

NOTICE OF STUDY SESSION

For Abilene City Commission
4 p.m. April 17, 2018
Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Building
419 N. Broadway Avenue, Abilene, Kansas

TO: Abilene City Commission
FROM: Austin Gilley, City Manager

PURPOSE

The City Commission's Study Sessions are for the purpose of providing the Commission the opportunity to study items in more detail. The City Manager is responsible for setting the items for study, determining speakers, staff attendance, and helping to managing the discussion.

OPEN FORUM

I will not be in attendance at this session due to my attending training. Planning Director James Holland will be facilitating this session. There will be no open forum at this session.

STUDY ITEMS

- **Code Enforcement Program – “Make a Difference Week”:** The Commission identified the City's code enforcement program as a priority. The overall service is multifaceted. I have asked Planning Director James Holland to start pricing case management software, and I will be asking the City Attorney to provide a review of policies and recommendations associated with the City's approach to handling code compliance. In addition to these reactive enforcement measures, the City is pursuing a proactive and helpful approach of establishing an assistance program in conjunction with the community's annual “Make a Difference Week.” Mr. Holland will review the details of how this program will work. While no formal action will be necessary, staff needs your input to make it a successful program and your assistance encouraging participation will be critical to the overall success.
- **Emerald Ash Borer Plan:** Tree board member John Barbur plans to attend the study session to discuss in detail the Emerald Ash Borer issue and possible strategies for addressing the problem. The City has some handouts, an identification kit from Michigan State University, and a sample management plan from the City of Lenexa – all of which will be available at the study session. The Commission identified this topic as a priority, and the objective now will be for us to identify some potential next steps that we will need to incorporate into our 2019 budget plan discussion.

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