

AGENDA REPORT

March 12, 2018

TO: Abilene City Commission
FROM: Austin Gilley, City Manager
RE: **City Manager's notes to accompany agenda**

PURPOSE

This report is intended to provide brief summaries of each agenda item with staff input to assist in the deliberation, discussion, and decision of each agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda is a meeting tool to allow for the approval with one vote items that are routine business, non-controversial, or do not require debate by the Commission. Any item may be removed from this list to be discussed further by a separate motion and vote. The minutes from the previous meeting are a standing agenda item here.

- Only routine minutes and agenda approval for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. March for Meals Month Proclamation

This proclamation is requested by Karla Riekeman of the Abilene Senior Center. (The League's Governing Body Handbook provides that proclamations are a local custom and are "usually issued by the Mayor and are intended to focus the thinking of the people on a given subject for a specified time.")

AGENDA

8. 2019 Budget: Projects and Priorities

At the study session, there was consensus for each Commissioner to rank the priorities individually then discuss collectively. Included in the packet on page 5 is the ranking worksheet. If everyone can return the completed form to City Hall by Friday, March 16, 2018, I will compile the results for discussion at the next study session. This information will help guide a draft Capital Improvement Plan, 2019 capital expense budgeting, and the allocation of resources to the Commission's top priorities.

9. Board appointment ordinance

To avoid any confusion, staff recommended we separate the ordinance for the timing of board appointments from the Mayor/Vice selection ordinance. In the past and this year, all board appointments occur in May, which aligned with the local election calendar. Now that elections occur in November with Commissioners taking seats in January, staff is recommending all appointments move to January. This ordinance amends the policy to reflect that.



10. Mayor/Vice Mayor selection ordinance

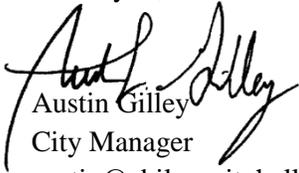
At the last Commission meeting, the Commission voted 4-1 or 3-2 or 3-1-1 to direct staff to draft an ordinance creating a succession plan for the Mayor selection process. At the last study session, Mayor Tim Shafer asked staff to draft an alternative ordinance to continue with current policy but require the selection to occur in January. Copies of both draft ordinances are in the packet.

OTHER INFORMATION

Payroll and Accounts Payable (p. 9)

These reports are provided as information with each meeting agenda.

Thank you,



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