

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., January 5, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Tim Patek, Ralph Camarillo, Pam Larison, Robert Miller, Genora Young, Keith Schauer, Caroline Helms, Anne Dollery, James Conquest, Barbara Friedrich, Roy Staton

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, Pastor Lynn Wilson from Emmanuel Fellowship gave the invocation and the Mayor cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Tieken, 4126 Hwy 90A West, speaking on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and more specifically on Item #10. This year the crowds came to the Come & Take It on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the KCs saw a big benefit this year with record sales and net profits. With those fund, we are able to put money back into the community by providing scholarships in the amount of \$6 to \$10k a year that is open to the public not only Catholic youth. We sponsor the Boys Scouts and the annual renewal this year was over \$1,100 for their charter, we contribute to the stock show. Make some improvements to the KC building out on Shiner Highway. I am personally aware of the help that the City staff offers in man power to help put the Come & Take It on each year and it is greatly appreciated.

Robert Bland, 4505 CR 289, Chairman of the Come & Take It Committee, here to speak on behalf of Item #10 the Come & Take It request of \$30k of the HOT Funds for entertainment. Last year was the first time to come before City Council to request HOT funds for entertainment, and we thought if we brought some name brand headliners in that we would be able to increase our exposure for Come & Take It, and we did. We had John Conlee and Johnny Lee, and we also children's entertainment. With the funds that were given we were able to focus our attention on other items that were pressing

needs down there, like cleanup and security. There was a 19% increase in ticket sales and this was the best year we've had for Come & Take It.

Ken Morrow, I am here representing the Tourism Committee where the funds to support the Chamber are requested from. Last year the Council did approve the same \$30K to get better entertainment. We are coming before you now, earlier, so that Daisy has the money to book even better, bigger bands, and so that marketing that Robert Bland was talking about, those bands put Come & Take It on their websites, and the larger bands bring people to us that travel with them. We feel like Daisy came to us, asked for money and promised a better Come & Take It, promised better bands, promised new events, new energy and we feel like she delivered everything that she promised, so we are absolutely in support of this funding request.

Dustin Basquez, 281 CR 286, representing Templin on Resolution # 3 on tonight's agenda. I had this idea to bring in some type of Cajun festival. Luling has one and Cuero has one now for the second year and thought maybe we should try something like that. I am trying to get this together, a little Mardi gras, right there on St. Paul Street in front of Templin. We will have Chef Austin Brown cooking live crawfish, live Cajun band, Bill Pekar also to headline that night. Come & Take It is great, but let's have something the other months of the year.

Lawrence Fryer, 1013 Robertson Street, speaking on behalf of Edwards Association, and we are holding our annual Martin Luther King celebration and parade that we have been sponsoring ever since it got started years ago, and we would like to get permission to close streets and have the police escort for the event. It will start at Texas Heroes Square at 10 a.m. and continue on to Edwards Association where we will have a program open up to the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2015 City Council Meetings. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #2, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this application was presented to the former GEDC Director in the 2nd quarter of 2015 and then to the GEDC Board in October and November. No Public Comments were received during the Public Hearing at the GEDC October 26, 2015 meeting. The GEDC Board approved the SBIG request during the November 23, 2015 meeting. John's Flower Shop was established forty plus years ago, and the Colchado's purchased the property in March of 2014. Total cost of the project is \$13,844.09; the amount of grant requested is \$6,922.05. Construction will

begin upon approval of the request. Two estimates were provided by the Colchado's. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-1 Approval of a Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) in the amount of \$6,922.05 from Lucio & Maria Colchado to Install Roof, AC Unit and Doors at their Business Facility Located at 317 St. Andrew Street. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this is consistent with what has been done in the past. This resolution will grant Texas Independence Relay the use of Confederate Square and permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on April 2 for the Texas Independence Relay Social and closure of the 400 block of Smith Street on April 2 and 3, 2015 for the relay. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-2 Authorizing Texas Independence Relay's Use of Confederate Square for the Annual Texas Independence Social, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and Closure of 400 Block of Smith Street. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #4, City Manager Allen Barnes stated you heard Mr. Basquez's comments and I can't add anything except it sure sounds like fun. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-3 Authorizing Templin saloon and W.B. Farm & Ranch to Close the 600 Block of St. Paul on February 6, 2016 to Celebrate Mardi Gras. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye

Item #5, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated during the recent request they failed to include the consumption of alcoholic beverages in their request and when it was brought to their attention they also wanted to include the use of Texas Heroes Square in their request for expansion of their Car Show. This request is consistent with what was done during the previous year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-4 Authorizing the Use of Texas Heroes Square and Allowing the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Confederate Square and Texas Heroes Square for the Hot Rod Standoff Car Show and Concert on June 4, 2016. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the Texas Gas Service has a right under the PUCT rules that say that they can apply for a gas infrastructure rate adjustment (GRIP). This year they have requested to suspend this for 45 days, and it will take effect at the

end of that 45 days. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-5 Suspending the Operation of the Texas Gas Services Interim Rate Adjustment. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that JB Wells currently has equipment that needs to be deemed surplus. Within the surplus equipment is a tiller, EX Go Utility Cart and a shredder. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-6 Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is an annual event that is held by the Edwards Association and is consistent with what has been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-7 Authorizing Edwards Association to Temporarily Close City Streets to Hold the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on January 18, 2016. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Master Gardeners are requesting use of Texas Heroes Square and parking lot for use for the annual plant sale on April 2, 2016. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-8 Authorizing the Use of Texas Heroes Square Including the Parking Lot for the Gonzales Master Gardener's Annual Spring Plant Sale on April 2, 2016. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes expressed Mr. Morrow reported on behalf of the Tourism Board, Mr. Bland on behalf of the Come & Take It Committee, and Mr. Ticken spoke on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, the only thing I can add is that staff requests the Council take the action they deem appropriate. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-9 Approving Gonzales Tourism Committee Recommendation to Approve a Budget Amendment which would Include \$30,000 to Fund Entertainment for the Come & Take It Festival. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the City Website is very outdated and not mobile friendly. The current complaint that staff has is that we have no control over the contents of the website. What this Saffire company does is create a website that staff has the ability to change. The \$10k development fee is a not to exceed amount, the maintenance fee of \$250 for the City and \$150 for EDC is considerably less than we currently pay. We do have some money in non-departmental contracts that we could use for this. This is about a six to eight week turn around for this. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Saffire for the Redevelopment and Redesign of the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales EDC Websites and for the Monthly Fees Associated with the Maintenance of the Sites. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated as everyone is aware License Open Carry became the law in the state of Texas and this resolution would prohibit open carry and concealed carry at any individual attending the meetings of City boards, commissions or committees that are subject to the Open Meetings Act. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to reject Resolution #2016-11 Forbidding Persons Licensed to Carrying a Handgun Regardless of Whether the Handgun is Concealed or Open Carried, in any Room or Rooms, Including but not Limited to the City Council Chambers, Where the City Council or any City Board, Commission, Committee or Body in Meeting in an Open Meeting Subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #13 & 14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial report is available for the Council to review.

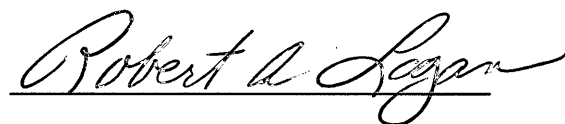
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., February 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: James Conquest, Keith Schauer, Ralph Camarillo, Pam Larison, Todd Remschel, Barbara Friedrich, William Ince, Genora Young, Tim Crow

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Crissy O'Neal-Board Chair of the Gonzales EDC. Tonight on your agenda you will be deciding on a GEDC flag pole project. This project was a brainstorm of a joint workshop between Council and EDC in June of 2015, to develop downtown with a focus on beautification of 183 and drawing more traffic into the downtown area. Based on the 2014 TxDOT traffic counts the Beautification Chair received 15,854 cars drive 183 every 24 hours. IF we get 50 cars to exit 183 and enter the downtown area to look at our huge Come & Take It flag proudly waving in the sky, we can increase the revenue spent downtown. Just think, if 25 of those 50 cars stopped, spent \$20 each at a downtown business every day of the year, we have just increased the revenue by \$182,500. Even if we cut that figure in half, we've more than paid for the cost of the project. Cut that in half, we've still paid for the project. This project has the potential to generate revenue to perpetuity. In our research we contacted the Lone Star Monument and Historical Flag Park in Conroe, we were told by the director that the Texas and Come & Take It flags were the most photographed and sought after flags. These flags will not only benefit downtown, but can, if Council so chooses, benefit many civic organizations by donating a flag after it has been flown or replaced. If the Council so chooses, this could be a great item to donate to the Wounded Warriors or any other military organization, who wouldn't want a huge Come & Take It flag that is flown over Texas Heroes Square. This project will only add to the ambiance of our great and revitalizing downtown.

Dennis Nesser-EDC Board- I talked to most of you over the last couple of weeks. Again, this project came from our meetings last April. The guidance we asked for and the guidance we got, this is what came. We are asking that you approve this flag based on several things. One, we feel like it will help bring people downtown, with the addition to Mr. Dement's tree museum. We now have a reason to get out of the car. Once they are out of the car, now they have the Confederate Square right across the street, the Chamber of Commerce right across the street, they have our wonderful downtown. This is what you asked us to do is get people downtown. I can think of nothing that would attract attention than this flag placed in Heroes Square. I was not a fan of the three flags that we brought to you, but even then you guys said come back with an idea that will work with these flag poles. We've done that tonight and we are asking for your support. We've worked hard and it's been many months of batting around. It's not like we just randomly picked an amount or a height or anything else. Part of this is because 4B, which we are as an Economic Development committee only allows us to do attractions. As much as we might like Benny Boyd's, it's not within our ability to fund such a thing. It has to be an attraction. An eighty foot flag pole is an average flag pole. It is something that you can literally buy off the shelf and put up tomorrow. We can't fund that, but we can fund the 130 foot flag pole. We can then keep the flags on that flag pole because now we've put this project into place and we can maintain what we've put in. So we are asking that you allow us the diligence that we've put in, to go forward.

David Dement-221 St. Francis-I am here about the flag pole again and just to clarify a little thing that was in your packet. Genora put that in there, your new EDC Director that I was for this project or that I was not against this project. Genora was not used to my somewhat passionate style that some of you council members have unfortunately felt and there was a breakdown in communication. I just want to be clear because my name was mentioned in there that I am not for the project. I do not like the design. I do not like the idea of the light pollution. I do not like the idea of the noise, the flag whipping and the flag pole making noise. I am going to do a B&B right across the street from that property. I am also concerned about the expense, and honestly if GEDC were going to spend money on poles, I would like to see them finish the St. George project and the poles removed, rather than sticking up more poles. I think cleaning up entry ways into Gonzales would also be an attraction. I am just not happy with the design. It just does not look right to me. Oh and by the way, I've had a talk with the GEDC Director after that and we both apologized and made up, and I am very pleased with you all's selection in the GEDC Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2016 City Council Meetings. Councilman Schroeder

seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #2, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Gonzales County Relay for Life has submitted a request to host a Paint Your World Color Run 5K on the usual route, around East Avenue, across the Kerr Creek Bridge and back toward town. This is consistent with what has been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-12 Authorizing the Gonzales County Relay for Life to Hold a Paint Your World Purple Color Run on April 9, 2016. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the car wash in question is the car wash next to Sonic on St. Joseph Street. The individuals purchased the property and will use this \$15,000 to purchase new signage and to repair and replace equipment. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-13 Authorizing GEDC to Fund a Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) to Craig Gilham and Tylor Miles in the Amount of \$15,000.00 for the Purchase of New Signage and for the Repair and Replacement of Equipment. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #4, City Manager Allen Barnes stated that March 1st is the first Tuesday of the month and is also the primary election for the State of Election, therefore staff is requesting to change the meeting date to March 8th. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-14 Approving the Date Change for the March City Council Meeting. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye"

Item #5, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that you have in your packet tonight an aerial photograph of Texas Heroes Square. They are proposing two locations for the flag pole, one is at the South where the Texas soldier is directly facing the flag pole and the other is on the West, which will be toward Water Street. The EDC's budget calls for \$120K for the flag pole project. It originally included three flags and three flag poles. The EDC Board has pared that back to the one flag pole at the proposed location, rather than \$120K they are recommending not to exceed \$50K and I would say \$49,999 just because the bid thing. With having said this, since it is brought to you by an unanimous vote of a board, staff will have no recommendation other than you take the action that you deem appropriate for the City. However, should you decide to make a motion to approve this, staff respectfully requests that you include in your motion to

include maintenance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-15 Authorizing GEDC to Place a 120' to 130' Flag Pole at Texas Hero Square, and to Include the Maintenance and the Purchase of Flags to be Funded by Gonzales Economic Development Corporation as a Community Promotional and Marketing Effort. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye. Councilman Hernandez voted "nay".

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Chief Crow is required by state law to provide you with the annual racial profiling report, and he is presenting that to you tonight for your consideration. This is a resolution acknowledging that you received the report. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-16 Receiving the Annual Racial Profiling Report from the Gonzales Police Department. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Norma's House is going to have a 5K run, "Racing to End Child Abuse", to be held Saturday, April 16th from 8am to 12 pm takes the same route as the one that was approved today. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-17 Authorizing Norma's House to Hold a 5K Run/Walk on April 16, 2016. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated he is pleased to report that we are approximately 65% complete with the building. I have the color board of the interior colors. These are the colors that have been approved off and on throughout the project and we are requesting your final approval of this color pallet. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-18 Approving the Proposed Interior Color Selections for the Expo Center at JB Wells Park. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Mr. Lekgega currently has a loan. The original loan was considerably more than the \$160K they are asking for and he has it paid down to \$72K. What they are proposing to do is use \$72 to pay off his current loans on his equipment at La Bella Tavola and the balance would be used for new equipment at the Come & Take It Bar and Grill. The note would be secured by the equipment at La Bella Tavola and at the Come & Take It Bar and Grill. This is a win-win for everybody. EDC is able to help Mr. Lekgega get into his new business. Mr. Ford will have some other type businesses on the 2nd floor. I think everybody has eaten at La

Bella Tavola and knows the quality of product that Gasper puts out and one can only surmise that the product will be equally high at the new place. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-19 Amending the Previously Approved Loan Application in the Amount of \$127,000 Submitted by Gasper & Nora Lekgega for the Come & Take It Bar & Grill. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

ORDINANCES

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that Mrs. Vega is extremely excited to present this ordinance for your consideration calling for the election on May 7th which is the uniform date for elections for municipal governments in Texas. Early voting will be conducted April 25th through May 3rd. There will be two, twelve hour days as required by Texas Election Code and they will be May 2nd and May 3rd. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-1 Calling the Election for May 7, 2016. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #11 & 12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial report and special contracts are available for the Council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #13, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session as authorized by GC 551.071 Discussion with Attorney Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation. At 6:53 p.m. Councilman Schurig made a motion to move into Executive Session after a short recess. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:46 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #14, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session. No motion was made out of executive session.

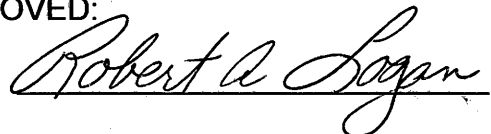
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 4, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop at 5:55 p.m., March 4, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder and Tommy Schurig.

The following members were absent: Clarence Opiela

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega

Others Absent: City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Caroline Helms, Barbara Friedrich, William Ince, Tim Patek, Ralph Camarillo, Gary Shock, Roy Staton, Keith Schmidt, Genora Young

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order.

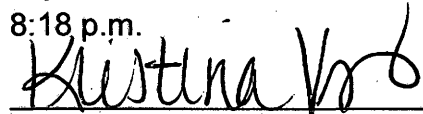
GOALS & OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

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City Council and staff members collaborated on the potential future operations of the City of Gonzales and participated in several group-style exercises to discuss and develop the Goals & Objectives for the community.

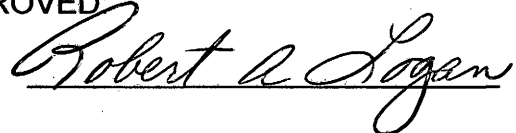
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 5, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop at 8:05 a.m., March 5, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder and Tommy Schurig.

The following members were absent: Clarence Opiela

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega and Connie Kacir

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Staff Present: Caroline Helms, Barbara Friedrich, William Ince, Tim Patek, Ralph Camarillo, Gary Shock, Roy Staton, Keith Schmidt

Mayor Logan called the workshop to order.

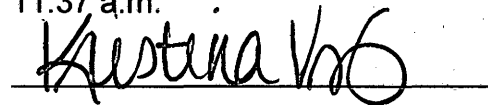
GOALS & OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

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City Council and staff members collaborated on the potential future operations of the City of Gonzales and participated in several group-style exercises to discuss and develop the Goals & Objectives for the community that were began during the previous day's meeting.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., March 8, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Roy Staton, James Conquest, Pam Larison, Anne Dollery, Todd Remschel, William Ince, Caroline Helms, Barbara Friedrich, Tim Patek, Tim Crow, Genora Young, Carla Faltisek

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Connally, 301 Tanglewood, I am here to ask the Council to consider a problem that's developed in the area bordered by Winding Way, Briarcliff and Tanglewood. The trees in the area have been allowed to overgrow the roadway to such a point they even scratch the tops of your pickups going through. We had one elderly lady buy a new truck scratched, got in the back of her truck and drove around the neighborhood cutting people's tree limbs. We feel that as tax payers, it is the City's responsibility to give us access to our property. In particular, there are a minimum of four RVs in this area, three of them are stored elsewhere because people can't get to their own property, they are not parked on the street, they're parked on their property. However, it's to the point that trying to move in and out will cause roof damage, in fact less than two years ago an individual did try to move his trailer and it cost him over \$3,000 in roof repair. As tax payers I feel that the City should maintain the access to this property. I encourage all of you to get out there and drive through. Get that new fire truck, bring it out there, see if it will go through the neighborhood. I think you are going to very surprised. In one area you have to ask a landowner to move his pickup off his curb in order to get by, because that tree is over three-quarters of the way across the road. Again I ask the Council to look into this and consider this as a new method.

Dennis Nesser, 1023 St. Michael, I love the flag! Thank you for letting us go forward with that.

Marlene Metzler, 520 St. Paul, Owner of Running M Bar & Grill, here tonight to support Resolution 7, and 8. It says right here about the Gonzales Mainstreet Concert series

held each year. They are asking for advertising money, up to \$10,000 from the Tourism Committee. It has to be approved by the Council, and both of these the PBR and the Mainstreet Concert Series. I think it is very beneficial to not only my business, but others and to the community. It brings in a lot of people, but what they are wanting to do is reach out to other areas and to bring more people in. I think everybody knows that they enjoy it. I think it has been very successful every year. I think it is getting better every year, and I think if you all allow them a little more money I think it could even get better.

Del De Los Santos, 724 N. College, Chairman of the Mainstreet Advisory Board, I would like to announce that the City of Gonzales has been recognized for performance in 2014-2015 and recommended as a nationally accredited Main Street Program. The City of Gonzales is one of 58 to be recognized this year. Accredited programs show above average performance in 10 categories on an annual report. Selection criteria focus on planning, partnership, staffing volunteer efforts, preservation ethic, training, and program assessment through reporting. This report included the efforts of the whole community, just not Main Street. Gonzales has received National Accreditation 15 of 17 times it has been eligible. Since our program began its affiliation with Main Street 28 years ago, the reinvestment reports submitted for our community show: overall reinvestment of \$20,290,946, creation of 363 jobs and 119 small businesses, the contribution of 10,170 volunteer hours in support in our program, showing the community's commitment to its downtown. We feel that these figures are very conservative, and we appreciate your support.

Egon Barthels, Shiner currently, serve on the Main Street Board for what seems like 20 years. Mainstreet held the first concert series in 2009. We had a little over \$5,000.00 in sponsorships to hire four bands and put on the event. The band was staged on a flatbed trailer. For a first time event we felt it was a success. In 2010 we added the Star Spangled Spectacular at JB Wells Park with a fabulous band and a spectacular fireworks from various places in the City. Since then, the Concert Series and Star Spangled Spectacular has grown every year. We have seen attendance from people from the surrounding areas as far as from Austin, Victoria, and Houston. For the 7th annual Concert Series and Star Spangled Spectacular, Main Street would like to do a massive radio advertising in Austin, Brenham, San Antonio, La Grange, Columbus, Kennedy, Port Lavaca, Victoria, Houston and Corpus Christi area. With this radio advertising, we feel we can reach 1 million plus people who will hear about the event, but most importantly will hear the name "Gonzales". Star Spangled Spectacular brings out over 20,000 people to watch the fireworks. There are thousands of people at Independence Park, JB Wells Park, downtown, parking lots, etc. The goal of Main Street is to make this a larger event that will attract people from outside an 80 mile radius who will stay in our hotels and Bed and Breakfast. Thank you for your consideration for awarding \$10,000 for advertising the concert series and Star Spangled Spectacular.

Jessie Holt, here to speak on item #7 for the summer concert series. The Summer Concert Series has grown over the past few years and has proven to be a strong series

of events in our community. It has reached a point where its advertising efforts need to be expanded to new platforms. This money will help Gonzales reach areas of Texas it has not yet reached in the past. It will benefit not only the summer concert series but also all aspects of promoting our city. You already invest heavily in print and will help expand our region to radio as well. My goal as the marketing consultant is to spread the word about what Gonzales has to offer and this money will put towards just that. Let's work together to spread our region and bring more visitors to our great town.

