

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **May 14, 2024**, at 6:00 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.

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.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherri Koepp	Outgoing-Council Member, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Present
Mariah Jordan	Incoming-Council Member, District 2	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tim Crow-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Tammy West-Police Lt., Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director, Susan Sankey-Economic Development Director, and Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Operations Manager.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Event-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager-None
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-Mayor Sucher acknowledged the elected officials that are in the present; Bob Burchard, past elected County Attorney, Connie Kacir, past elected City Mayor and Honorable Judge Pat Davis for the County of Gonzales. Mayor Sucher acknowledged special guests present in the audience, his sister Meredith and her husband Doug, visiting out of Alexandria Virginia
- Recognition of actions by City employees-None
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-None

ACTION ITEMS

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-42** Canvassing the Returns and Officially declaring the results of the May 4, 2024, City of Gonzales General Election

ACTION: Item 2.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-42** Canvassing the Returns and Officially declaring the results of the May 4, 2024, City of Gonzales General Election. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Sucher thanked Sherri Koepp for her time on the City Council and service to the community.

- 2.2 Issuance of the Certificate of Election and Swearing in of City of Gonzales
Council Member District 1: Joseph Kridler
Council Member District 2: Mariah Jordan

Mayor Sucher conducted the Swearing in of City of Gonzales Council Member District 1: Joseph Kridler. Gonzales County Judge Patrick Davis conducted the Swearing in of City of Gonzales Council Member District 2: Mariah Jordan

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Bob Burchard expressed his concerns with potential new businesses interaction with the City, the numerous vacant buildings downtown and Heritage Tourism.

Elizabeth Anderson, Lauren Harris and Connie Kacir spoke in favor of the City Council taking action on funding the Gonzales YMCA Program Center.

Several YMCA youth attendees spoke regarding their experience and knowledge they received from attending the YMCA.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 3.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of April 30, 2024
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of April 30, 2024
 - Quarterly Investment Report as of March 31, 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.

Mayor Sucher announced a reminder that the Gonzales County Veterans Memorial Association still has bricks available for purchase to honor Veterans. The bricks will be installed at the memorial monument, depending on the style purchased the bricks are priced at \$100.00 and \$110.00.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-43** Acknowledging Receipt and Presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023

The presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report will be postponed until the June Council meeting.

- 2.4 Discussion and Direction regarding the desire of the Council for presentation of JB Wells Park Financials

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the desire of the Council for presentation of JB Wells Park Financials. City Manager stated that staff will bring a report back as an example.

- 2.5 Discussion, Consider and Possible Action regarding the disposition and potential sale of surplus real property

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the disposition and potential sale of surplus real property.

Council Member Kridler moved to go out for bids for the sale of the surplus real property. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 2.6 Discussion and direction regarding the waiving of utility late charges for the utility bills that were due on May 10, 2024

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the waiving of utility late charges for the utility bills that were due on May 10, 2024. No action was taken.

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.

- 3.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the April 11, 2024, Regular Meeting and April 22, 2024, Called Meeting
- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-44** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-45** Authorizing the Edward's Association Designated Street Closures for the Juneteenth Celebration Event & Lighted Parade on June 15, 2024
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-46** Authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy Statement for the City of Gonzales

- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-47** Authorizing the Adoption of the Gonzales Municipal Court Confidentiality Policy and Update to the City of Gonzales Personnel Policy Manual
- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-48** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Historic Covenant/Easement to Gonzales County on Block 25 of the City of Gonzales for the purpose of Historical Conservation
- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-49** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales County for Roadway Repair and Maintenance
- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-50** Authorizing an Expenditure In an Amount Not to Exceed \$500.00 from the Restricted Use Municipal Court Building Security Fund for City Staff to attend Training related to Municipal Court Security

ACTION: Items 3.1 through 3.8 with the exception of 3.6 and 3.7 **APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve the consent agenda Items 3.1 through 3.8 with the exception of items 3.6 and 3.7. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-48** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Historic Covenant/Easement to Gonzales County on Block 25 of the City of Gonzales for the purpose of Historical Conservation

ACTION: Items 3.6 **APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-48** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Historic Covenant/Easement to Gonzales County on Block 25 of the City of Gonzales for the purpose of Historical Conservation. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 3.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-49** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales County for Roadway Repair and Maintenance

ACTION: Items 3.7 **APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-49** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gonzales and Gonzales County for Roadway Repair and Maintenance. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

RESOLUTION

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-51** Authorizing the appointments to the Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gonzales Independent Golf Course Advisory Board, Roger M. Dreyer Memorial Airport Advisory Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments & Sign Control Board

ACTION: Item 4.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-51** Authorizing the appointment of Michael A. Turk to the Gonzales Independent Golf Course Advisory Board, and Jessica Trimble to the Roger M. Dreyer Memorial Airport Advisory Board and Donald E. Page to the Zoning Board of Adjustments & Sign Control Board. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-52** Regarding a request for funding to the YMCA-Gonzales in an amount not to exceed \$21,270.00 to incorporate the Summer Youth Program into the YMCA-Gonzales Summer Camp Program

ACTION: Item 4.2

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-52** Regarding a request for funding to the YMCA-Gonzales in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the YMCA-Gonzales Summer Camp Program. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Miller, Hernandez and the Mayor. Against: Kridler and Jordan. The motion passed 3 to 2.

