

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2023 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 February 9, 2023, 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.

Councilmember Kyle McAlister delivered the invocation.

Tahari Cross, 3rd grader at Bassetti Elementary, Ian Metcalf, 5th grader at Ward Elementary, and Mason Metcalf, 2nd grader at Ward 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:
 - Kathy Leving – 20 Years – Information Technology
 - Garry Houston – 20 Years – Water Utilities

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-11. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- David Swart – spoke about Groundhog Day and warmer weather. Mr. Swart also spoke about the “green yield” sign at the intersection at South 1st and Sayles as you turn west onto South 1st, and how many accidents have occurred there. Mr. Swart also gave Galveston Sea Food a positive review.
- Tammy Fogle – spoke about a potential issue she saw in the election poll locations.
- Cynthia Alvidrez – spoke about item #4. She is concerned on the demographics of the Abilene Housing Authority and would like to sit on a board. Ms. Alvidrez feels she has been discriminated against.

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 3-11. Councilmember Beard 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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 26, 2023

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. 18-2023]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Abilene Housing Authority</i>	
Jud Beall [Reappointment]	November 2024
Beto Carrasco [New]	November 2024

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Ordering a City of Abilene General Election to be Held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, for the Purpose of Electing Members to City Council Places 3 and 4, and Mayor
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 19-2023]
6. 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 General Election to be Held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, and Authorizing the Extension of this Contract to Cover a Runoff Election, if Needed
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-2023]
7. Resolution: R Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing The City of Abilene to Install All-way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Maple Street and S 14th Street
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 21-2023]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid #2324 Street Resurfacing Project Work zones N2A&N2B to J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-2023]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Bid #2325 Street Resurfacing Project Work zone S11B to J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 23-2023]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Jacob and Martin, LLC for the Loop 322 24" Water Line from Maple Street Pump Station to Buffalo Gap Elevated Storage Tank
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 24-2023]
11. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Adding Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2-6 to the City Code of Ordinances for the Termination of Inactive Campaign Treasurer Appointments

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending the Fees and Charges Ordinance changing the Adventure Cove Fees
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 06-2023]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the admission fees and charges for Adventure Cove with a \$1 increase across all ticket prices.

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 Craver 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

13. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending Chapter 9, "Courts," Article I, "General," Section 9-7, "Rules of Practice and Procedure," of the Abilene Code of Ordinances
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023]

Stanley Smith, City Attorney, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend and update the City Code to match state law to follow municipal court procedures and not judicial court procedures.

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 9:05 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:

- 14. D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. Board Appointments – Abilene Housing Authority
- 14. F. 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development)
 - 1. Chapter 380 Agreement with Silverthorne Properties (Agenda item #15)

The Executive Session ended at 9:12 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on entering into a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with Silverthorne Properties for 202 Cypress Street
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 25-2023]

Earlier in the meeting, under Section 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development) of the Open Meetings Act, the item was discussed during the Executive Session, which started at 9:05 a.m., and ended at 9:12 a.m. No votes or actions were taken at that time.

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Chapter 380 Economic Development agreement with Silverthorne Properties for 202 Cypress Street.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember McAlister 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

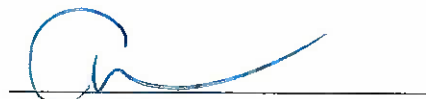
NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: February 23, 2023

