

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 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 Special Session on August 18, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Weldon Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Kyle McAlister and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Mayor Pro-tem 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 42-2022]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would order a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to amend sections of the City Charter.

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

- Thomas Anglemeyer – spoke in opposition to the potential change in the City Charter regarding gender neutral language.
- Eric Bengs – spoke in opposition to the potential change in the City Charter regarding gender neutral language.
- James Davis – did not speak, but is in opposition to the potential change in the City Charter regarding gender neutral language.
- Michael Brandt Fisher – spoke in opposition to the potential change in the City Charter regarding gender neutral language.
- James Sargent – spoke in opposition to the potential change in the City Charter regarding gender neutral language.

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

Council and Staff clarified to the public that the gender neutral language was not adding multiple genders, just making it inclusive to females too, and that this is to put it to a citizen vote only, so the public will inevitably decide.


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

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


NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.



Kaitlin Richardson
Deputy City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: August 25, 2022