

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **March 14, 2024**, at 6:03 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted, at the Gonzales Municipal Building, giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof. The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at [www.gonzales.texas.gov](http://www.gonzales.texas.gov).

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherry Koepp	Council Member, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Council Member, District 3	Absent
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Present

**STAFF PARTICIPATING:**

Tim Crow-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Tammy West-Police Lt., Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director, and Marland Mercer-Wastewater Superintendent.

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Event-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-None
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Dee Senglemann spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee regarding the Jim Price Cleanup.

Lauren Kridler, VP of the Chamber of Commerce Board and Crissy Filla, Chamber of Commerce Board member spoke in favor of the Chamber Agreement.

Doug Zelkowski of White Trash Services spoke regarding the Solid Waste Collection agenda item and their desire to provide information on the services that White Trash Services provides.

Christina Arias of Kingdom Rescue spoke in favor of the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance and informed the Council about the Come & Chip It Event scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 p.m. at 505 St. Francis.

**STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

3.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:

- Financial Reports for funds as of February 29, 2024
- Cash & Investment by Fund as of February 29, 2024

No questions were asked regarding the report.

3.2 City Manager, Tim Crow updated the City Council on the following:

- Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
  - Recently Completed Projects
  - Projects Currently in Process
  - Upcoming Projects

No questions were asked regarding the report.

#### **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council convened into closed session at 6:32 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

1.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1) to include the following matters:

A) TXGN-2022-6

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Council convened into open session at 6:53 p.m.

2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action regarding matters discussed in closed session, and/or other actions necessary or recommended related to such discussions in closed session

No action was taken resulting from closed session.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Councilmember.

4.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and February 27, 2024 Workshop

4.2 Certification of Unopposed Candidate and Order of Cancellation:  
Council District 1-Joseph Kridler

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-16** Authorizing the use of City Property for the 2024 Jim Price Clean Up on April 20, 2024
- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-17** Authorizing designated street closures of the 400 Block of St. John Street for the Sacred Heart Church Festival on June 1, 2024
- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-18** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Jay Hilscher DBA Lone Star Relays, LLC. for the designated street closures and consumption of alcohol on public property for the Texas Independence Relay on March 23, 2024
- 4.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-19** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, a Type B Economic Development Corporation, and a non-profit corporation, and Gonzales Main Street, Inc concerning improvements to the Main Street District
- 4.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-20** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, a Type B Economic Development Corporation, and a Non-Profit Corporation, and Next Concept Motorsports, generally located at 1839 St Lawrence St, Gonzales, Texas
- 4.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-21** Approving a Contract for Services Agreement to Provide Consulting and related services by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and The Retail Coach
- 4.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-22** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Five (5) Year Substation Inspection, Maintenance and Testing Agreement with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

**ACTION: Items 4.1 through 4.9**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda Items 4.1 through 4.9. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**RESOLUTION**

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Solicit Proposals for Municipal Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling services in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Item 5.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to postpone **Resolution #2024-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Solicit Proposals for Municipal Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling services in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 5.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-24** Authorizing the appointments to the Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau and Main Street Advisory Board

**ACTION: Item 5.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-24** Authorizing the appointment of Donald Page to the Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau and Del De Los Santos and Keith Berger to the Main Street Advisory Board. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 5.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-25** Accepting the Proposal and Awarding the Contract to LSPS Solutions, LLC. to Develop an Inventory of Water Service Lines and Compiling Data to comply with the USEPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions issued on January 15, 2021

**ACTION: Item 5.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-25** Accepting the Proposal and Awarding the Contract to LSPS Solutions, LLC. to Develop an Inventory of Water Service Lines and Compiling Data to comply with the USEPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions issued on January 15, 2021. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 5.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-26** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amended Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Visitor Information Center

**ACTION: Item 5.4**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Miller moved to postpone **Resolution #2024-26** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amended Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Visitor Information Center. The motion died due to a lack of second. The Mayor asked for another motion. Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-26** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amended Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Visitor Information Center. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Koepp, Kridler and Sucher. Against: Miller. The motion passed 3 to 1.

- 5.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-27** Approving Work Order #75 in the amount of \$69,750 for Engineering, Surveying, CMT and Construction Administration Services for the 2024 Street Improvement Projects

**ACTION: Item 5.5**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-27** Approving Work Order #75 in the amount of \$69,750 for Engineering, Surveying, CMT and Construction Administration Services for the 2024 Street Improvement Projects. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-28** Authorizing the City Manager to submit, and accept if awarded, an application and associated documents to the Office of the Governor, for up to \$80,000 in Operation Lone Star Grant Funds, for the Purchase of License Plate Readers and overtime for the Gonzales Police Department Officers and Dispatchers

### **ACTION: Item 6.1**

**APPROVED**

**Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing for the following item at 7:22 p.m:**

No public comments

Kristina Vega delivered the grant presentation.

**Mayor Sucher closed the public hearings at 7:26 p.m.**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-28** Authorizing the City Manager to submit, and accept if awarded, an application and associated documents to the Office of the Governor, for up to \$80,000 in Operation Lone Star Grant Funds, for the Purchase of License Plate Readers and overtime for the Gonzales Police Department Officers and Dispatchers. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 6.2 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-29** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for \$2,999,400 in CDBG-MIT grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements to Mitigate the Impact of Future Flooding Events

### **ACTION: Item 6.2**

**APPROVED**

**Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing for the following item at 7:26 p.m:**

No public comments

Kristina Vega delivered the grant presentation.

**Mayor Sucher closed the public hearings at 7:30 p.m.**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-29** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for \$2,999,400 in CDBG-MIT grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements to Mitigate the Impact of Future Flooding Events. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 6.3 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-30** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for grant funding, not to exceed \$200,000, to the

Resilient Communities Program (RCP) for the update of the City of Gonzales Comprehensive Plan

**ACTION: Item 6.3**

**APPROVED**

**Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing for the following item at 7:30 p.m:**

No public comments

Kristina Vega delivered the grant presentation.

**Mayor Sucher closed the public hearings at 7:34 p.m.**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2024-30** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for grant funding, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Resilient Communities Program (RCP) for the update of the City of Gonzales Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**ORDINANCE**

7.1 Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-7** Amending Chapter 2 Animal Control of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances

**ACTION: Item 7.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-7** Amending Chapter 2 Animal Control of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

7.2 Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-8** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Sections 4.401, 14.201, 14.403, 14.404, 14.604, and Sections 6.701 through 6.710 regarding mobile food vending and mobile food vending courts

**ACTION: Item 7.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-8** Authorizing amendments to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances Sections 4.401, 14.201, 14.403, 14.404, 14.604, and Sections 6.701 through 6.710 regarding mobile food vending and mobile food vending courts. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda. Council member Kridler asked that going put for bids for garbage disposal services be brought back at a later date.
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers- Mayor Sucher acknowledged the Proclamation for the Pilot International Club of Gonzales' Brain Health and Awareness

Week. Mayor Sucher read parts of a letter that was received from Jacob Cunningham of Spring, Texas in reference to Jacob's desire to learn more about the history of Gonzales, Texas.


- City and community events attended and to be attended- none
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended- none

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Council Member Kridler and second by Council Member Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

  
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Mayor, S.H. Sucher