Loretta Shirley, 997 CR 200, representing the Gonzales Noon Lions Club, I am speaking to Item #5 on the agenda, the construction of a splash pad. In June of 2015 several members of our club met with City staff to develop a list of potential projects that could enhance the quality of life. The development of a splash pad in Lions Park was favored as number one on the list by all in attendance. In July of 2015 the Gonzales Noon Lions Club voted to proceed with the planning and development of a splash pad. The first step in this process was the development of the Gonzales Noon Lions Club Foundation, a new 501C3 arm of our club. Now that we have established the foundation we would like to begin raising funds for the initial set-up and installation of the splash pad. We are seeking permission to install the splash pad at Lions Park and commitment from the City of Gonzales to provide water and maintenance in the future. I previously provided a comparison of two different options and tonight, I have additional information received with an estimated annual cost for maintenance of the two systems. The addition of a splash pad at Lions Park will greatly enhance the quality of life for citizens of all ages in Gonzales. The splash pad will provide a safe place for children to be active while using imaginations. It will bring many members of our community together in a relaxed social setting. The benefits of providing such an enhancement to our community far outweigh the cost. There is no limit to who will be able to access the splash pad, from toddlers, to teens, to grandparents who want to play with the children, everyone can benefit from this addition to Lions Park. Fundraising efforts have begun; funds have been verbally committed from several local organizations and businesses. If we received approval from you tonight members of the Gonzales Noon Lions Club will be actively seeking donations along with other grant applications. We hope that it will be possible for construction to begin later in 2016. The Gonzales Noon Lions Club is looking forward to partnering with the City of Gonzales to add this great new addition to Lions Park. We are committed to raising funds for whichever system City Council and city staff prefer. The Lions Club motto is simple "We Serve". We are excited to be a part of such a great potential addition to our community.

Dustin Basquez, Manager Templin Saloon at 621 St. Paul, I am coming to y'all with a request to shut down the 600 block of St. Paul street again. I had such a great success with Mardi Gras a couple months ago that I should try another one. I brought a thousand people down to the block, over a thousand. It helped us, it helped La Potosina Bakery, it also helped Gyp-Z Souls with their t-shirts that they made to spread the word about their new business. I know the Dilworth and the Alcalde had a total of 12 rooms rented out that night for that event. I am just looking forward for another one, Fiesta Gonzales, kind of play on Cinco de Mayo. Same thing, I already have a big Tejano band I am talking to about playing, to try to keep the block parties going.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 2, 2016 City Council Meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #2, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Mike Brooks from Brooks Cardiel is here to present the audit for your acceptance. Mike Brooks presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Ending September 30, 2015 to the Council for their discussion and acceptance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-20 Acknowledging the Receipt and Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending September 31, 2015. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes requested that this item be tabled. Staff requested additional estimates a couple of weeks ago and had not yet gotten anything and we are not prepared to present only one option to the Council for their approval. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table Resolution #2016-21 Authorizing the Purchase of Five Air Conditioning Units for the Robert L. Brothers Library until the April 5, 2016 Meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #4, City Manager Allen Barnes stated that in front of you is a proposed budget calendar 2016-2017. You will notice the entry August 10-17 Budget Workshop to review the departmental budgets, it is usually a two day workshop formed by the Council and staff. It has been brought to my attention by Ms. Larison that the best potential days are August 10th and 11th for the Council Workshop to review the budget. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-22 Approving the Budget Calendar for 2016-17 Fiscal Year. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye"

Item #5, City Manager Allen Barnes stated you heard the presentation by Ms. Shirley and for the sake of transparency I am a member of the Noon Lions Club. You heard two proposals; one is for a flow through system and a recirculating system that works similar to a swimming pool. The concern for a flow through system is that on an average use day it uses 24,036 gallons of water per day. Coming out of a five year drought is that if

we are in drought contingency mode and have a brand new water park that we can't use. Are we doing a service to the citizens of Gonzales or to the Noon Lions Club? Because of the concerns I recommended the recirculating system. I request we approve the recirculating system. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-23 Authorizing the Gonzales Noon Lions Club to Construct a Recirculating Splash Pad Located at East Avenue Lions Park. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that these are the requests that have been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-24 Approving Gonzales Main Street's Use of Confederate Square for the Annual Main Street Concert Series and Star Spangled Spectacular, Designated Street Closures, and Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the only thing he has to add is that there were five members present when they took a vote, that is a quorum for that committee and the motion passed with all of the members voting "aye". The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-25 Approving Gonzales Tourism Committee Recommendation to Fund up to \$10,000.00 to Gonzales Main Street for Assistance in Advertising the Main Street Concert Series and Star Spangled Spectacular. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that there were five members present of the Tourism board when they took a vote and that does constitute a quorum and the motion passed with all members voting "aye". The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-26 Approving Gonzales Tourism Committee Recommendation to Fund Up to \$5,000.00 to DVS Production for Advertising and Promoting the PBR Gonzales Event. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item is consistent with the 2013 policy passed by Council. We are presenting 5 surplus information sheets to you tonight, these items will be placed on Govdeals and sold to the highest bidder. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-27 Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said

Property. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that there is a nonmaterial typographical error on that. The new proposed title for the Tourism Committee actually should read the Visitor and Convention Bureau rather than center. There has been some concern that it's a move away from the Chamber being visitor center and that is not the intent of the board. The intent as I understand it is by designating them a visitor and convention bureau that creates them as a destination marking organization which is what they are, and it gives them an opportunity with the Texas Travel Council. It will give it an opportunity attend the Texas Travel Council and to market to travel agents. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-28 Approving that the Tourism Committee be Referred to as the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is one item that was one of the items that were reflected in the audit letter and is considered just a house cleaning item from the audit. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-29 Authorizing the Agreement Between the City of Gonzales and the Economic Development Corporation for the Funding of half of the Expo Center at JB Wells Park. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the Templin Saloon is proposing to hold Fiesta Gonzales on May 7th. This is consistent with what has been done in the past and is consistent with what was done for Mardi Gras. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-30 Authorizing the Templin Saloon to Close the 600 Block of St. Paul to Hold "Fiesta Gonzales" on May 7, 2016. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

ORDINANCES

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this came from a question that Mr. Hernandez asked me about our policy on picking up brush when a commercial entity trimmed the trees for folks. I didn't know what the policy was and that I would look it up. The two ordinances that were passed for brush pickup were completely silent on restrictions on picking up when contractors trim brush and was equally silent as authorizing us to do so. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made

a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-2 Establishing a Policy Regarding Commercial Tree Trimming Services and Pick Up amending paragraph C to state as long as the property owner pays brush collection fees. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the Gonzales Primary Academy located at the old HEB is getting ready to open the week after next, and they are requesting a 20 mph speed limit for a school district. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-3 Establishing a School Zone on Business 183 (St. Joseph Street) and St. Paul Street. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we only had one person file to run in the Mayor spot and that is the Mayor designate Connie Kacir. Having only one person run under state law we are eligible to cancel the election which will put about \$8,000 into the savings account. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-4 Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 7, 2016 General City Election, Elected to Office; Cancelling the Election. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated a couple of weeks ago Ralph Camarillo and I went to a seminar where a Kim Leblanc from the Texas Film Commission presented. She was talking about a program called Texas Film Friendly Communities. When a film crew comes into town and asks for certain things like streets to be closed it is not always convenient to wait for the next council meeting. These established guidelines and fees for permitting the filming creates fees for closing streets and sets out their behavior when they are in town. There is a three step program, one is you have to have people from your community attend a training session, second is passing this ordinance and third you supply photographs of potential film places in town. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-5 Requiring Permitting, Fees to the City for Services, Security Requirements, and other State Recommended Guidelines for the Film Industry, and the Electronic Game Industry. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial reports are available for the Council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #18, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session as authorized by GC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; 301 St. Joseph Street. At 7:30 p.m. Councilman Schurig made a motion to move into Executive Session after a short recess. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:50 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #19, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session. No motion was made out of executive session.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kristina Vega

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., April 5, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega

Others Absent: City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Todd Remschel, Barbara Friedrich, Gary Shock, Laura Zella, Pam Larison, Carla Faltisek, Tim Crow, Keith Schauer, Keith Schmidt, Anne Dollery, Genora Young

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, Pastor Paul Smith of the Belmont Monthalia United Methodist Church gave the invocation, and the Mayor cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Allen Barnes, City Manager stated it is with great pleasure and great surprise to some folks, but I am happy to announce the Ribbon Cutting at the Expo Center at JB Wells Park. After several delays and date changes we are going to cut the ribbon on Tuesday, April 19th at 11a.m. We invite all of the citizens of Gonzales, residents of the County and anyone that is interested, we invite you to come out. We are scheduled to do the punch list on Thursday. It has been a long haul to get this building completed and I'm still not absolutely sure it will be done then but they say it will be.

Gerry Lawing, these are the invitations to the "Faces, Places & Spaces" of Gonzales County. So we will be taking your picture during the meeting because you are some of the faces of Gonzales County. This is the annual Economic Development luncheon that we do here in Gonzales and this year GEDC and GADC are both hosting that luncheon together in a joint effort and partnership so that's a wonderful development. That is going to be immediately after the Ribbon Cutting and then the event would follow right after that. If you look on your invitations, we have invited the Daytripper. For those of you who don't know who he is, google him when you get home. Wonderful, exciting, fun guy that we think we think is going to bring some fun to the luncheon.

Genora Young, Economic Development President for the Gonzales EDC and I am here to extend the invitation with Gerry. It's a partnership between GADC and GEDC and is open to the public; we need to know RSVP obviously. It is important that everyone in

this room understands that they are a piece of the puzzle in Economic Development. In some way we are all part of the good things that are happening in this community, whether it is Tourism, recruitment of a business or the celebration of Tourism.

Robert Bland, 941 N. St. Joseph, here tonight as the Chairman of the Come & Take It Committee. Here to speak on behalf of agenda item #10, is the Come & Take It committees request to use certain city property for the Come & Take It Celebration and to close streets as well with that celebration. This is our annual event, what we are asking for is what we've done in the past. Specifically, more in tune with what we did last year, asking for the same street to be closed, we are asking that St. Paul in front of the Methodist Church and Baptist Church be closed as it was last year. It worked out really well as far as the safety aspect of it so we are asking for that again this year. Additionally with that, last year we came back and asked to use the practice fields for helicopter rides, we've included that this year in our request. We had great success, great turnout for the helicopter rides. The practice field worked great, ample parking, great visibility. Those gentlemen will be back this year, so we are asking for use of the football field as well. The main change this year is we are asking for the streets to be closed downtown at 10 a.m. on Friday.

PUBLIC HEARING

Early Citizen Input Regarding the Use of City Funds for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 and Ending September 30, 2017

No comments were made during the Public Hearing.

PRESENTATION

Item #2, Presentation of Proclamation for Tourism Week in Texas. The Mayor read and proclaimed May 1st through May 7th as Tourism Week.

