

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 11, 2022 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 11, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt was present and presiding, along with Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Kyle McAlister and Travis Craver. Mayor Anthony Williams was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Kyle McAlister 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

- Service Awards:
 - Wyatt Robinson – 20 Years – Water Department

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt also recognized City Attorney Stanley Smith for 15 years of service.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-16. Items 12 was pulled from the agenda and item 13 was pulled for individual consideration.

Item pulled for individual consideration were as follows:

- Councilmember Price – Item #13

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public comment period. The following addressed the city council:

- Roberta Lambert – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Rebecca Geingritch – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Dorothy Clay – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Monica Warren Walker – spoke in favor of the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Karen Light – (outside City limits) spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Francisca Rodriguez – (outside City limits) spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Thomas Rodriguez – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Grace Rodriguez – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- John Paul Rodriguez – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Levi Rodriguez – (outside City limits) spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- P Ramon – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Keely Jones Sargent – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Samuel Garcia – is for the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- David Swart – spoke about the new rock signs for each of the parks and questioned how much tax payers are paying for these signs.
- Miriam Dawson – stated that the drag show that was held this past Saturday should not have been sponsored by the City Council and that the event should not have taken place at all.

- Eric Bangs – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Matthew Batten – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Carlos Quinones – stated that Pride Month and CALF are in the same month and he would like that changed.
- Carey Williams – (outside City limits) spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Ryan Goodwin – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Galen Jackson – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- James Sargent – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Alice Brown – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Rummy Batten – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Jiselle Rodriguez – (outside City limits) spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Hugh Adams – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Daniel Adams – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Dorris Warren – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Jason Hernandez Marshall – read passages from the Bible. Spoke in favor of the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Patrick Batton – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Antonio Molina Jr – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Elizabeth Powell – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Erica Batten – requested better transportation for those who are visiting their parole officers, and also spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Brandt Fisher – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Jackson Williams – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Danny Zipperich – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Kelley Schmidt – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.
- Mario Centron – spoke in opposition to the Library’s parental responsibility policy.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 3-11 and 14-16.
Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Beard had a conflict of interest on items 9 and 10 and abstained from voting on those items. Conflict of Interest Affidavits were filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary’s office. The vote for items 9 and 10 alone was:

AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus, and Councilmembers Price, McAlister, and Craver
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Beard
ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Special Workshop Meeting Held on July 27, 2022, and the Regular Meeting Held on July 28, 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. 129-2022]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ)</i>	
Charles Black [Reappointment]	August 2024
Sam Vinson [Reappointment]	August 2024
Ricardo Gutierrez [Reappointment]	August 2024
Robert Stormy Higgins [Reappointment] [Chair]	August 2024
Ben Grant [Reappointment]	August 2024

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Ordering a City of Abilene Special Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the Purpose of a Citizen Initiative to Make Abilene a Sanctuary City for the Unborn
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 130-2022]
6. Ordinance (First Reading) : Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Ordering a City of Abilene Special Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the Purpose of Amending Sections of the Charter of the City of Abilene
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Taylor County for a Special Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 131-2022]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Renewal of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Facade Improvement and Demolition Assistance Grant Programs and Committing Funds for Implementation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 132-2022]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to accept a Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 133-2022]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to accept the award of the FY22 Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG).
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 134-2022]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 135-2022]
14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid #2256 Reconstruction of EN 10th St From Treadaway Blvd to Judge Ely Blvd to Bontke Brothers, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 138-2022]

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid #2257 S 14th St. RR Tie-in to Bontke Brothers, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 139-2022]
16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving Financing for the Benefit of McMurry University and Related Matters
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 140-2022]

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding a Professional Services contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for N 5th St Traffic Signal Modificatoins
[NOT CONSIDERED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid #2255 N. 6th St. and Cypress St. Improvements to Bontke Brothers, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 137-2022]

Adoption of the item would award bid #2255 for the N. 6th St. and Cypress St. improvements to Bontke Brothers Construction.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price asked for clarification on what will happen to the fencing currently going through the street there and how will it affect the sidewalk.

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works addressed Councilmember Price's question and stated that the fence will be moved so both contractors can work in the area.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. The following addressed the city council:

- David Swart – questioned if Bontke is actually the lowest bidder on this project, or if the City is showing favoritism again with Bontke.

Robert Hanna, City Manager addressed Mr. Swart's concerns and stated that although the best value bid was used for this project, Bontke Brothers Construction was the only bidder.

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt stated that item 24 would be considered first on the regular agenda.

24. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2022-15: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Cimarron Meadows Development Corp. Represented By Jacob & Martin To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of Planned Development District Number 170 Specifically To Add Approximately 37 Acres Of Existing Residential Medium Density (MD) And Approximately 15 Acres Of Agricultural Open Space (AO) Zoning And Amending Them To Allow For 5,000 Square Foot Lots With 5 Foot Side Setbacks And 50 X 100 Foot Lot Dimensions
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 37-2022]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property to amend the terms and conditions of Planned Development District Number 170, specifically to add approximately 37 acres of existing Residential Medium Density (MD) and approximately 15 acres of Agricultural Open Space (AO) zoning, and amending them to allow for 5,000 square foot lots with 5 foot side setbacks and 50x100 foot lot dimensions.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. The following addressed the council:

- Tal Filingham – agent for the developer. Stated that the developer purchased the property and rezoned the top portion, but now they are asking to modify tract 2 to single family.
- Jack Wilson – stated that his concerns would be the increase of traffic.
- Robyn Davis – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Kenzie Goodman – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.
- Rodney Goodman – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Albert Haley – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.
- Scott McClean – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Robyn Werthiem – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Donna Reeves – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.
- Jerry Hance – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.
- Ronald Rainwater – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Sandy Rainwater – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.
- Lynn Gotschall – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.
- Russel Beard – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Jane Varner Beard – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.
- Merlin Mann – spoke in opposition to the item.
- David Swart – stated his concern with access to the area for first responders.
- Greg Brennan – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Timothy Hogue – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Paul Wertheim – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Gordon Dowell – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Karen Dotchell – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Diedre Salmon – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Niala Dominguez – spoke in opposition to the item.
- Tal Filingham – stated he would be happy to meet with any of the neighbors to clear up concerns.

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve what was originally requested by the developer with the modification of having no connection onto Lakeside Drive by either street or driveway, and a buffer fence on Lakeside Dr. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt seconded the motion; motion failed.

AYES (3): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, Councilmembers Price, and Craver

NAYS (3): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus, Councilmember Beard and McAlister
ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve what the developer asked for, but taking out all access to Lakeside Drive, and not requiring the developer to fund their half of the Lakeside Drive Improvements. It was questioned if this motion was a legal motion. City Attorney Stanley Smith stated that he did not believe it was a legal motion. Councilmember McAlister withdrew his motion.

Councilmember McAlister moved to reconsider Councilmember Price's motion. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried

AYES (4): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, and Councilmembers Price, McAlister, and Craver
NAYS (2): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus and Councilmember Beard
ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

Councilmember Price again moved to approve what was originally requested by the developer with the modification of having no connection onto Lakeside Drive by either street or driveway, and a buffer fence on Lakeside Dr. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt seconded the motion; motion carried

AYES (4): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, and Councilmembers Price, McAlister, and Craver
NAYS (2): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus and Councilmember Beard
ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

17. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action On Calling a Bond Election to be Held within the City, Making Provisions for the Conduct of the Election, and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 141-2022]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve two bond proposals to be placed on the ballot for the November 8, 2022, election.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. The following addressed the City Council:

- David Swart – stated that the city needs a great recreation center where the Sears/Chavez center is. Mr. Swart is in favor of a new fire station, and asked that it not be built too small, but built for future growth in mind.
- James Sargent – recommended proceeding with the new fire station. Mr. Sargent requested that when the new recreation centers move forward, to stagger the demolition and rebuild between the two locations, so that we can move services to another center.

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

Councilmember Beard moved to send the proposed fire station to the ballot in November, but to hold off on the other items until May. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

18. 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 18-286,

Decreased Speed Limits - School Zones," of the Abilene Municipal Code, By Amending Two (2) School Zones near Bassetti Elementary and Wylie Early Childhood Center; Adding Two (2) Existing Zones on Beltway South (FM 707); and Adding a New School Zone on Oldham Ln (FM 1750)
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 31-2022]

Max Johnson, Director of Public Works, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend Chapter 18 of the City code to amend the school zone near Bassetti Elementary and Wylie Early Childhood Center.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Councilmember McAlister

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2022-06: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Patrick Batten Represented By Rylie Batten For Approval Of A Conditional Use Permit Allowing A Group Home (A.K.A. Halfway House) On Approximately .16 Acres Of Residential Medium Density (MD) District at 1242 Orange St In North Abilene, Legal Description Being Lot 12 In Block F Of Steffens & Lowden, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 32-2022]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a conditional use permit allowing a group home or halfway house, at the above referenced location.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. The following addressed the City Council:

