

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE, APPOINTING MEMBERS, ESTABLISHING A CHARGE AND SCOPE FOR THEIR WORK, SETTING A SUNSET DATE.

WHEREAS, the health of a community's downtown is critical to the cultural and economic wellbeing of a community; and

WHEREAS, for many years the City of Abilene has seen an increase in community assistance and private sector development and redevelopment of the downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Abilene Industrial Foundation, the Diane Graves Owens Foundation, the Dodge Jones Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Abilene have worked cooperatively in the recent past to develop a vision for Abilene's Downtown; and

WHEREAS, it is now time to develop an implementation plan for this vision.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Part 1. That the City Council hereby establishes the Mayor's Downtown Task Force, for the purposes and guidelines set forth below, and that its first meeting shall be held within one month of its establishment.

Part 2. That the City Council hereby appoints the following voting members of the Downtown Task Force:

Erma Rodriguez
Alex Russell
Regi McCabe
Sarah Carlson
Scott Duesser
Gary McCaleb
Yvonne Batts

Part 3. That the non-voting members of the Downtown Task Force are as follows:

Mike Warrix
Steve Dietrichs

Part 4. That the Downtown Task Force is charged with studying the September 2017 Center City Growth and Development Plan (the "Plan"), and identifying ways to implement the Plan. In addition, the Task Force will work with the City of Abilene to study and recommend the realignment of on-street parking in the downtown area, with the aim of increasing the number of parking spaces. This may include the recommendation to reduce the number of drive lanes. The Task Force shall also review the 1-hour, 2-hour and meter no-parking zones and make recommendations for changes, if any. The Task Force shall also explore and develop structured parking improvement recommendations. Finally, the Downtown Task Force may explore ways to brand and market the Abilene Downtown.

Part 5. That the Downtown Task Force shall automatically sunset 18 months after its first meeting. In the event its work is not complete, the Task Force may request a 6 month extension. The Downtown Task Force will make a formal presentation to the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission at the conclusion of its work. This presentation will be its official work product and shall contain their recommendations and strategies to implement the Plan, and to address downtown parking constraints.

Part 6. That the Downtown Task Force shall elect a chair and vice chair at its first meeting and shall use the Council's Rules of Procedure for parliamentary guidelines, and it shall comply with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTED this the 28th day of February, 2019.

ATTEST:


Rosa Rios, City Secretary


Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED:

Stanley Smith, City Attorney