Barbara Crozier, Chairperson of The Gonzales Convention and Visitors Bureau conducted a presentation regarding the impact and importance of Tourism and a short travel video was shown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #3 & 4, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to amend "other members present" to read "other members absent-Clarence Opiela" on the minutes for the March 4 and 5, 2016 City Council Workshops. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #5, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 8, 2016 City Council Meeting. Councilman Hernandez seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

The Mayor then closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #6, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated St. Joseph Street between Wallace and Cone Streets we need to replace 1,785 feet of water line and 1,825 feet of sewer line. We went out for bid with our plans. We received four bids, the low bid was from Smith Contracting, the high bid was from Mercer Construction. We respectfully request permission to enter into a contract with Smith Contracting to replace the Water and Wastewater line on St. Joseph with a total cost of \$447,447.50 that includes contingency for the project. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-31 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Smith Contracting Co., Inc. for the St. Joseph Water & Wastewater Project. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated in your packet, you have exhibit "A" which is a right of way donation exhibit. There are three properties that, if you approve this will go to the hospital, three pieces will be given from the hospital to the City and one property will go from the City to Mohrmann's Drug. The reason for this is Colonel Albert Martin Trail comes into 90A at a greater than 90 degree angle, and TXDOT will not allow an intersection of public road to be anything other than 90 degrees now. We were approached by the hospital's engineer on the possibility of making the swap. What the hospital would do is there would be an entry way right in front of the new Thrive Fitness Center and serve as a public street once it was constructed. It will be part of Albert Martin Trail. It would give another access to 1835 Village. It would give ingress and egress to Mohrmann's Drug and Thrive Fitness Center. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-32 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Right of Way Agreement with Gonzales Healthcare Systems and Mohrmann's Drug Store, LLC. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #8, City Manager Allen Barnes stated three or four years ago we entered into an agreement with Utility Service Partners in a program offered by the National League of Cities, whereby citizens and residents pay like \$5 a month to have coverage of their residential sewer lines. One of the things stressed to Utility Service Partners by me and the Council was the use of local plumbers. I had two folks tell me in the last month that they have sewer line problems and it's taken a week to get a plumber, and one of them has come out of Seguin and one out of Victoria. They were supposed to use local plumbers. While this is a valid program they will continue to solicit as Utility Service Partners but just won't have the City logo on it. My recommendation is to withdraw from

their program. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-33 Authorizing the City to Withdraw its Participation in the National League of Cities Sewer Line repair Program and Withdrawing its Permission for the Use of the Name of the City and its Logo to be Used in the Advertisement of the Same. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye

Item #9, City Manager Allen Barnes stated Sacred Heart Church is having their annual festival on June 11th. They request that St. John be closed between St. Louis and St. Lawrence from 6 a.m. the 11th until 1 a.m. the 12th. They will have consumption of alcohol on public streets. They estimate 1500 in attendance and they will have a D.J. and live music there. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-34 Approving the Street Closures and Authorizing the Consumption of Alcohol for the Sacred Heart Church Festival on June 11, 2016. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is the annual "Come & Take It celebration they are asking streets to be closed. They are asking to use the practice field for helicopter rides and consumption of alcohol on public streets and downtown. This is consistent with what has been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-35 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Certain City Streets, Consumption of Alcohol and Permission to Hold Helicopter Rides for the Come & Take It Celebration on September 30, October 1, and 2, 2016. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Brandy Egger and Melissa Taylor submitted their resignation from Mainstreet Advisory Board. It was advertised as per policy established by the Council. We received four applications for the two positions, Johnnie Edwards, Shelli Shelton Van Kirk, Patsy McMains and Shelly Stampert. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-36 Approving Appointment of Johnnie Edwards and Shelli Shelton Van Kirk to the Main Street Advisory Board to Replace Unexpired Terms of Melissa Taylor and Brandy Egger. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated you have a list of several items that we are requesting to be declared surplus and authorize them to be placed on Govdeals. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution

#2016-37 Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated my predecessor without Council authorization eliminated the position of Public Works Director several years ago when Raymie Zella left the City. Resulting from that is several stand-alone departments. There is the Water Department, Wastewater Department, Street Department, Solid Waste and Electric Department. The way they are operating now is the department heads in those departments are neither true department heads nor true superintendents, so they are doing two or three jobs. What this would do, a Public Works Director would take most of the administrative work from those individuals. The budget management, personnel management and those type things, and would allow the current department heads to focus on getting the work done. Basically would return to the way it was done in the past, which by far most cities do. We are recommending the base salary of \$68K per year for the position. It is not currently budgeted. The reason it is coming up now is we are entering the budget period and we hope that if this is approved we hope to have someone in place hopefully by the 1st of May, who can work the budgets through for these departments. There are some personnel issues in the departments and there are some other things as well. In talking with staff members the plan is if this approved to take applications from inside from April 6th to April the 12th and hold interviews the following week, the week of April 15th and have a Public Works Director in place by the end of the month. It would make things a whole lot easier and a whole lot more consistent across the departments. The next item deals with our salary compensation study; it would help manage that better. One of the personnel issues quite honestly is even though we have folks basically at the same level. One department starts at more money than the other and may require certain things for equipment operator that other departments don't. It will help streamline that and make it more consistent. Councilman Hernandez mentioned when the predecessor eliminated that position that salary did not go back to the checkbook therefore, in my opinion that got distributed amongst several of the other department heads and now that is actual money that is going to be coming out. You can't take the money away from these people. In my opinion, I can't support that salary on top of already what the department heads are making. Mr. Barnes stated, you brought up the salary, so let me discuss the salary structure a little bit. This position would not be funded strictly from the general fund; it would be supported by the Electric Fund, the other funds as well. At such time as we have attrition in those other positions the salary would be re-examined. Councilman Hernandez expressed that he just doesn't see where we have moneys that are supposed to be coming in, we were at 88 positions and now we are at 100 and something. Councilman Schroeder stated the only way I could see going for this, is if you wanted the \$68K salary because these people need some assistance that they

would be willing to take a salary decrease. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to reject Resolution #2016-38 Creating the Position of Public Works Director. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if there was any more discussion. Councilman Opiela stated he would like to revisit this at a later date during the budget workshop. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated we are undergoing a salary compensation study and have been presented a list of twelve comparative cities. I have issues with particularly with one of the cities and probably two of the cities. I anticipate the Council would probably like to discuss more than two of the cities. The way that Evergreen Solutions got the list is these are the cities that we have lost employees to. The seventh largest city in the United States is not a competitor to the City of Gonzales nor is the State Capitol a competitor to the City of Gonzales. Statistically what will happen when they run all of the numbers is, they will throw out the highest number and they will throw out the lowest number, and they will take the other eleven numbers counting Gonzales. I recommended to our HR person that we replace San Antonio with something like Cibolo or somebody that is closer to our size. They are recommending that we compare our salaries also to Gonzales County, Guadalupe County and Caldwell County. Police positions to Gonzales SO, Guadalupe SO and Caldwell SO, and then private companies like GVEC for our electric department. I am not real happy with this list, but I don't know that I could come up with a better list. We don't lose people to Flatonia or Moulton. Tell me who you want to compare to and that's how we will go. Councilman Schurig stated he would like to see the comparison cities to be changed to Cuero, Yoakum, Manor, Luling, Smithville, Lockhart, Pleasanton, Hallettsville and LaGrange, but also include Gonzales County, Caldwell County, Lavaca County and GVEC. Councilman Schroeder also expressed his desire to know what the budget is and the tax rate that the comparison cities are at. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table Resolution #2016-39 Selecting the Comparison Cities in the City of Gonzales Compensation Study until we get more information. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #15 & 16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial reports and Special Contact reports are available for the Council to review.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kristina Vega

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 4:00 p.m., April 18, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson,

Staff Present: Genora Young, Angie Kessler

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #1, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session as authorized by GC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; +/- 122 Acres FM 794, Harwood. At 4:02 p.m. Councilman Schurig made a motion to move into Executive Session and requested Genora Young and Connie Kacir to be present. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 4:17 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #2, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from executive session. Councilman Schurig made a motion Authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute an agreement for the sale of +/- 122 Acres on 794. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert A. Logan

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., May 3, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Barbara Friedrich, Anne Dollery, Todd Remschel, Roy Staton, Pam Larison, Tim Patek, Genora Young, Ralph Camarillo, James Conquest, William Ince, Keith Schauer, Micaela Estrada, Allen Taylor

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, Pastor Jesse Elizondo of Two Rivers Bible Church gave the invocation, and the Mayor cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kim Strozier, 2622 County Road 385, Gonzales, I was very excited to see the possibility of workplace interns for our community on the agenda tonight. In the field of education we have used and had the opportunity to use interns for many years, and it works out beautifully for the talented students that graduate from our own community to come back and intern with us, but also for people that have never had the opportunity to see and live in our community to come and experience what Gonzales has to offer. Additionally, we have the first opportunity to offer and hire very talented people before someone else gets them. I think that it would work beautifully for other businesses in the very same manner. Just personally, I have had two different individuals in my family offered internships. One was in the petroleum industry and the other was agricultural, and both were offered positions within their industry where they were interned. It's a wonderful opportunity for our community to bring in folks that don't know us, but also for our own graduates. We have so much to offer here.

Jackie Mikesh, Victoria College, I am also speaking in favor of the resolution to bring an intern to Gonzales to work for the summer. I think it is an unique opportunity on two fronts, not only for the young adult who will come to Gonzales to bring those skills into our community, but to that young adult to leave Gonzales and go back to her college and take what she has learned about our community back to a particular school. I also

support workforce development and what a unique opportunity to bring someone to Gonzales that can further that endeavor.

Robert W. Bland, Chairman of the Come & Take It Committee, 941 N. St, Joseph, here to speak on resolution number twelve, request from the Come & Take It Committee for \$6,000.00 from HOT Funds to support our advertising campaign of our celebration. This is a request that passed three years before; four years ago we requested funds from EDC. This money goes to support our advertising campaign of the celebration and *of itself*. This past year we had rack cards which was a great success, two sided flyers that kind of gave a tease about the celebration but also gets Gonzales' name out there. Also, this advertising money would be used towards brochures for the celebration, posters that we are going to place out and distribute, not only in Gonzales, but in surrounding communities. Also, going to use this money for advertising as far as radio and TV ads, possibly TV ads this year, and then also news print ads, in the past we've advertised in the Victoria newspaper. We may be looking at expanding our reach up to Austin. Any time we can get Gonzales' name out to the surrounding area whether it's for the celebration or any type of conversation it gets people to look up Gonzales and gets people to start thinking about Gonzales and to get those people here to town. We just ask that you all approve our request for \$6000.00 for advertising.

Shari Johnson, GVEC, I am here to support the internship program. I am the Human Resources Manager at GVEC and I lead a team that focuses on recruiting, retention, employee engagement and employee development. We have had great success with our own interns, several success stories where kids came back to their hometown and had a full-time job. So the idea that GEDC could help support internships for the community I think would enhance the community, be great economic growth and I think it would be a wise decision.

