

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
AGENDA –APRIL 9, 2020 6:00 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 regular meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

This meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet 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.

This meeting will be closed to in person attendance by the public. 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.

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

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Temporarily suspended as noted above.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 1.1 Fair Housing Month
- 1.2 National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-35** Acknowledging Receipt and Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019.

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 Regular Meeting of March 12, 2020, Special Called Meeting on March 16, 2020 and Emergency Meeting on March 20, 2020.
- 3.2 **Absences**-Approval of any council absences for the second quarter of fiscal year 2019-20.
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-36** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and/or Donation of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales.
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-37** Affirming the City of Gonzales does not Discriminate in the Provision of any Program Based on the Race, Color, National Origin, Age, Religion, Gender, Handicap Status, Veteran Status or Any Other Protected Status.
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-38** Authorizing Designated Signators for Contractual and Financial Documents for the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-39** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the roof replacement and repairs at Gonzales Memorial Museum and Amphitheatre to RYCARS Construction.
- 4.2 Conduct second reading of a resolution and action on a resolution authorizing certain financial assistance up to \$500,000.00 by the GEDC to be used as a line of credit or other financial assistance for businesses located within the City of Gonzales, Texas.
- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on the GEDC's action to extend all existing loan payments for 90 days and waiving late fees due to COVID-19.
- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-40** Appointing a Board Member to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.
- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-41** Denying Texas Gas Service Company's Requested Rate Increase.

ORDINANCES

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Ordinance #2020-09** Authorizing Budget Amendments for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year
- 5.2 Discussion and possible action on an ordinance amending and possibly extending the public health emergency declaration regarding precautionary measures in reference to the COVID-19 virus.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 6.1 Financial Report for the Month of March 2020
- 6.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following: Jim Price Clean-Up, Tank #2 Rehab at Water Plant

CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 (a) 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:
 1. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
 2. Patricia Bennett and Gloria Knight v. City of Gonzales, Texas Cause No. 27,500
 3. A Guerra Enterprise LLC D/B/A Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cause No. 27,591

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- 8.1 Discuss and Consider any Action Resulting from Closed Session as Necessary

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

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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.

CERTIFIED as posted by 3:45 p.m. on March 25, 2020. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.

Kristi Gilbert

Kristi Gilbert, Interim City Secretary