

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 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 April 13, 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 Travis Craver delivered the invocation.

Royal Downing and Braedyn Cummings, both 5th graders from Purcell Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Presentations & Proclamations:
 - Mental Health Awareness Month – accepted by William Boyd and NAMI staff members.
 - Human Trafficking and National Crime Victims’ Rights Week – accepted by Stephanie Rocha and Beyond Trafficking
 - Presentation of the 2023 Odis Dolton Good Neighbor Award to Stephanie Rocha

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:

- Samuel Garcia – spoke about excessive charges from the DCOA, including salaries and bonuses paid to staff.

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 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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on April 13, 2023
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve an Agreement with CBIZ to provide Property Appraisal Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 77-2023]

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Extreme Exteriors, LLC for the Installation of a Splash Pad at Valentine Park [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 78-2023]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manger to enter into a contract with Kreative Core Tech for project management, functional configuration assistance and technical support services to support the City's Tyler Munis Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 79-2023]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to provide the services of an Interim Director of Public Safety, perform an organizational department review and recommendation, and assist with the search and recruitment of the new Police Chief [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 80-2023]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approval of Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program Budget with HOME Program Funds for 5314 Durango Drive [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 81-2023]
9. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-09: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a request from Rolling Plains EV Stations LLC to change zoning of approximately 826 acres of land located at 5502 Spinks Road from Agricultural Open to Planned Development (PD-181)
10. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-10: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a request from Bridgestone Bandag, LLC to change zoning from Agricultural Open (AO) to Heavy Industrial (HI), located at 4678 FM 18
11. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-12: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a request from KPLB LLC to amend the terms of PDD-155. More specifically, this request is to change the base zoning of the north three hundred feet of this PD from Neighborhood Office (NO) to Neighborhood Retail (NR), located on the 4600 Block of Antilley Road

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Approval of a Single-Family Reconstruction Program contract with HOME Program Funds for 1317 Mesquite [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 82-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a rehabilitation project at 1317 Mesquite Street.

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

Because the two bidders on this project were for the exact same dollar amount, according to State law, Council must draw a name from a lot to award the bid. Deputy City Secretary Kaitlin Richardson brought two cards forward to Mayor Williams, one with each of the contractor's names on the back. Mayor Williams chose the card for Rick's Construction.

Mayor Pro-tem Hurt moved to approve award the bid to Rick's Construction. 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

13. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Issuance of City of Abilene, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023 for Street Projects
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 23-2023]

Mike Rains, Finance Director, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the Certificates of Obligations for the Cypress Street Streetscape Project. George Williford, with Hilltop Securities, brought Council a book with pricing information, and reviewed that in detail. Mr. Hanna also discussed how these bonds will be paid back, using TIRZ revenue.

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

- Ryan Goodwin – requested the information that Council is voting on be made available to the public in advance of the meeting. Mr. Goodwin likes the TIRZ funding.
 - Mayor Williams explained the forecasting process. Mr. Hanna added that the information in the binder is simply the debt information and numbers, and spoke about how this process works.

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

Councilmember Beard moved for approval of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Abilene, Texas, combination tax and limited surplus revenue certificates of obligation, series 2023 for street projects. 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

14. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of City of Abilene, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023 for Fire Department Projects
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2023]

Mike Rains, Finance Director, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the General Obligation bonds for the construction of Fire Station Number 9, approved by voters in November 2022.

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

Councilmember Price moved for approval of the of the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Abilene, Texas General Obligation Bonds, series 2023 for Fire Department Projects. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 9:12 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:

- 15. B. 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
 - 1. Solar Project at Hamby WRF
- 15. D. 551.076 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Manager

The Executive Session ended at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

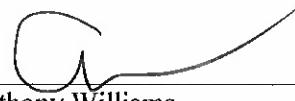
Mayor Williams recognized City Secretary Shawna Atkinson for Administrative Professionals Day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



Kaitlin Richardson
Deputy City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: May 11, 2023