Greyson Peterek, 459 County Road 383, I am here also regarding item number twelve, the reimbursement to Come & Take It. I am a member of the Finance Committee for Come & Take It, and I want to thank you and the Council and the City for the support and partnership for the last several years with Come & Take It. I think in large to that the support the event has changed for the better the last couple of years, and we hope for that to continue in the future. One of those better things has definitely been entertainment among other things, with both reimbursement and increased contributions by Come & Take It. Our entertainment budget has more than tripled the last few years. That has definitely been a great thing for us for the event and a city as a whole. It has also provided a challenge for us in the Finance Committee in putting the budget together, and matching our advertising and marketing funds to keep up with the proper amount of advertising and marketing for that entertainment. We have made efforts; we have quadrupled the amount of non-reimbursed money to the advertising and marketing the last few years. We have also made efforts to be more self-sufficient to recoup some

of this money, but at this time the amount we can contribute is not enough to fully support the marketing for this type of event, which makes the City contribution so important. We believe that this will be money well spent, not only for the event but for the city as a whole and local economy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1 & 2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 5 and 18, 2016 City Council Meetings. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the first statements apply to Items 3, 4, 5 and 6. We have a total of five parcels along North Avenue that are leased for farming and grazing. Four of these leases are due and we have gone out for bid for them. Item number three for 14 acres is currently being leased to Brent Hardcastle and was previously leased in 1996 for 20 years at \$20 per acre. The bid for this year is for \$30.00 per acre per year or a total of \$420.00 per year. Jackie Williamson and myself discussed the length of the contract. We advertised for five year contracts rather than twenty year contract because it makes more sense for the city to have a more manageable time periods for contracts rather than long periods. It is also indicated by; the prudence to do that is indicated by the price of the bids. On most of these four items, the high bid amount more than doubles the amount that was bid twenty years ago. Factoring for inflation, we felt it was more prudent and in the city's best interest to go with a shorter lease. We understand that the folks have made investments on our property to build fences and things like that, and that's the reason we are recommending a five year instead of a three. Having said that, the council can set any amount of time they desire on this. Staff respectfully recommends the acceptance of the bid by Brent Hardcastle, who was the only bidder on the parcel for \$30.00 per acre per year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-40 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Farming and Grazing Lease Agreement for Tract Number One, North Avenue, 14 Acres with Brent Hardcastle for 20 years. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if there was further discussion on this item. Councilman Opiela stated that he didn't feel that twenty years is in the best interest of the City, and would like to go with the five year. Councilman Hernandez expressed he would be more in support of a ten year lease. Councilman Schroeder rescinded his motion of twenty years and amended the motion to ten years. Councilman Schurig rescinded his second and seconded the amended motion to ten years. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that tract number two is currently leased by Brent Hardcastle. Mr. Hardcastle is currently paying \$20.00 per acre per year. His bid for the 18 acres is \$50.99 per acre or \$917.82 per year. Staff respectfully recommends the acceptance of his bid and I presume for a ten year lease. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-41 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Farming and Grazing Lease Agreement for Tract Number Two, North Avenue, 18 Acres with Brent Hardcastle for 10 years. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #5, City Manager Allen Barnes stated that tract number three is 84 acres and is currently leased to Arva Nell Needham, Jason Needham and Dane Needham. They are currently paying \$9.95 per acre. We received two bids for this property. The Needham's bid \$40.00 per acre or \$3,360.00 per year and James Buchholtz bid \$10.00 per acre or \$840.00 per year. Staff respectfully recommends the acceptance of the Needham's bid for this property. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-42 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Farming and Grazing Lease Agreement for Tract Number Three, North Avenue, 84 Acres with Arva Nell Needham, Jason Needham and Dane Needham for 10 years. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye"

Item #6, City Manager Allen Barnes stated 28 acres of this tract is currently leased to Clifford Hare. He is currently paying \$16.80 per acre per year. We received four bids, Patrick Ramos at \$40.00 per acre, James Buchholtz at \$25.00 per acre, Bubba Ruddock at \$41.00 per acre, and Brent Hardcastle at \$12.50 per acre. Staff respectfully recommends the acceptance of Bubba Ruddock's bid of \$41.00 per acre per year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-43 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Farming and Grazing Lease Agreement for Tract Number Four, North Avenue, 28 Acres with Bubba Ruddock for 10 years. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated in January of this year we raised the arena rental at JB Wells to \$500.00 with the second day rental of \$450.00, and we are asking to raise the first day to \$600.00 and second day rental to \$550.00. Also included in this resolution, we had a group that has twice recently has cancelled the day before the event, and we are asking that the group or person that reserves the arena cancels within ten days are subject to the entire amount. Councilman Hernandez asked when someone rents the arena if there was a deposit paid. Mr. Barnes stated \$150.00 is the

deposit amount. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-44 Amending the Rental Fees for the JB Wells Park Arena; Raising the Rates to \$600.00 for Saturday Rental with the Second day Rental Amount of \$550.00; Changing the Deposit for Rental to be One Half of the Rental Rate with the Final Payment Due Ten Days Prior to the Event; Cancellation Within the Ten Days Will Forfeit All of the Deposit and Rental Amount. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #8, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated when we set the fees for the Expo at JB Wells Park we included \$400.00 for the clean-up. Now that we are renting it, we are being asked what the fee for setting up will be. We've checked with other facilities and they charge about the same amount for set-up. It would be more efficient and effective to have this set-up fee. Staff respectfully recommends the approval of this resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-45 Adopting the Fees that will be Charged as Set-Up Fees for the Expo Center at JB Wells Park. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #9, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that every year EDC allocates funds for workforce development. What a great way to use those funds, but to bring a college student to Gonzales and have them work with a local business. It's my understanding, and Crissy is here to answer any questions in whatever presentation she may have, what they plan to do is assist a local business on an annual basis to bring in an intern. They wanted to pilot the program with the City of Gonzales to include EDC, Mainstreet and other city departments this year. Crissy O'Neal stated what EDC wants to do is that we have a local student who is a senior at A&M that needs an internship; her degree is in Community Development, which is right up our alley. We are proposing use of \$2000.00 of EDC funds from our Workforce Development line item in our budget which has already been approved. She will be working from May to August of 2016 which is about \$500.00 a month is what she will be paid. Her guidelines and what we need kind of dovetail together. We've talked to the Office of the Governor and they are looking at our program to see if it can be spread elsewhere, and also help in the future with funds from the Texas Workforce Commission if the program works out well. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-46 Approving GEDC Board's Request to Authorize the GEDC President/CEO to Hire an Intern as Part of the Development of a Workforce Development Business Intern Pilot Program; "Grow Gonzales". Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #10, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is a ministerial function for the City Manager and the Finance Director; however, we did want to bring it to your attention that our auditor has told us to do. This is from when we bought the property on I-10 we paid for it out of the pooled cash and we never replaced it. What the auditor has told us to do is take the money from TexPool put it into pooled cash which is our operating day-to-day expense fund and at such time as when the land is sold in Harwood, that money would go back into the fund balance and TexPool. We do have a contract with an individual on that property and we anticipate closing on the property sometime in May. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-47 Acknowledging the Transfer of funds from TexPool General Fund Account. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated we have two items this month that we are declaring as surplus. They are the old Fire Department Tanker Truck and a printer. These items such as your approval will be placed on Govdeals and sold. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-48 Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Surplus. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated on the April 14, 2016 the GCVB did meet to consider a request from the Come & Take It Committee for \$6,000.00. This would also include a budget amendment for that amount. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-49 Approving Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau Recommendation to Approve a Budget Amendment Which would Include \$6,000.00 to Fund Advertising for the Come & Take It Festival. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Angels & Outlaws and the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Med Spa would like to use the Confederate Square and permission to close the 400 block of St. George on May 14, 2016 to hold a Spring Fling. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-50 Authorizing the Use of Confederate Square Permission to Close the 400 Block of St. George for Angels & Outlaws and Gonzales Healthcare Systems Med Spa to Hold a Spring Fling on May 14, 2016. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

ORDINANCE

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this item came up while researching a grant. We have filed for a very significant grant from the Federal Government that would widen the sidewalks to ten feet and establish a bike lane on the sidewalk. This would not impact neighborhood sidewalks; this change is only to permit bicycles to be on East Avenue and North Avenue on the sidewalks. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-6 Amending Article 12.1000, Section 12.1005 Riding on Sidewalks. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated a State Law has recently changed that requires us to change from 65 living on a fixed income to 60 and living on a fixed income. By amending this, it would bring us into compliance with State Law; therefore staff respectfully recommends the approval of this ordinance. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-7 Amending Ordinance 13.211 Subsection (D) Waiving Utility Late Fees for Customers Over the Age of 65 and Living on a Fixed Income. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated recently we had a request to have a church in a residential area. Our ordinance says that it has to meet special regulations and conditions set by the Board of Adjustments for a Specific Use Permit. Not being a lawyer, this is kind of illegal to do so. There is a law called RLUIPA which is a religious freedom law in the country and it says, you cannot make any undue burden upon someone that is wanting to make a church. We are not recommending is not changing the fact that you have to have a Specific Use permit but that it can be approved at a staff level. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-8 Amending Section 14.309 Specific Uses (All Districts) (1) Church. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #17 & 18, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial reports and special contract reports are available for the council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #19, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session as authorized by GC 551.076 Security Devices/Security Audit. At 7:12 p.m. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to move into Executive Session after a short recess. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:45p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #20, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session. No motion was made out of executive session.

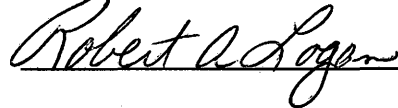
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 5:03 p.m., May 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: No staff present

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #1, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session as authorized by GC 551.076 Security Devices/Security Audit. At 5:05 p.m. Councilman Schurig made a motion to move into Executive Session. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

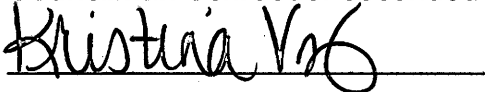
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:06 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #2, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session. City Manager, Allen Barnes asked if he could make a recommendation that we place the contract with IT2Rescue on a six month probationary period, and also retain the services of Hill Country Tech Guys as a consultant and auditor for that period. They will continue to do our back-ups, they will continue to monitor our system and report to us on an interval basis concerning the progress we are making to improve the security based on their recommendations on their audit, and that Mr. Nesser be instructed, when he has questions or concerns, he contact them and discuss the situation with them. Councilman Hernandez made the City Manager's recommendation into a motion. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

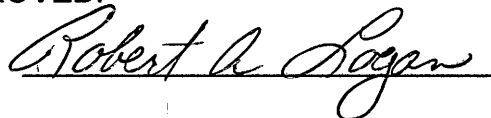
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., June 7, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Robert A. Logan, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Roy Staton, Carla Faltisek, Megan O'Neal, Tim Patek, Barbara Friedrich, Todd Remschel, Keith Schauer, Genora Young, William Ince, Gary Shock, Ralph Camarillo, Caroline Helms, Tim Crow, Keith Schmidt

Mayor Logan called the meeting to order, Pastor Chris Irving of First Baptist Church gave the invocation, and the Mayor cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1 & 2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 3 & 13, 2016 City Council Meetings. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #3, Mayor Logan administered the Oath of Office for Mayor-Elect Connie Kacir. Bobby Logan requested permission from Mayor Kacir to address the audience to express his appreciation during his terms in office.

Item #4, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated we received a phone call from Representative Cyrier that he was not going to be able to be here tonight, so he asked me to do a couple of presentations. The first presentation, on behalf of Representative Cyrier, I am very happy to present you a flag that was flown over the State Capitol on May 17 in Honor of Robert A. Logan, Mayor of Gonzales, and on behalf of your Council, your City Staff, from Brenda and me, thank you for all you've done. Madam Mayor Kacir, on behalf of Representative John Cyrier, I am very honored to present you this

flag that was flown over the State Capitol, today, on becoming the first woman mayor of the City of Gonzales.

Item #5, Building Official, William Ince conducted a presentation regarding proposed amendments to the building permit fee schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JR Ryan, 1839 Contour Drive, wanted to speak on the relicensing on the hydro generation station. You're faced with two options on it. One is relicense, or decommission. Both of which are lose situations. A possible third option may be available. That would be to sell it and partner, or a public private partnership on it. The possibilities may be there to partner with GBRA.

