

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 26, 2026 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 26, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Brian Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Blaise Regan, and Councilmembers Shane Price Lynn Beard, Travis Craver, and Miguel Espinoza. Present were City Manager Emily Crawford, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson

Mayor Pro-tem Brian Yates led the invocation.

Nellie Hardaway and Mary Liz Alexander, both fifth graders at Austin Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dyess Airmen Exceptional Performance Recognition:
 - Master Sergeant Claudio Castillo
 - Captain Alexandra McIntosh
- Proclamations:
 - Emergency Preparedness Month – accepted by Angela Baker from the Office of Emergency Management

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 4-19. Items 11 and 13 were pulled for individual consideration.

Item(s) pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 11 – Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan
- Item 13 – Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following addressed the City Council:

- Nicholas Mendoza
- Jarrod Crockett
- Samuel Garcia
- Riley Rodriquez
- Anthony Archuleta
- Tammy Fogle

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Yates moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 4-10, 12, and 14-19. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Craver and Espinoza
NAYS (0): None

4. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on March 12, 2026
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve Amendment 2 to the Agreement with Transdev, U.S. for Transit Management Services
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 57-2026]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Commissioning of Christopher Robin and his Door, Owl and Owl House, Eeyore's House
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 58-2026]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Accepting the Benches in Adamson-Spalding and Clear Fork Bank Storybook Gardens, and Along Cypress Street
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 59-2026]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Abilene Cultural Affairs Council and Adding a Mural to the Sidewalk at Clear Fork Bank Storybook Garden
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 60-2026]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with CS Advantage USAA Inc. for the Roof Replacement at Maxwell Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 61-2026]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Services Contract with Atlas Copco Compressor Services for Maintenance and Repair of Air Compressors at the Hamby Water Reclamation Facility and Hargesheimer Water Treatment Plant
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 62-2026]
12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering into Seven Economic Development Agreements with Thornton Customs Homes as Part of the Rebuild Abi Program
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 64-2026]
14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering into a Economic Development Agreement with Continued Growth Alliance LLC for 2041 S 20th St.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 66-2026]
15. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2026-04: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Apply A Conditional Use Permit To A Property To Allow Outdoor Recreational Activities (Pickleball Courts). Located At 1200 Ruswood Dr.
16. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-08: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 0.074 Acres from Residential Single Family (RS-6) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 1366 Portland Avenue.

17. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2026-09: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from the Owner to Change the Zoning of Approximately 6.82 Acres from Residential Single-Family (RS-6), Mobile/Manufactured Home (MH), Light Industrial (LI), and General Commercial (GC) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning. Located at 650 N. 18th Street
18. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Ordinance 58-2022 and Establishing a New End Date for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #3 District
19. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 28, "Solicitations", of the Code of Ordinances, Article II - "Permit", Section 28-17 "Issuance"

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the First Amendment to the Water Supply Contract with Hamby Water Supply Corporation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 63-2026]

Having pulled the item, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan wanted clarification as to why this is being requested so that the public can understand. Matthew Dane, Director of Water Utilities, presented the item and stated this would help offset the housing burden we are currently experiencing. Adoption of the item would approve the water supply contract with Hamby Water Supply Corporation.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke on the item:

- Tammy Fogle
- Riley Rodriquez

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Craver and Espinoza
NAYS (0): None

13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving an Updated Project Plan, Updated Facade and Demolition Grants and Sidewalk Grant for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #2 District
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 65-2026]

Having pulled the item Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan asked for an explanation on what a TIRZ is. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager, explained that a TIRZ is a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and went through the details of the TIRZ board recommendations. Adoption of the item would approve the updated project plan, updated facade and demolition grants, and sidewalk grant for TIRZ #2.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke on the item:

- Riley Rodriquez
- Tammy Fogle

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

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Craver and Espinoza

NAYS (0): None

REGULAR AGENDA

20. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending the FY26 Fee Schedule for Cypress Plaza and Recreation Centers
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2026]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve rental fees for Cypress Plaza, Cesear Chavez and GV Daniels Recreation Centers.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in opposition to the item:

- Riley Rodriguez
- Tammy Fogle
- Andrew Piersall

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

Council would like to see a membership fee added for those outside the City limits using these facilities at an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Craver and Espinoza

NAYS (0): None

21. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action to Consider and Adopt Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of City of Abilene, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, For Water System Improvements; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and Providing for the Security for and Payment Of such Certificates; Providing an Effective Date; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would authorize the issuance of Certificates of Obligation for water system improvements. Ms. Knight introduced George Williford from Hilltop Securities, who went over the financial details and specifics.

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Craver and Espinoza

NAYS (0): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 10:07 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:

- 22.A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. Fire Meet & Confer Contract
 - 2. Texas LCG Section 143
 - 3. Hotel Pricing
 - 4. Recreation Center Naming
- 22. D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Manager 6 Month Evaluation

The Executive Session ended at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA – END

- 24. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Meet & Confer Agreement with the Abilene Professional Fire Fighters Association
[DENIED]

Emily Crawford, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Meet & Confer agreement with the Abilene Professional Fire Fighters Association.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in favor of the item:

- Jarrod Crockett
- Colton Black
- Tammy Fogle

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

Mayor Pro-tem Yates moved to deny the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Yates, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Regan, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Craver and Espinoza
NAYS (0): None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.


Shawna Atkinson
Mayor City Secretary


Weldon Hurt

Minutes approved on: April 9, 2026