

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 24, 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 February 24, 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 City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Weldon Hurt delivered the invocation.

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

**PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-9. Item #8 was pulled for individual consideration.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 2-7 and 9. Councilmember Albus 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

2. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on February 10, 2022, and the Special Retreat Meeting Held on February 11, 2022
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. 28-2022]

<b><i>Airport Development Board</i></b>	
Steve Shinkle [New]	November 2023 [unexpired term]
Cindy Ramsay [New]	November 2024
<b><i>Board of Building Standards</i></b>	
Clay Thomas [Alternate] [New]	November 2023

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approval of Contract with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for \$85,000 for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 29-2022]

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid No. 2224 to Bontke Brothers Co. Inc., for Street Resurfacing Project Work Zones S11C and S9D  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 30-2022]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing Additional Professional Services Expenditure to Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for the 2020 Baylor Drive Lift Station Replacement Contract Management  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 31-2022]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply for the Purchase of a ThreatID GLS Spectrometer, and an R425-GN Radiological Monitor for the Abilene Fire Department  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 32-2022]
9. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2022-03: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Collective Owners of Properties Within the Subdivision Known as Airmen's Landing (Represented by Jacob & Martin LLC) to Change the Zoning from Planned Development District (PDD 160) to a Residential Medium Density (MD) District

#### ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Financing by Newark Higher Education Finance Corporation for the Benefit of Abilene Christian University and Related Matters  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 33-2022]

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

*The item was pulled by Councilmember Beard.*

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Beard stated that it is important to clarify that there are no public dollars involved in this and asked City Manager, Robert Hanna to explain. Mr. Hanna stated that this is not a city debt issuance, it just has to be approved by the CEO of the governing body. This item is a common thing we do often for education and health institutions.

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 Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (4): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, Councilmembers Beard, Albus and Hurt  
NAYS (0): None  
ABSENT (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister  
ABSTAIN (2): Mayor Williams and Councilmember Price

## REGULAR AGENDA

13. Discussion: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing on Funding for a Train Sculpture in the Front of City Hall

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. In order for the sculptor to start 1/3 of the total amount, which would be \$50,000, is required. Councilmember Albus requested the City fund that through a Chapter 380 agreement up front, that will then be repaid after she has secured all the funds needed for this sculpture.

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

Council is in agreement to move forward with this and asked Mr. Hanna to start the Chapter 380 agreement.

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 8:45 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)

1. Samuel Hightower v. City of Abilene, Appeal of Temporary Suspension to Hearing Examiner
2. Zach Williams v. City of Abilene, Appeal of Temporary Suspension to Hearing Examiner
3. Natasha Jones v. City of Abilene, Texas; EEOC Charge of Discrimination
4. Agenda Item #12 – Opioid Settlement

The Executive Session ended at 8:52 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

## REGULAR AGENDA

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving Participation in the Attorney General's Endo & Teva Opioid Settlements  
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 34-2022]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the opioid settlement agreement with the Attorney General's Office to add two additional pharmaceutical companies to our agreement.

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

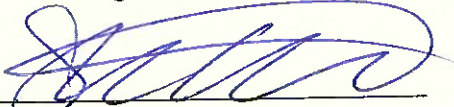
Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

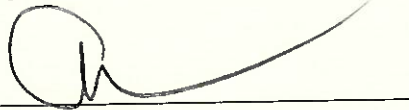
NAYS (0): None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson  
City Secretary



Anthony Williams  
Mayor

Minutes approved on: March 10, 2022