- Patrick Batten – applicant, stated that this home would be for individuals given a second chance to better themselves, but who are not in a position to get their own place. Mr. Batten stated that the previous owner of this home had a problem with squatters and now that Mr. Batten has purchased the property the neighborhood has improved.
- James Sargent – stated that he resides near this area and knows of the issues that they use to have. As a volunteer chaplain at the prison, Mr. Sargeant says he helps people with reentry and housing is the biggest problem with this process, so he is in favor of the item.
- Rebecca Geingritch – stated that the group that runs this runs a tight ship. The people staying there have to do what they are told and drug testing is mandatory. When someone fails, they are out of the program.
- Erika Batten – stated her family volunteers with the program. There has been many renovations to the property and every room is furnished. She is in support of this item.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

20. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2022-14: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Weatherbee Construction Represented By Jacob & Martin To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of Planned Development District Number 104 Specifically Rezone approximate 14.34 acres currently Residential Medium Density to create and add tract 6 of Planned Development District (PD- 104) and modifying PD-104 to add and allow 50' wide residential lots as a permitted use within all tracts, save and except, Lot 1, Block A (MF), Trails of Abilene Addition
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 33-2022]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Residential Medium District to create and add tract 6 of Planned Development District (PD-104), and modifying PD-104 to add and allow 50' wide residential lots as a permitted use.

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

- Clayton Farrow – agent for developer. Mr. Farrow stated this property has been zoned in this PD for several years. The widow of the owner has a desire to see this developed in a certain way and they are trying to figure out how to move forward.
- Robyn Wertheim – stated that there is different zoning everywhere and encourages changing the land development code before approving these lots. This just does not fit in the comprehensive use plan.
- Russell Beard – stated that this item should be tabled as no one understands what is being proposed as it stands currently.
- Jane Varner Beard – did not speak, but indicated their opposition to the item.

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

After discussion from Council, there was not a clear answer on what the proposal is.

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

ABSTAIN (1): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt

21. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2022-16: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Arete Interests, LLC Represented By Jacob & Martin To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of Planned Development District Number 159A Specifically To Amend The Concept Plan To Allow For More Residential Uses. Legal Description Being Lots 101-109, Block A, Parramore's Subdivision, Abilene In Taylor County, Texas
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 34-2022]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property to amend the terms and conditions of Planned Development District Number 159A, specifically to amend the concept plan to allow for more uses that are residential.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. The following addressed City Council:

- Clayton Farrow – agent for the developer. Stated that it has changed hands since the original proposal of patio homes, and that the new developer does not desire rear entry but has agreed to enclosed garages.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

22. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2022-17: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Grace Tabernacle Church Represented By Nancy Brown And Gene Dezell To Change Zoning From Residential Single Family (RS-6) To Neighborhood Retail (NR), On Approximately .62 Acres In South Abilene, Legal Description Being Lots 5-8, Block 15, Campus Addition, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 35-2022]

Tim Littlejohn, 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 Neighborhood Retail (NR).

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. The following addressed the City Council:

- Julie Ferguson – owner of the childcare center. Stated that this is a perfect building for their expansion.

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

23. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2022-18: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Sugar Agua #1 Ltd Represented By Matthew Muzechenko To Change Zoning On Approximately 7.15 Acres In Southwest Abilene From Agricultural Open (AO) To General Commercial (GC)
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 36-2022]

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

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

BUDGET ORDINANCES

25. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Revised 2021-2022 Budget
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 38-2022]

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

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

26. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 39-2022]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Mr. Rains pointed out that the only change from the first reading is the changes due to the approval of the contract with ASM Global for the convention center management. That will lower both revenues and expenditures.

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

- David Swart – stated that there was no presentation on the budget workshop on this and that Mr. Hanna said he would tell council later about the 6% salary increase and no one has heard about it. Mr. Swart stated that we are firing all the people that work at the Convention Center, so it will reduce expenditures.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt moved to approve and adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with a specified amount of \$315,562,708 for all operating funds. Councilmember McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt moved to acknowledge and ratify that the adopted budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$4,809,130, which is an 8.9% increase from last year's budget. Of that amount, \$1,251,696 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Councilmember McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

27. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving and Adopting the Proposed 2022-2023 Tax Rates
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 40-2022]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

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

- David Swart – stated he proposes to keep the tax rate the same and keep the two cents to fix the streets.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of the tax rate at \$.7621 per \$100, which is effectively a 7.1% increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

28. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving and Adopting Fees and Charges for FY 2022-2023
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 41-2022]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the fees and charges for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Williams

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Pro-tem Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 1:22 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:

No items were discussed in Executive Session.

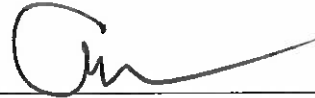
The Executive Session ended at 1:27 p.m., and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.



Kaitlin Richardson
Deputy City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: August 25, 2022