Barbara Crozier, I think you guys are all in the receipt of an email I sent over to you today. I want to stress a couple of things to you tonight. I think what's on all of our minds is not the worth of the program, but how we fund it. Tonight I would like to reiterate, because there has been a lot of confusion over the years on how the Crystal is funded. It is funded mainly through private donations, and a few foundation grants. The last three years we have actually received an allocation from Hotel/Motel. I want to stress again that the moneys that the Crystal has received have come from Hotel/Motel, and the Hotel/Motel funds are actually generated to create tourism, which the Crystal has been a part of 35 years this month. Tonight what we are talking about is \$10K that was previously committed for the Crystal as a line item at the close of the last budget session last year. I think that the email kind of explains the confusion, and the error and omission. Tonight these people and I are here on behalf of the Crystal to say that, that \$10K is available in Hotel/Motel tax funds, and we ask you to act on tonight, moving that \$10K allocation for the Crystal Theater into the line item where it belongs. In the spirit of continuity and ease of accounting and transparency it makes perfect sense for us to simply transfer that money into that line item into the budget at the Council's discretion. The money is there and it is my understanding that there will not cause any hardship to do that.

Genora Young & Jill Schauer, it is my distinct please to introduce the intern for who is helping Gonzales Economic Development Corporation launch the pilot program "Grow Gonzales," to help bring college students home during the summer and place them in Gonzales businesses. With that I introduce Jill Schauer, she was raised here, is a student at Texas A&M, a senior student studying Community and Economic Development. Jill Schauer wanted to say thank you, I feel like I have already learned so much this summer and very grateful for this opportunity and am very excited for the rest of the summer.

Ann Covert, 723 St. James, I would like to speak to agenda item #11 the Strategic Plan as proposed in the packet. What you moved on is commendable, I see that the target recommendations are business development, community development, professional excellence in staff, invest in infrastructure and tourism. All of these are compliments to tourism. I could speak to each of these but would like to speak to the plans for tourism.

I have worked on tourism since I arrived in town, as a matter of fact, I brought tourism to Gonzales. It is an economic factor of value and we need to engage in every dimension for sustainable growth of Gonzales. We have tourism going for us now and we need the new money. Our board works very diligently in promoting Gonzales. I have seen what you are suggesting and would add that specifically that we also need more handrails downtown, we need a tour bus and we need information kiosks in key spots downtown for more information, and other things for tourism. Therefore, I would like to see you add a few other targets to your list. One is preservation, an ordinance would work to our benefit, preservation of our museums and other attractions should be a priority in my opinion. The Gonzales Museum is in dire need of immediate attention, or we will lose the art in it. The City Cemetery has gone into neglect and disrepair. There are other land marks that need your support. Number two a target would be quality of life. I see you have mentioned interest in more activities for our youth. I would like to see this develop immediately. A grand pool and recreational center would be an approach to keeping children and adults active, and there are many other features that can be developed for citizens. The next target I suggest is culture and the arts. People enjoy enriching their lives, and we have several venues for this. Another target is ancillary services, one would be animal care, plan for a better dog shelter and one would be keep Gonzales beautiful. My point number two is this, strategic plans. It's disappointing to me that we have had many goals & objectives reviewed and studied here in Gonzales, but time passes and other things take precedence.

PUBLIC HEARING

Barbara Crozier, Crystal Theater, to clarify the confusion for where the funding for the Crystal Theater comes from. It does not come from the city general funds that would be considered in your city general fund considerations as you move forward, but you do review each year the Hotel/Motel tax budget and make recommendations for the special contracts and special projects and so in that it does come to you for review. So in the spirit of continuity I urge you not only to do what we were requesting earlier and return it to the Crystal Theater line item but to realize that is where it's going to be for the upcoming budget this time.

The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Schurig made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor then asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye"

RESOLUTIONS

Item #7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated as the Council is aware the Robert Lee Brothers Jr. Library is in the design phase, actually it has gone out to bid. However, in the contract with the architect the interior services, the furniture design and so forth is not included. Caroline very diligently has been in contact with Trinity Library Resources. This is a firm at no cost to the city will do the design for the new library. They are paid by several various furniture manufacturers. They are members of BuyBoard therefore

we can buy directly from them but their design services are at no cost to us, they coordinate the furniture buy just like an architect would. Caroline has contacted several of their references and they have all come back with glowing reviews. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-51 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Trinity Library Resources to Provide New Furnishings for the Newly Constructed Gonzales Public Library. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye." Councilman Hernandez voted "nay." The motion carried.

Item #8, Mayor, Connie Kacir called to table this item in order to further research the City's options on this item. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to table Resolution #2016-52 Determining the Future Course of the Application for Re-Licensing of the Hydro Electric Plant. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if City Manager, Allen Barnes had anything that he wanted to report on the item. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that he wanted to give a brief update on what was going and why we are recommending tabling this item. There have been a couple of comment periods in which the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has been very assertive in requiring their studies. Schneider has been in contact with other firms that do that type of aquatic studies and the estimate that they are getting back is somewhere in the \$600k to \$800k range just for the studies. They have also contact other firms about decommissioning and they have estimates of \$800k. However, these are just opinions of cost, so what we have done is suggested Schneider go out for a quick bid for both the relicensing and decommissioning, that way we can have hard contract costs when we bring this back to you. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #9, City Manager Allen Barnes stated that Mrs. Smith is in the process of purchasing or refinancing a home that is located on Harwood Road. Part of the property is on an unopened portion of Church Street. We have been asked for a license agreement for 31 years. This is consistent with what has been done in the past. Mayor Kacir added as a point of clarification that Cynthia Smith is the seller of the property. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-53 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a 31 Year License Agreement with Cynthia Smith. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #10, Mayor, Connie Kacir presented the item Discuss and Consider Resolution 2016-54 Appointing a Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Gonzales and asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-54 Appointing Tommy Schurig as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Opiela

seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #11, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated on March 3 and 4, 2016 the City Council had a called meeting. Mike Mowery of SGR (Strategic Government Resources) facilitated the meeting to develop the Goals and Objectives for the upcoming year. The Goals and Objectives for 2013-2014 have been met and it was time again. On April 8, 2016 city staff met with Mr. Mowery to develop the strategic steps to achieve the Council's stated goals. Tonight you have a document provided by Mr. Mowery that lay out not only the goals established by the Council but the steps to be taken by staff over the next year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-55 Approving the 2016-2017 Strategic Plan for the City of Gonzales, Texas. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that in April the Council was asked to select comparator cities for our compensation study. The Council at that time proposed a list of Gonzales, Smithville, Pleasanton, Cuero, Lockhart, Luling, Manor, Yoakum and LaGrange. You tabled the issue asking for budget and tax rate information from staff for each city. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-56 Approving the Comparator Cities for the Gonzales Compensation Study. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #13, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the three years of street program we have experienced have all been concentrating on major collector streets, St. Andrew, St. Paul, Church Street, and St. Vincent. Very little attention has been paid to residential streets. In discussions with the street department and our engineer, it would be in the City's best interest and certainly in the street department's best interest to take a year off the demolition and reconstruction of streets, level up some residential streets. You see the list of streets in front of you. In addition to the \$250k we are recommending for sealcoating of streets, we are also planning to repair and repave the street at Independence Park, the City Engineers approximate cost for that is \$150k. We are also recommending we transition to the sidewalks downtown. The first sidewalk proposed is the 400 block of St. George Street. We've done the corner of the block there where Come & Take It Grill is going to be, the county is doing the Randle Rather Building, so we figured we could get more bang for our buck for the remainder of the block. At this point we are not able to bury the lines; however, we are including the conduit to bury those lines in the future if we can come to an agreement with Verizon about the poles. Again the running total is about \$600k the remaining \$50k is for engineering, surveying,

bidding, contract administration and any contingency that may be. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-57 Approving the Proposed 2016-2017 Street Program. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #14, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Mrs. Crozier came to my office a month ago with the concern about the funding for Crystal Theater. I explained to her it was my understanding that the Council wanted to continue the Crystal Theater to continue to go to the now Convention and Visitors Bureau for funding. She was adamant that she understood that differently. I talked to Pam and she remembered it the way that I did and I told Mrs. Crozier that there was one way to get it settled and that was to get the Council to tell us what their intent is. There is a significant balance in Hotel/Motel tax that is a fluid income stream, and it is my understanding that it is a permissible use of hotel/motel funds. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-58 Clarifying the City Council Budget Intent for Crystal Theater Funding through Hotel/Motel Tax in the Amount of \$10,000.00. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #15, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that our street department does not have sufficient budget year left to repave Seydler Street all the way out from St. Lawrence to Highway 90A. In talking with Keith Schauer and Todd what we are recommending that when College Street is completed that they will move to Seydler Street and repair the areas that are bad. They would repair those, repair those and that would make Seydler Street a functional street for the foreseeable future and at that time they could turn their attention to the 500-600 block of St. Vincent where we've had the line laid by Qro-Mex issues on the street. It will also give us an opportunity for us to pave the west parking lot at the expo center. It would get the parking lot paved and done instead of a sealcoat. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-59 Authorizing the Change to the 2015-2016 Street Program. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #16, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is consistent with what has been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-60 Appointing Crystal Cedillo, as the Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector, as the Individual to Calculate and Prepare the 2016 Effective and Rollback Tax Rates for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

ORDINANCE

Item #17, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated it is my understanding that there have been difficulties with getting people to comply with cutting grass on city easements and city right-of-way which is technically part of their residential lot, and thus the reason for this ordinance. City Attorney, Jackie Williamson stated that Code Enforcement discussed with this me and asked if this was possible and I researched it and it is possible. This is actually the individual's property that they are not mowing because the city has an easement of right-of-way. The Mayor asked for a motion. A motion was not made regarding Ordinance #2016-9 Amending Article 6.300 Section 6.301(c) By Making it Unlawful to Permit Grass, Weeds or Any Plant that is not Cultivated to Grow to a Greater Height than Twelve Inches or Average, or to Grow in Rank Profusion upon any Property Including Property Within the Curbed are of any lot or Premise and Right of Ways. The item died due to lack of motion.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #18 & 19, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial reports and special contract reports are available for the council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #20, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session as authorized by GC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney. At 7:53 p.m. Councilman Schurig made a motion to move into Executive Session after a short recess. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

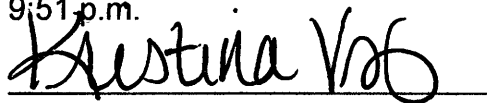
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 9:51 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #21, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session. No motion was made out of executive session.

