



CITY OF ANGLETON
ANGLETON BETTER LIVING CORPORATION MINUTES
120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 AT 5:30 PM

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON BETTER LIVING CORPORATION IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE ANGLETON BETTER LIVING CORPORATION OF ANGLETON, TEXAS CONVENED IN A MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Director Townsend called the Angleton Better Living Corporation meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair Wright (arrived at 5:34 p.m.)
Director Travis Townsend
Director Blaine Smith
Director Gary Dickey
Director William Jackson (arrived at 5:38 p.m.)
Director Rachel Ritter
Director Johnny Voss

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Angleton Better Living Corporation meeting of September 16, 2024.

Upon a motion by Director Voss and seconded by Director Smith Angleton Better Living Corporation approved the minutes of the Angleton Better Living Corporation meeting of September 16, 2024. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. Chair Wright and Director Jackson were absent.

2. Discussion and possible action on natatorium hours of operation and lifeguard staffing.

The presentation was provided by Jason O'Mara, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. Mr. O'Mara stated that at the Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) meeting on September 16, 2024, staff presented the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget for consideration for approval. A key item was the proposed increase in lifeguard staff to address safety and risk management concerns related to water coverage and the operation of the waterslide. While ABLC approved this request, the board requested that staff evaluate options to reduce the budget impact for future consideration. To provide context for these discussions, Mr. O'Mara discussed the current zones of

coverage, which require four lifeguards on stands and one lifeguard as the “down guard”, or rotating guard, to allow a break from eye fatigue. These placements are strategic to maximize visibility and response capabilities, adhering to the 10/20 rule. The 10/20 rule is an industry-standard that ensures that lifeguards can scan their assigned zones within 10 seconds and reach a swimmer in distress within 20 seconds. Due to the design of the pool, including multiple walls and blind spots, this level of coverage is necessary to meet safety standards. Additionally, the Operations and Maintenance Manual from WhiteWater Industries, the water slide manufacturer, specifies: Section 2.1 (Top of the Slide): Each water slide must be supervised by at least one attendant with continuous and direct supervision of the area and Section 2.2 (Splash Pool): Each splash pool must be supervised by at least one certified lifeguard with continuous and direct supervision of the area. Mr. O’Mara presented Council with an Attendance Data Analysis that examined weekday morning attendance at the Angleton Recreation Center natatorium during the fiscal year 2023-2024. The data was utilized to evaluate options and support recommendations for reducing operating hours. He highlighted that evening operating hours were previously reviewed by the board on June 16, 2024, with a recommendation to adjust the closing time from 8:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This recommendation was approved by the ABLC and implemented on October 1, 2024. To address the board’s request, staff developed the following cost-saving options: 1. Reduce morning hours for a total savings of \$14,573 by opening the pool at 6:30 AM Monday through Friday year-round instead of earlier and reduces staffing to five lifeguards, five days per week, for 52 weeks; 2. Reduce peak season by three weeks for a total savings of \$6,500 by ending the peak season August 15th or the second weekend in August, rather than extending to Labor Day which reduces staffing for lifeguards from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for three weeks; 3. Eliminate the morning slide attendant for weekday mornings for the non-peak season for a total savings of \$5,184; 4. Reduce pool evening schedule during non-peak season by limiting evening pool hours to Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the non-peak season for a total savings of \$21,175; 5. Close the pool on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the non-peak season (fall/winter) to reduce staffing for five lifeguards and one slide lifeguard by two days per week for 37 weeks for a total savings of \$30,070; 6. Close the pool on 11 holidays annually to reduce staffing by one aquatic assistant, five lifeguards, and one slide attendant from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on those days. Staff feels confident in moving forward with cost-saving recommendations numbers one, two, and three. Reducing hours in the morning or evening will impact, and potentially eliminate, different user groups, for example, families utilize the pool in the evening, and retirees and shift workers utilize the pool in the mornings. If consideration is given to cost-saving recommendations numbers four, five, and six, staff recommends Angleton Recreation Center members be notified in advance and allowed to express concerns. Additionally, a fee study is being conducted city-wide for permits and user fees. Fee study outcomes may suggest an increase in membership pricing which could help offset the increase in lifeguard coverage and associated costs. Staff plans to reassess pool coverage requirements following the installation of the new natatorium play feature. While not guaranteed, the new design may enhance visibility and potentially allow for reduced

staffing levels. Director Townsend stated he would like staff to look into closing the pool one day during the week. Chair Wright stated concerns over not having consistency by changing the hours too frequently and making all the changes at one time. Director Dickey stated that he would like to see stakeholder input on options four through six. Chair Wright stated that he would like to see the math spelled out on the numbers and an analysis on the entire recreation center.

Chair Wright and Director Jackson arrived to the meeting during this item.

Upon a motion by Director Townsend and seconded by Director Dickey Angleton Better Living Corporation *tabled* this item until the next meeting. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote. Director Ritter was absent for the vote.

3. Discussion on CIP priorities for Parks, Recreation, Angleton Recreation Center, and Angleton Better Living Corporation divisions and parkland dedication spending for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Megan Mainer, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the item. Ms. Mainer stated that staff has prepared a preliminary capital outlay and capital improvement projects for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Staff is seeking the Angleton Better Living Corporation's input on the preliminary capital improvement projects for Parks, Recreation, Angleton Recreation Center (ARC), and Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) divisions and parkland dedication spending plan for fiscal year 2024-2025 as it relates to the Parks & Recreation Master and Strategic Plan. ABLC projects approved in the fiscal year 2024-2025 include: design development, construction documents, bidding, and construction administration for Freedom Park passive area; \$2,000,000 allowance to use for Abigail Arias Park; \$900,000 allowance to use for Freedom Park Active Area; \$350,000 allowance to use for Texian Trail Drainage; \$500,000 allowance to use for the ARC; and \$150,000 to be used for ARC Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant from contingency (if not awarded the grant, funds will not be utilized for improvements), Parkland projects approved in the fiscal year 2024-2025 include: Freedom Park Shade Canopy at \$16,200; Bates Park Gift Deed at \$9,005.33 for closing costs; Dickey Park Land Acquisition at \$1,000 (earnest money); Downing Tennis Court at a price to be determined (paint over lines and new signage); and Bates Park Pickleball Courts at \$43,500 (four dedicated pickleball courts). Funds available to date in parkland dedication accounts amount to \$285,293.82. Staff recently learned funds could be utilized for park design development documents which could aid in the future design of Bates and Dickey Park, Veterans Park, Reuben Welch Park, BG Peck Soccer Complex, Officer Cash Memorial Dog Park, Masterson Park, and Brushy Bayou Park. Additionally, the City of Angleton's parkland dedication extends into the extraterritorial jurisdiction per Chapter 23 – Land Development Code Section 23-20. B.1. of the City of Angleton Code of Ordinances.

No action was taken.ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

These minutes were approved by Angleton Better Living Corporation on this the 18th day of February 2025.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

John Wright
Chair

ATTEST:

Michelle Perez, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary