

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 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 May 11, 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, Kyle McAlister, and Travis Craver. Councilmember Lynn Beard was absent. Also present were Deputy City Manager Mindy Patterson, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and Deputy City Secretary Kaitlin Richardson.

Councilmember Kyle McAlister delivered the invocation.

Olivia Rienard, 3rd grader at Wylie West 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:
 - National Travel & Tourism Week – accepted by the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau Staff
 - Be Kind to Animals Week – accepted by All Kind Animal Initiative
 - Bicycle Awareness Month and Ride of Silence – accepted by E’Lisa Smentana and the MPO Board
 - Mayor Williams recognized Municipal Court Judge Chace Craig and his recognition and selection to help with the State Supreme Court.

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:

- Helen Usera –recognized Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus in all she has done for the city and stated what an asset she has been.
- Tammy Fogle – spoke about the sanctuary city ordinance and the petition process. She also spoke about the election and how she believes that citizens feel their voice isn’t heard.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 3-11. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt 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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on April 27, 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. 83-2023]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Abilene Housing Authority</i>	
Celestine Dangherly [New]	November 2024
<i>Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District Board</i>	
Tim Farrar [New]	November 2023 [unexpired term]
Garrett Turner [New]	November 2023 [unexpired term]
<i>Keep Abilene Beautiful</i>	
Sieve Stovall [New]	September 2025 [unexpired term]
<i>Senior Citizens Advisory Board</i>	
Deborah Williams [Reappointment]	May 2025
Joe Lopez [Reappointment]	May 2025
Sydnye Moore [Reappointment]	May 2025
<i>Visual Arts</i>	
Mike Warren [Reappointment]	May 2026
Pam Tippen [Reappointment]	May 2026

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Award a Contract for Capital Projects Implementation Service Consultant (CB-2342).
 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 84-2023]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve the implementation of Passenger Facility Charge Application #4 at Abilene Regional Airport
 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 85-2023]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to approve an Operating Agreement with Turo, Inc. to enable a Peer to Peer Vehicle Sharing Service at Abilene Regional Airport
 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 86-2023]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Executing a Professional Services Contracts with West Texas Occupational Corporate Health Solutions (WTX-OCHS) and Screening For Life to Conduct Annual Medical Physicals for Employees of the Abilene Fire Department
 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 87-2023]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s Application to Amend it's Distribution Cost Recovery Factors to Increase Distribution Rates Within the City Should be Denied; Authorizing Participation with the Cities Served by AEP Texas; Authorizing Hiring of Legal Counsel; Finding that the City's Reasonable Rate Case Expenses Shall Be Reimbursed by the Company; Finding that the Meeting at Which This Resolution is Passed is Open to the Public as Required by Law; Requiring Notice of this Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel
 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 88-2023]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action authorizing an application for the State of Texas Department of Transportation 2023 Alternative (TA) Program call for projects for the Old Anson Road Walkability Project (West Stamford Street to Ambler Avenue)
 [ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 89-2023]

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Jacob and Martin, LLC for the Design of Fire Station #9
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 88-2023]

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-09: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Rolling Plains EV Stations LLC to change zoning of approximately 783 acres of land located at 5502 Spinks Road from Agriculture Open to Planned Development (PD-181)
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced location from Agriculture Open Space (AO) to Planned Development (PD-181).

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

- Andy Schonert – represents Lancium. Mr. Schonert wanted to ensure everyone that they are taking the necessary precautions when handling hazardous chemicals the business works with, and they will be good stewards of the resources provided to them.
- Charles Baucum – lives next door to the property and is against this item. He stated that the neighboring properties are agricultural and he believes this will do more harm than good for them.
- Esponse Ellison –Project Manager with Lancium. Stated that if anyone has a concern they can submit those online via their website and the concerns will be addressed.

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

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price 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

13. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-10: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on a request from Bridgestone Bandag, LLC to change zoning from Agriculture Open (AO) to Heavy Industrial (HI), located at 4678 FM 18
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Agriculture Open Space (AO) to Heavy Industrial (HI).

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 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

14. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-12: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, 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
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 27-2023]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Neighborhood Office (NO) to Neighborhood Retail (NR).

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

- Tal Filligham – agent for the property owner, stated that the property has been developed to some extent already. The neighboring properties have all been rezoned and they believe it is appropriate to rezone this property the same way.

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Hurt 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 stated there were no items to discuss during Executive Session, therefore it was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Price reminded everyone about the reception for incoming and outgoing Council on May 15th.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Albus and Mayor Williams both thanked everyone for allowing them to serve and gave best wishes for the future Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: May 25, 2023