Contract with the Hawley Water Supply Corporation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 14-2022]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Executing a Professional Services Contract with West Texas Occupational Corporate Health Solutions (WTX-OCHS) and Screening For Life to Conduct Annual Medical Physicals for Employees of the Abilene Fire Department
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 15-2022]

11. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-38: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a request from Exceptional Holdings LP (represented by Michael Burton) to amend terms and conditions of Planned Development District Number 122 (a.k.a. PD 122) specifically to modify the requirement for screening along or near the north and east boundaries of a tract occupied by an existing restaurant building at 3001 South Danville Drive
12. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2022-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a request from Lien Jung and Yi-Chien (represented by Jacob & Martin LLC) to change zoning from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Planned Development (PD) District allowing landscape contractor services, in addition to uses commensurate with General Retail zoning, on approximately 12.94 acres of now-vacant land at the southwest corner of Antilley Road and Fairway Oaks Boulevard in south Abilene
13. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2022-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a request from Houston Polasek (represented by Heath Polasek) to change zoning from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to a Residential Single-Family Patio Home (PH) District, on 46.25 acres of existing agricultural land at the southwest corner of Maple and East South 27th Streets in southeast Abilene

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions for the Body-Worn Camera/In-Car Video Project & Real-Time Intelligence Center Project
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Approve a Task Order with Corgan for Design and Construction Management of an Airport Terminal Interior Improvements Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 17-2022]

Don Green, Director of Transportation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Task Order with Corgan for the design and construction management of the Airport Terminal interior improvements, which include restroom upgrades, and a design refresh.

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

- David Swart – questioned if this included lighting and if so, if it will be LED lighting.

Mr. Green stated that all the lights in the terminal are currently LED lighting. The lighting aspect was part of an energy savings package with Schnieder Electric several years ago.

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. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Amend Chapter 10, Article III, "Fire Prevention Code", Division 1, Sec. 10-46 of the Abilene Municipal Code
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

17. Presentation: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing on the City of Abilene Pavement Evaluation, 2021

Max Johnson, Interim Director of Public Works, introduced Dr. Sirous Alavi with Fugro, who gave a presentation on the findings of the roadway network pavement condition study that was completed in 2021. The study showed Abilene roads had an average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 46, which is a decline from the study done in 2016 that had an average of 50. Dr. Alavi went over the different types of roads and their PCI averages, a comparison with other cities, and different budget and bond options to increase Abilene's PCI index over the next several years.

Councilmembers expressed their concerns and asked questions in regards to where our roads need to be to be able to start the maintaining process.

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

- David Swart – stated he has attended several Street Maintenance Board meetings and was told that 58 PCI is where we needed to be. Mr. Swart also spoke about his concerns with the increase in pricing in order to fix the streets.
- Charles Byrn – stated that increasing the Street Maintenance Fee or considering a bond is not what the tax payers want, and asked why we are not using concrete, as it lasts longer.
- Samuel Garcia – stated that the problem is fundamental and council should be questioning everything in this presentation. Mr. Garcia stated that we do not need another bond for streets and that he will do everything he can to oppose it.
- Cynthia Alvidrez – stated that MIP funds and ARPA funds went to fund the downtown hotel, and people need to pay attention to the fact that we are pushing projects on tax payers that they can't afford because of that.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

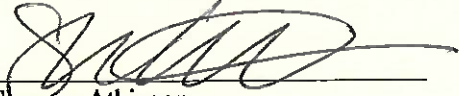
Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 9:54 a.m., pursuant to the following of the Open Meetings Act, with the following issues discussed during this session, as listed on the agenda and authorized by the noted Texas Government Code Section:

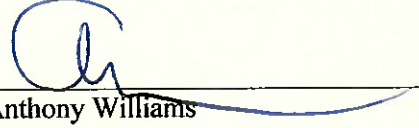
16. D. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 2. Samuel Hightower v. City of Abilene, Appeal of Temporary Suspension to Hearing Examiner
 3. Zach Williams v. City of Abilene, Appeal of Temporary Suspension to Hearing Examiner

The Executive Session ended at 10:23 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 10:09 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: February 10, 2022