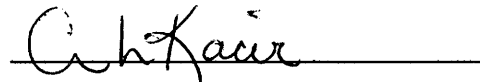
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 5:00 p.m., June 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: No staff present

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #1, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session as authorized by GC 551.076 Security Devices/Security Audit; Executive Session as Authorized by GC 551.071 Consultation with Attorney. At 5:02 p.m. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to move into Executive Session. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

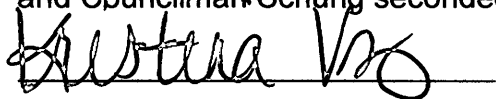
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:00 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #2, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session. Councilman Tommy Schurig made a motion to move to advertise for RFP's for managed IT Services within 180 days. Terminate IT2 Rescue Services and enter into an agreement with Hill Country Tech as the City's interim IT providers. No provider will be restricted from submitting a proposal. Councilman Clarence Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

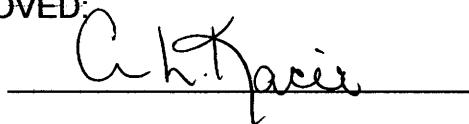
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 5, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., July 5, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

The following member was absent: Gary Schroeder

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Roy Staton, Pam Larison, William Ince, Tim Crow

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge and gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Crozier, I am here tonight on behalf of the constituents that were in the chamber last meeting in June for addressing the way that the Crystal is funded through the hotel/motel, and to remind everyone for the record that the work that will be done tonight to amend the budget is to amend the hotel/motel tax budget, not the general city budget, just for the record. I would like to again thank you guys and to inform you of a performance of "Taming of the Shrew" coming up on July 14th at 3 p.m. and would like to invite you to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes, and then asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the June 7, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes. Mayor Kacir then stated as two points of information, on page 7 it should be corrected to Mrs. Crozier instead of Mr. Crozier, and the return to open session time should be 9:51 p.m. lieu of 8:45 p.m. Councilman Hernandez amended his motion to approve the minutes for the June 7, 2016 City Council Meeting with the mentioned corrections. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve

the minutes for the June 13, 2016 Called City Council Meetings. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-61 Designating Connie Kacir, Mayor as an Authorized Signatory with Financial Institutions. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-61 Designating Connie Kacir, Mayor as an Authorized Signatory with Financial Institutions. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye."

ORDINANCE

Item #4, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Ordinance #2016-10 Amendment to Building Permit Fees. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to postpone Ordinance #2016-10 Amendment to Building Permit Fees until the September meeting. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye."

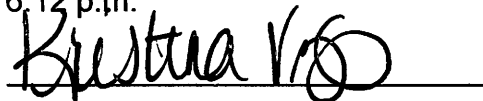
Item #5, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Ordinance #2016-11 Approving the Budget Amendment for Hotel/Motel Tax Fund (Crystal Theatre) Expense by \$10,000. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-11 Approving the Budget Amendment for Hotel/Motel Tax Fund (Crystal Theatre) Expense by \$10,000. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye."

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #6 & 7, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial reports and special contract reports are available for the council to review.

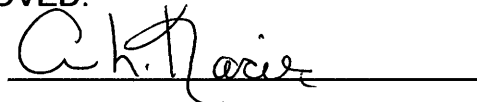
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Opiela seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., August 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Roy Staton, Pam Larison, Tim Crow, James Conquest, Ralph Camarillo, Genora Young, Barbara Friedrich, Carla Faltisek, Keith Schmidt, Tim Patek

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge, and Jesse Elizondo gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Nesser, Dennis Nesser Jr., David Tucy, Jesse A. Elizondo, Tamela Baker, Larry Mercer, Betty Vaughn, Charles Matlock, Glenda Gordon, Clint Hille, Sharon Hall, Sally Ploeger, Glenda Gordon, Barbara Crozier, Liz Hernandez, Martin Clack and Manuel Pena spoke during the public comments section of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1 Early Citizen Input Regarding the Use of City Funds for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 and Ending September 30, 2017.

Deanne Novosad, Executive Director of the Gonzales Youth Center in Gonzales, I am here to respectfully request that the Gonzales Youth Center be included in the budget for the city for the next fiscal year. You all have been great in the past and I would like to see that continue. I did submit a written request and a copy of our budget. Gonzales Youth Center has been in existence for over 20 years and in those years we feel like we have made a difference in over 2,000 lives of the children of Gonzales. We want to continue that tradition and we can only do that with the support of the community and funds that are provided to us. In the 20 years we have provided a safe, supervised fun and educational environment for the youth of our community. We have made a positive difference with over 2,000 children by offering many different activities, classes and

experiences for our children to participate in and learn from. We are hopeful that our interactions with the youth will teach the community youth to make better decisions, best choices, have the best information that they can have to face whatever life has to offer. Our current membership is about 300 youth, we gain about 100 new kids every year, and about 100 kids move on. We are aimed towards kids who are in 6th, 7th and 8th grade, that's our focus. Our average daily attendance is about 40 kids, and have had as many as 80. We continue to expand our programs and services to meet the ever changing needs of the community's youth.

Betty Vaughn, on behalf of the DRT, I would like to thank you for the contributions in the past to the JB Wells House. We respectfully request the \$10k that you to present as a budget item for the next coming year. You may reflect in the letter that we have 285 visitors from 70 different cities that have visited and 3 different states in the past year.

Daisy Scheske Freeman, representing Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. On July 14, 2016, I received a letter from the Finance Department stating that all Special Contracts recipients are to present a written request for funds. At this time the Chamber requests funds through the Hotel/Motel tax to help with operating the visitor center, which is open 7 days a week excluding holidays. In 2015 we had submitted a request for the amount of \$32,550, but were counter offered for \$25K. This year we are requesting \$32,581, \$31 more than last year. I have created a packet for each of you to review. In your packet you will find documentation we feel will help justify these expenditures. We greatly appreciate your help.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2016 City Council Meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-62 Acknowledging Receipt of 2016-2017 Proposed Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and made a point of information that Council is acting to accept the proposed budget not approving the budget. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-62 Acknowledging Receipt of 2016-2017 Proposed Budget for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #4, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-63 Determining the Future Course of the Application for Relicensing of the Hydro Generation Plant. City Manager, Allen Barnes presented Steve Moffett and Charlotte Garaway with Schneider Engineering to present the update on the status of the relicensing process. After the presentation the Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-63 Determining the Future Course of the Application for Re-Licensing of the Hydro Generation Plant. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #5, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-64 Approving the Date Changes for the September, October and November 2016 City Council Meetings The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-64 Approving the Council Meeting Date Changes for the September 6th meeting to September 13th, October 4th to October 3rd and November 1st to November 7th 2016. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #6, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-65 Approving Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau recommendation to approve the use of \$10,000 of the Hotel Motel Revenue Fund balance and \$10,000 from Budget Approved Historic Preservation Funds to Fund Historic Homes Association request for publication of GONZALES GRANDEUR, a coffee table book/E book. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-65 Approving Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau recommendation to approve the use of \$10,000 of the Hotel Motel Revenue Fund balance and \$10,000 from Budget Approved Historic Preservation Funds to Fund Historic Homes Association request for publication of GONZALES GRANDEUR, a coffee table book/E book. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #7, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-66 Authorizing Gonzales Economic Development to Fund a Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) From Walter Bill Walker, in the amount of \$7,527.14 for the Removal of Power Lines. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-66 Authorizing Gonzales Economic Development to Fund a Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) From Walter Bill Walker, in the amount of \$7,527.14 for the Removal of Power Lines. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #8, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-67 Selecting Potential Sites for a Skate Park, asked that the item be moved to the September City Council agenda for procedural concern that the project be approved prior to selecting a potential site, and that agenda item could combine the two issues. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-67 Selecting Potential Sites for a Skate Park. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. Economic Development Corporation, President/CEO, Genora Young stated that the EDC voted the other night to approve contingent upon the site selection, geotechnical surveys and soil sampling. Not to exceed \$5,000 contingent upon your selection of a site, and they will not move forward when you as a council a site in which you've have blessed for this project. There are other things to consider, total cost of the project, how it will be phased and how will it be funded. Councilman Schurig rescinded his motion. Councilman Opiela rescinded his second. The Mayor again asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion Selecting the West Side of Tinsley Creek as a potential site for a Skate Park. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. Councilman Schurig asked what is wrong with the East Side of Tinsley Creek. Councilman Hernandez amended his motion to the East side of Tinsley Creek as a potential site for a Skate Park. Councilman Schroeder seconded the amended motion. The motion The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder all voted "aye." Mayor Kacir voted "nay".

Item #9, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-68 Authorizing the Consolidation of the Central Texas Service Area with the South Texas Service Area of Texas Gas Service. As a point of information, I do want to state that I did speak with our legal counselor and she has approved this as being in good order with the Charter. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-68 Authorizing the Consolidation of the Central Texas Service Area with the South Texas Service Area of Texas Gas Service. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

ORDINANCE

Item #10, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Ordinance #2016-12 Amending Article 5.201 Adopted; Grievance Hearing, Conflicting Provision; Penalty, and Article 5.400 Fees of Gonzales Code of Ordinances. Fire Chief, Keith Schmidt, stated back in 2015 we adopted the 2015 Fire Code and this is the Fire Code we go by. This Fire Code is used by municipalities throughout the United States. There is common verbiage that is very generic, and it does not specify which municipality it's for. There is no talk about the fees for permits, all of that is left blank in the book and it asks us to make amendments, or changes to it so all of that is included in the Fire Code. When it was adopted in 2015, we should have bought a set of amendments that would have

made this Fire Code more enforceable. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-12 Amending Article 5.201 Adopted; Grievance Hearing, Conflicting Provision; Penalty, and Article 5.400 Fees of Gonzales Code of Ordinances. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

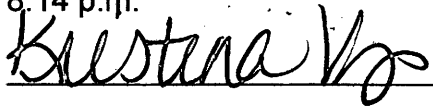
Item #11 & 12, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial reports and special contract reports are available for the council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #13, The Mayor requested the executive session be moved to the September agenda. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to move the executive session as authorized by GC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Annual Evaluation and Contract Discussion of City Manager to the September agenda. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m., August 8, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Councilman Gary Schroeder joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Anne Dollery, Tim Patek, Todd Remschel, Laura Zella, Gary Shock, William Ince, Barbara Friedrich, Megan O'Neal, Tim Crow, Genora Young, Keith Schmidt, Pam Larison

PRESENTATIONS

Item #1, Mike Brooks of BrooksCardiel, PLLC auditor for the City of Gonzales gave a presentation regarding proposed property and sales tax revenues for the City of Gonzales for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #2, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-69 Authorizing Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation to Hold their 2nd Annual Live Well with Exercise 5K/10K on Saturday, September 10, 2016. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated the reason this is being presented to you tonight is because the race is being held three days before the September meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-69 Authorizing Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation to Hold their 2nd Annual Live Well with Exercise 5K/10K on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #3, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-70 Accepting Bids and Awarding the Contract for the Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library Project. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that we opened bids on August 2nd at 2 p.m. for the project. We had a total of five bidders; we did use the competitive sealed bid. We had five bidders and two no bids. The highest scoring company is Gaeke Construction. Their base bid was \$698,700; the next lowest bid was \$789,000. With all of the alternates which are add-ons like doing the vault as a display are for the guns and LED lights, their total price of \$790,300. They also scored the highest of all of the

companies in the scoring criteria. It's actually come in a little under budget. The construction budget was \$813K with the contingency and a couple of other things. Staff respectfully recommends we hire Gaeke Construction, they are highly recommended by our architect. He has worked with them numerous times. They have had similar experience with similar buildings. They do complete their buildings on time. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-70 Accepting Bids and Awarding the Contract for the Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library Project to Gaeke Construction; this is to include base bids and alternate bids for the total of \$790,300. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye." Councilman Hernandez voted "nay".

