

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA –MAY 6, 2021 12:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas, the City Council will hold its special meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

This meeting notice and agenda are posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak on agenda items. This DOES NOT apply to statutorily-mandated public hearings, such as zoning and similar hearings. The Governor has since clarified his intent and stated that citizens should be allowed to offer comments by other means.

A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Citizens wishing to offer comments on the posted agenda items may email their comments at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting and the comments will be read into the record during the time allocated for citizen comments. Emails may be sent to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov and must include the name of the citizen.

The public toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference is hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com.

Toll-free call-in number: **1-844-854-2222**

When asked for an access code enter **348787#**

It is not necessary to announce yourself when you join the teleconference.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes. Individuals not able to attend due to space limitations may email the City Secretary at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-28** Canvassing the Returns and Officially declaring the results of the May 1, 2021 City of Gonzales General & Special Election
- 1.2 Issuance of the Certificate of Election and Swearing in of the Council Member District 1: Joseph Kridler
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-13** Ordering a Runoff Election
- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Voting Machine Rental Service Agreement with Gonzales County for the Runoff Election
- 1.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-29** Approving the recommendation of the Gonzales Convention & Visitor Bureau for the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$20,000 to the Come and Take It Committee to assist in securing entertainment options for the 2021 Come and Take It Celebration

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the above items in Executive Closed Session if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

I certify that a copy of the May 6, 2021, agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales City Council was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 3rd day of May, 2021 at 11:45 a.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting. I further certify that the above agenda was removed on _____ day of _____, 2021 at _____ am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

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