

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA –SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 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 a special called meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2020 at 12:00 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.

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order 29 issued on July 2, 2020 every person attending the meeting shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth unless the person is under 10 years of age or has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

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.

In person attendance by the public will be limited to 14 which is 50% capacity of the room less Council Members and required staff and should be separated by at least six (6) feet from other groups attending the meeting together. 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.

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.

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-87** Authorizing First United Methodist Church's Use of the Historic Downtown Square for church services on October 4, 2020.
- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-89** Authorizing Gonzales ISD Use of the Gonzales City Park/Lion's Park Including the Closure of Fair Street/Lion's Park Street on September 23, 2020 for a Cross Country Meet.
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-92** Authorizing Gonzales ISD Use of the Gonzales City Park/Lion's Park Including the Closure of Fair Street/Lion's Park Street on October 17, 2020 for a Cross Country Meet.
- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-90** in Support of Improving and Updating the Airport Layout Plan for the Roger M. Dreyer Memorial Airport.
- 1.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-91** a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Solicit Requests for Proposals for the JB Wells Park Concession Stand.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-93** Authorizing and Adopting the Financial Policy for the City of Gonzales
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-84** Authorizing and Adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Gonzales
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Ordinance #2020-20** Authorizing Budget Amendments for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

CLOSED SESSION

- 3.1 (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:

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

(b) 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:

1. Unopened City Street – Benny Boyd Gonzales RE, LLC

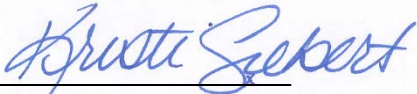
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- 4.1 Discuss and Consider any Action Resulting from Closed Session as Necessary
- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Ordinance #2020-21** Closing and Abandoning to the abutting property owner, Benny Boyd Gonzales RE, LLC Portions of an unopened city street generally located south of County Road 244 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Real Property Contract.

ADJOURN

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 11:30 a.m. on September 18, 2020. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.



Kristi Gilbert, Administrative Services Director/City Secretary