

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS CREATING THE MAYOR'S ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT TASK FORCE, AND ESTABLISHING A CHARGE AND SCOPE FOR THEIR WORK

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene's Downtown Central Business District and the South of Downtown Abilene (SoDA) District have seen remarkable growth and development in recent years due to the involvement of Private Developers and the City of Abilene; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene seeks to find ways to continue the revitalization of the downtown areas and incentivize private developers to invest in downtown Abilene; and

WHEREAS, the Abilene City Council, in an effort to accomplish this goal of continued revitalization of downtown Abilene, hereby creates the Mayor's Entertainment District Task Force to appoint citizens of Abilene to help realize this revitalization.

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 Entertainment District 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 Task Force shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members. The Mayor and each Council Member will each appoint a voting member to the Task Force, subject to final approval by the City Council. All voting members shall be residents of the City of Abilene, and may have a vested interest in the revitalization of downtown Abilene. Voting members shall serve one-year terms and may be reappointed for successive terms. All voting members are subject to removal by the City Council. The Mayor shall name the Chairperson of the Task Force.
- Part 3. That the Director of Planning and Development Services, or his or her designee, shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Task Force and may act in an advisory capacity to the Board.
- Part 4. That the Entertainment District Task Force is charged with studying and reviewing options to create an downtown entertainment district, which includes allowing off premise consumption of alcohol within the district and addresses land development regulations that limit or prohibit private developer's efforts to revitalize the district.
- Part 5. The Entertainment District 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 regarding the creation of a downtown entertainment district and allowing off premise alcohol consumption in the district.
- Part 6. That the Entertainment District Task Force shall use the Council's Rules of Procedure for parliamentary guidelines, and it shall comply with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Part 7. That this Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:



Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED:



Stanley Smith, City Attorney