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-53** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2024 Street Improvement Projects to Dirt Boys, Inc

ACTION: Item 4.3

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2024-53** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the 2024 Street Improvement Projects to Dirt Boys, Inc. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0

- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2024-54** Waiving the course closure fees from the 8th Annual Bill Ploetz Memorial Golf Tournament held on April 27th and 28th and Authorizing the City Manager to execute a license agreement with the Gonzales Golf Association

ACTION: Item 4.4

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2024-54** Waiving the course closure fees from the 8th Annual Bill Ploetz Memorial Golf Tournament held on April 27th and 28th and Authorizing the City Manager to execute a license agreement with the Gonzales Golf Association. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0

ORDINANCE

- 5.1 Public Hearing, Discussion, & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2024-12** Amending the City of Gonzales' Future Land Use Map within the Gonzales Comprehensive Plan changing the designation from "Single Family" to "Multi-Family" on property within the 1600 and 1700 Block of Huisache Street

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Zoning Administrator, Kristina Vega provided a staff report stating As per Local Government Code Section 211.004 Zoning Regulations must be adopted in accordance with a comprehensive plan. The City of Gonzales adopted the Gonzales Comprehensive Plan (“the Plan”) in 2013. A future land use map is included within the Plan which illustrates the possible future land use based on several land use components and existing zoning. The following rezone agenda item will be a request to rezone parcels 11476 and 11474 from SF-6, Single Family 6 to MF, Multi-family Residential. In order to complete the rezone, the Gonzales Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map must be amended prior to the change in zoning, in order to be in conformance with state law. In 2011 the City Council rezoned the south ½ of block No 9 (Parcel 11475) of the Davidson Hill addition from Single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential. However, the future land use map did not reflect that update. Therefore, we are seeking to amend the Future Land Use map to include that change as well, staff respectfully recommend the approval of the amendment to the Future Land Use map.

No comments were made.

Mayor Sucher closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

ACTION: Item 5.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-12** Amending the City of Gonzales’ Future Land Use Map within the Gonzales Comprehensive Plan changing the designation from “Single Family” to “Multi-Family” on property within the 1600 and 1700 Block of Huisache Street. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.2 Public Hearing, Discussion, & Possible Action **Ordinance #2024-13** Amending the Official Zoning Map by Zoning Property Parcels 11476 and 11474; more commonly known as the 1600 and 1700 Block of Huisache from SF-6 Single Family 6 District to M-F, Multi-Family Residential District

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Zoning Administrator, Kristina Vega gave a staff presentation stating an individual has engaged to purchase the property being presented for a City initiated rezone. During the potential purchasers review of the property, the City’s Zoning Map had the property erroneously listed as MF, Multi-Family Residential zoning. This was not discovered until well after the purchase process had begun. In order to correct this issue, the City has initiated a zoning change for the property from SF-6, Single Family 6 District to MF-Multi-Family District. A notice was published in the newspaper for two weeks beginning on April 25, 2024, and notices were mailed to property owners within 200’ of the subject property on April 23, 2024. Thirty-five (35) property owners were notified of the zoning change. As of preparation of the staff report, there were not any objection letters filed, and only two no objection letters filed. The unanimous recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission was to move forward with the zoning change amendment. Staff respectfully recommends the approval of the proposed rezone.

No comments were made.

Mayor Sucher closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

ACTION: Item 5.2

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2024-13** Amending the Official Zoning Map by Zoning Property Parcels 11476 and 11474; more commonly known as the 1600 and 1700 Block of Huisache from SF-6 Single Family 6 District to M-F, Multi-Family Residential District. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 7:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

6.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:

- A) Unopened portion of College Street
- B) Unopened portion of City Street West of Water Street

(2) Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter”, to include the following matters:

- A) Discussion regarding the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Publicity and Tourism Agreement

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 8:43 p.m.

7.1 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.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda. Council member Miller asked for discussion regarding personnel matters and reworking some job descriptions, proper protocols in place about how to handle incoming business inquiries that come to the City, and existing sidewalk ordinance discussions.

- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers- none
- 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 Jordan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of June 2024.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, S.H. Sucher