

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 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 March 23, 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 Deputy City Secretary Kaitlin Richardson.

Councilmember Lynn Beard delivered the invocation.

Kailee Nowlan-Feinsod and Juan Carlos Castillo-Nelson, both 5th graders from Ortiz Elementary 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 2-12. Item 9 was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting. No items were pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Dorothy Clay – spoke about obscene material children are being exposed to.
- Eric Bengs – spoke about the Library’s Collection Development Policy and the concerns he still has.

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 2-8 and 10-12. 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

Mayor Williams, and Councilmembers Price and McAlister had conflicts of interest on item #3 and abstained from voting on that item. Conflict of Interest Affidavits were filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary’s office. The vote for item #3 alone was:

AYES (4): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus, Councilmembers Beard and Craver

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (3): Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Price and McAlister

Councilmember Beard had a conflict of interest on item #4 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 #4 alone was:

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Councilmember Beard

2. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Special Retreat Meeting Held on March 2, 2023, and the Regular Meeting Held on March 9, 2023
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. 56-2023]
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on approving the Abilene Police Department's Child Advocacy Center seeking a grant from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG)
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 57-2023]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving an Amendment to the Services Contract with Black Plumbing, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 58-2023]
6. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-04: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From Sitzes Cleburne LP To Change Zoning From Office To PDD-180 To Allow For Self-Storage Units With A Base Zoning Of Office. Located At 1325 Hickory St.
7. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-05: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From Jerome Abor To Change Zoning Districts From Heavy Commercial To Residential Single-Family 6. Located At 626-610 N 13th St And 1314 Ash St.
8. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-06: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From GFF Texas Holdings, LLC To Change Zoning From Medium Density Residential To General Retail. Located At 715 Grape St.
10. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-08: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Request From Great Expectations LLC To Amend The Terms Of PDD-142 To Change The Base Zoning Of Tracts 2 And 3 From Neighborhood Retail And Neighborhood Office Respectively To General Retail. Located At 6856 Buffalo Gap Rd.
11. Ordinance (First Reading) TC-2023-01: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From McMurry University To Abandon Santos St. Between Hunt St. To S 18th St, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.
12. Ordinance (First Reading) TC-2023-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From Dylan Duggan To Abandon The North Half Of An Alley Located Between The 1800 Blocks Of Grand Avenue And Santos Street.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

9. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-07: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From Coffee Momma LLC To Change Zoning From PDD-128 To General Retail. Located At 705 S Judge Ely Blvd.
[NOT CONSIDERED]

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #3 Board Members from Seven (7) to Five (5) [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 14-2023]

Mayor Williams, and Councilmembers Price and McAlister had conflicts of interest on this item and left the room during deliberation. Conflict of Interest Affidavits were filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt presided over this item.

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would reduce the number of board members for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #3 from seven to five.

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

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

AYES (4): Mayor Pro-tem Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus, and Councilmembers Beard and Craver
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (3): Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Price and McAlister

14. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a proposal to adopt a new Comprehensive Plan prepared by Halff and Associates Inc. [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 15-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would adopt a new Comprehensive Plan prepared by Halff and Associates Inc. Brennan King with Halff and Associates Inc., presented the plan in detail.

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

Council discussed the item and stated their questions and concerns. Councilmember Price stated that it would be best to table this item in order for staff and the consultants to make all the changes before the final vote.

Councilmember Price moved to table the item. 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

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving a new Thoroughfare Plan [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 59-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve and adopt a new thoroughfare plan. Tim Littlejohn recommended that this item be tabled, since it coincides with the comprehensive plan that was tabled.

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

Councilmember Price moved to table this item. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 9:18 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:

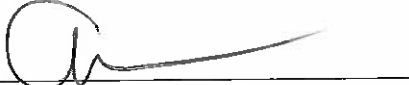
- 16. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 10. Obscenity Laws and Regulation of City Owned Property
- 16. B. 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
 - 1. 5.03 Acres at 1102 Beltway
- 16. D. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Manager

The Executive Session ended at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: April 13, 2023

