

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 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 September 8, 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, Kyle McAlister and Travis Craver. Councilmember Lynn Beard was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Donna Albus delivered the invocation.

Isaac Bailey, 2nd grader at Bowie Elementary, 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:
 - Wayne Rose – 20 Years – Health Department
 - Terry Comer – 20 Years – Stormwater Services

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-16. Items 8, 14 and 15 were pulled for individual consideration.

Item pulled for individual consideration were as follows:

- Councilmember Price – Items #8, 14 & 15

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- David Swart – spoke about the recent rain we received, the senior menu that is posted online and asked for it to stay updated on the city’s website. Mr. Swart also stated that the increase in the street maintenance fee is going to hurt small businesses.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 3-7, 9-13 and 16. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember McAlister had a conflict of interest on item 9 and abstained from voting on that item. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary’s office. The vote for item 9 alone was:

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember McAlister

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Beard

- Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 25, 2022

- 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. 152-2022]

| Board | Term End Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Keep Abilene Beautiful</i> | |
| Melissa Morris [New] | September 2024 [unexpired term] |
| Deborah Williams [Reappointment] | September 2025 |
| Amy Martin [New] | September 2025 |
| Pebbles Lee [New] | September 2025 |

- Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on an Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Dyess Air Force Base and the City of Abilene, Texas for Installation Support Goods and Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 153-2022]
- Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of Three (3) Komatsu Wheel Loaders from Kirby Smith Equipment through BuyBoard Contract #597-19 for Water Distribution and Street Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 154-2022]
- Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of Two (2) Mack MD7 Trucks with Galbreath Container Handler Bodies through TIPS Cooperative, Contract # 200802 from East Texas Mack Sales, LLC for Solid Waste Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 155-2022]
- Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council FY 2023 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 157-2022]
- Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Contract with United States Geological Survey for Streamflow Monitoring Stations
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 158-2022]
- Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding the Bid for the Hamby Water Reclamation Facility Improvements Phase II Expansion
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 159-2022]
- Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding the Bid for the 30" Butterfly Valve Replacement-Grimes Booster Pump Station
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 160-2022]

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Chapter 380 Agreement with the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL)
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 161-2022]
16. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the Street Maintenance Fee Ordinance

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau FY 2023 Budget
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 156-2022]

Councilmember McAlister had a conflict 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.

Adoption of the item would approve the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price stated that the budget provided in the packet had calculation issues and he never received the final updated copy. Councilmember Price would like to table this item until the next meeting, so that Council could see the updated calculations.

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

Councilmember Price moved to table the item. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Beard

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember McAlister

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving TIRZ funding for Cypress Street Engineering and Design Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 162-2022]

Adoption of the item would approve Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone funding for Cypress Street Engineering and Design Services.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price stated he had some concerns regarding the master plan. He stated there are aspects of the design work that can be started already, such as design work on the street, arborist evaluating trees, survey work, etc. His concern is that there are mid-block cross walks on each block that are not clearly delineated in front of the Paramount Theater. He would like George Levesque to be a part of the design conversation, so that it enhances the Paramount as well.

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

- David Swart – stated that he disagrees with developing the Abilene Reporter News building into a parking lot, and that it should be a six story parking garage facility. Mr. Swart also stated his frustration that money was spent on restriping the parking spaces downtown recently.

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

Council and staff discussed the proposal. Mr. Hanna assured Council that public parking was part of the Chapter 380 Agreement for the Abilene Reporter News building.

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Beard

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Contract with Jacob Martin LLC for Cypress Street Engineering and Design Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 163-2022]

Adoption of the item would approve a contract with Jacob & Martin LLC for the Cypress Street Engineering and Design Services.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price requested to see the presentation. Will Dugger with Jacob & Martin presented the ideas for the Cypress Street renovations. The idea is to create walkability in the space, improve lighting and safety, increase wayfinding and the sense of place and identity, as well as improve the traffic flow. Cypress will become two way, with large pedestrian sidewalks on either side of the street. Traffic signals will be removed, and crosswalks will be elevated for traffic control, as well as making them more ADA compliant.

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

- David Swart – spoke about the removal of the traffic signal systems, the cost for restriping the street, as well as the lighting.

With no other 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 Williams, Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus, and Councilmembers Price, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Beard

REGULAR AGENDA

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) TC-2022-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from Griffith Lake Estates, LLC Represented by Jacob & Martin to Abandon the Entire southern portion of the Existing Scottish Road south of E. Stamford Road in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
[NOT CONSIDERED]

Due to abstentions and an absent member, this item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

18. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2022-12: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from Griffith Lake Estates Represented by Jacob & Martin, LLC to Change Zoning Of Approximately 30.7 Acres from Agricultural Open (AO) and Residential Multi-Family (MF) to Residential Multi-Family (MF) and General Commercial (GC).
[NOT CONSIDERED]

Due to abstentions and an absent member, this item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

19. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2022-19: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from Rondo Properties PTSH, Represented by Anderson Engineering Inc. to Change Zoning of Approximately .8249 Acres from Residential Single-Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC).
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 46-2022]

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 General Commercial (GC).

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. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Beard

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 9:25 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:

- 20. D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. Annual Evaluation of the City Manager
 - 2. Annual Evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge
- 20. F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
 - 1. Project Vista

The Executive Session ended at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA

20. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Annual Evaluation of the City Manager
[ORAL RESOLUTION]

Earlier in the meeting, under Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Open Meetings Act, the item was discussed during the Executive Session, which started at 9:25 a.m. and ended at 11:00 a.m. No votes or actions were taken at that time.

Mayor Williams 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 Williams, Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus, and Councilmembers Price, , McAlister, and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1) Councilmember Beard

21. Oral Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Annual Evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge
[ORAL RESOLUTION]

Earlier in the meeting, under Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Open Meetings Act, the item was discussed during the Executive Session, which started at 9:25 a.m. and ended at 11:00 a.m. No votes or actions were taken at that time.

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

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

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Beard

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: September 22, 2022