Item #4, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-71 Establishing the Maximum 2016-2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this is a statutory requirement for the Council to take a vote to establish a maximum tax rate that will be used this year. There are a couple different levels, the effective rate is \$0.1638 per \$100 valuation, and the rollback rate is \$0.1769 per \$100 valuation. If you have a maximum rate, this is not a vote to raise taxes; it is the most you will charge to raise taxes. If you have a vote that exceeds the \$0.1638, then we will have to have two public hearings. The effective tax rate as calculated will increase our levy by \$18K almost \$19K, the rollback rate will increase our levy by \$67K. The council can set this at whatever they want to, however, if you set it at the effective rate tonight then that is what you will charge. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-71 Establishing the Rollback Rate of \$0.1769 as the Maximum 2016-2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye." Councilmen Hernandez and Schroeder voted "nay". Motion carried.


OTHER BUSINESS-WORKSHOP

Item #5, Budget Workshop on the Upcoming Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 Ending September 30, 2017.

The Mayor and Council wished to go over the proposed budget page by page to express and questions or concerns they may have with the proposed budget.

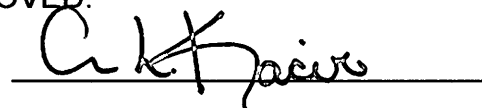
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AUGUST 9, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their workshop at 5:04 p.m., August 9, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Clarence Opiela, Tommy Schurig and Gary Schroeder.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Anne Dollery, Tim Patek, Todd Remschel, Barbara Friedrich, Megan O'Neal, Tim Crow, Genora Young, Keith Schmidt, Pam Larison, Gary Shock, Caroline Helms, Ralph Camarillo, Roy Staton

OTHER BUSINESS-WORKSHOP

Item #5, Budget Workshop on the Upcoming Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 Ending September 30, 2017.

The Mayor and Council continued to go over the proposed budget page by page to express and questions or concerns they may have with the proposed budget.

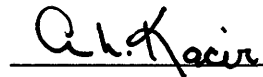
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:06 p.m., August 30, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega

Others Absent: City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Roy Staton, Tim Patek, Barbara Friedrich, Todd Remschel, Keith Schmidt, Genora Young, Marland Mercer, Tim Crow, Pam Larison

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1, Citizen Input Regarding the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 ending September 30, 2017

Richard Green, I just wanted to express my opinion about the tax increase you are proposing. There was a couple of guys that didn't know much about the hotel business that came in and remodeled a hotel here in town, and everything was going great. The oil business came in and the money was coming in, everything was wonderful. Then the oil business slacked off and we had a budget shortfall. So we called a directors meeting. We said okay here is what we are going to do, we raised the price on the hotel because we don't have enough people here staying in the hotel. People weren't staying with us; they went to Holiday Inn, La Quinta, Days Inn and Westwood Inn. Then we had to lower prices because we had competition. The difference in what you're doing and what we're doing and what we have to contend with is that you don't have any competition. If you have a budget short fall, all you have to do is call a meeting like this and say let's raise the prices of taxes. Appraisal district rises appraisals, and all of the sudden a hotel goes from \$7K a year in taxes to \$22K a year in taxes, and we have a shortfall. Not just because people aren't staying there but because the tax increases and all the other things that are going on. Having said that, most of you I know well and all I am saying to you tonight is that you are not doing the City of Gonzales a favor by raising taxes. I don't know what the other side of the coin is, I don't know if you are tightening the belt as far as your employees are concerned or your spending is concerned, but that is what we had to do. When I said we raised our prices, that's not what we did, we had to come in and had to cut the prices. I had to put people in place,

including myself to work shifts at the hotel in order to get the costs down as far as that was concerned. All I am saying is that if you are doing that, then I stand corrected, but I haven't seen anything that says you are doing that, as far as cutting your costs. All you are saying is we will go out there and get money from the tax payer and we will create a solution with that, and that's not the way you do it. If it was just the hotel, then it would be different, but I have a few other properties and every one of them is the same. Every time the taxes go up, the appraisals go up, everything goes up. All you're doing is running business people out of town. I had two people that I have talked to in the last two months that were going to come here and go into business, but they are not going to because of some things that have happened as far as a lot of things are concerned but taxes is one of them. All I am saying to you is I think you really need to look at this tax thing before you vote for an increase. I will say this I have supported every one of you, and I don't have any influence, but I guarantee if you vote for it, I will be voting against you and I will be working against you as far as a campaign is concerned. There's not much that I know, but I do know a bit about campaigning. All I am saying is we need to address this in a way that is fair to us in the business community as well as the City itself.

The Mayor Closed the Public Hearing, and stated that the City Council will vote on the Tax Rate September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.


ORDINANCE

Item #2, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Ordinance #2016-13 Approving the Proposed Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 and appropriating and allocating the funds for said budget. This ordinance will renew the City's financial policy, Investment Policy, and Budget Contingency Plan. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated you have before you the budget, as presented at the Council Workshop for the budget. The only difference between this and presentation that was made that night is during the workshop council expressed a desire not to contract with McCoy's Tree Trimming crew for \$16K a year for four weeks, but it would be more cost effective to add a position of tree trimmer to the Electric Department. That was the one change that has been made, that position has been made to the budget. That position while it is in the Electric Department will not strictly do the electric right-of-way; they will do the overhangs in the streets. That is the only difference in the presentation you already had and this final budget. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-13 Approving the Proposed Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 and appropriating and allocating the funds for said budget. This ordinance will renew the City's financial policy, Investment Policy, and Budget

Contingency Plan. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

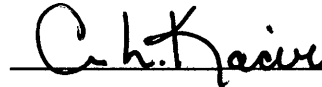
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Opiela seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:02 p.m., September 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Roy Staton, James Conquest, Anne Dollery, William Ince, Pam Larison, Todd Remschel, Marland Mercer, Genora Young, Tim Crow, Barbara Friedrich

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Green, 617 St. Peter, don't have much to say other than, the last time since I was the only one speaking, I thought I was out in left field. So I made some inquiries through email and telephone and we spent maybe less than 24 hours and, we did get a number of signatures asking to not increase taxes, and if you need more we can have you 6 or 7 hundred more, since we only spent about six hours on these.

Kelly Lindner, 622 N. St. Paul, ten weeks ago tonight I became the publisher for the Gonzales Inquirer. I am here tonight to respectfully request that you consider that the Gonzales Inquirer be your paper of record. We have had a long standing relationship with the City of Gonzales and would like to continue that as your paper of record. The Gonzales Inquirer has over the last nine weeks made some significant changes. I hope some of you have noticed. We have decided to become a hyper local newspaper and focus specifically on Gonzales County. We no longer have syndicated columns. We no longer have national news stories. All of our news is written by and about local citizens. The Gonzales Inquirer is the newspaper that provides the Gonzales ISD the newspapers and education program. Without the Gonzales Inquirer the schools would not have that and Dr. Kim Strozier told me less than a month ago that it is a significant program to help field the leaders of tomorrow in this county.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #1 Citizen Input Regarding the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 and Ending September 30, 2017

No comments were made during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #2 and 3, Mayor Connie Kacir swore in Police Officers Tomas Garza and Leopoldo Mendez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #4, 5, 6, & 7 The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes. The mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 2, 2016, August 8, 2016, August 9, 2016 and August 30, 2016 City Council Meetings and Workshops. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #8, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-72 Approving the Appointments and Reappointment of Members to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-72 Appointing Keith Brown, Reappointing Tommy Cox and James Ryan to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #9, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-73 Reappointment of Members to the J.B. Wells Park Advisory Board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-73 Reappointing Sherri Hooper and W.R of Members to the J.B. Wells Park Advisory Board. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #10, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-74 Approving the Reappointment of Members to the Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-74 Reappointing Johnnie Edwards, Lisa Brown, Egon Barthels, John Boothe, John Pirkle and Connie Dolezal to the Main Street Advisory Board. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #11, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-75 Authorizing the Reappointment of Members to the Gonzales Public Library. The Mayor

asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-75 Reappointing Dean Davis, Swann Reid, Dot Eberle and Ida McGarity to the Gonzales Public Library Board. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #12, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-76 Authorizing the Reappointment of Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-76 Reappointing Pat Mosher, Isaac Anzaldua and Dawn O'Donnell to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Sign Control Board. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #13, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-77 Authorizing the Reappointments of Members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-77 Reappointing Philip Borowitz, Paul Frenzel and Paul Neuse to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #14, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-78 Approving the Appointments and Reappointments of Members to the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-78 Reappointing Ann Covert, Chris Kappmeyer, Ken Morrow, Allison Guerra Rodriguez, appointing Holly Danz with a term ending September 30, 2017 and Clint Hille with a term ending September 30, 2018 to the Gonzales Convention and Visitors Bureau. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #15, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-79 Authorizing the Reappointment of Members to the Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-79 Reappointing Doug Kotzebue, Debbie Ticken and Floyd Rogers to the Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #16, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-80 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of

Transportation for the Maintenance of State Highways in the City Limits of Gonzales. The Agreement is commonly known as the Municipal Maintenance Agreement. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated Chapter 311 of the Transportation Code gives cities exclusive dominion over all state roadways in their corporate limits. Transportation Code 203.003 makes it necessary for TXDOT to enter into an agreement with each city for authority to construct, reconstruct, maintain, control, supervise and regulate designated highways within said city limits. The current agreement that the city has with the state is decades old, and the state has been asking us to sign a new one for 3 years. Mayor Kacir stated she has had conversations recently with James Stephenson, who is the director of operations of the District Office in Yoakum and he is interested in working with our staff, to continue to massage the agreement in a way that we both feel we can live with it in those terms. He has asked that we contact him and set up a time to move forward with him in negotiations. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table Resolution #2016-80 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Maintenance of State Highways in the City Limits of Gonzales until the City Attorney and City Manager has an opportunity to confer with James Stephenson to reach further agreement. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #17, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-81 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Certain City Streets for the Hot Rod Standoff Car Show and Concert on June 10, 2017. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that this will be the third time they held this event, and it has grown every year. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-81 Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Certain City Streets for the Hot Rod Standoff Car Show and Concert on June 10, 2017. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

- Item #18, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-82 Approving the Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) Application by James Patrick Ford, in the amount of \$10,850 for the Installation of a 6" Water Line to 401 St. George Street to Provide Water for a Required Fire Prevention Sprinkler System. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the SBIG application was received July 25th, and posted notice on August 22nd. Members of City Staff met with Pat Ford and Gasper Lekgega in January 2016 to discuss building rehabilitation requirements for the Stahl Building located at 401 Saint George Street. Mr. Ford is the owner of the building and leased it to Gasper Lekgega for the purpose of building a restaurant. Due to the square feet in the building and the proposed use, a fire prevention sprinkler system became a requirement. In order to provide the correct/required water supply the project required

cutting into a section of Saint Joseph Street for the installation of a 6" line and to tap into the City water supply. The estimated cost for this project is \$21,700.00. Mr. Ford's SBIG Application request is \$10,850. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-82 Approving the Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) Application by James Patrick Ford, in the amount of \$10,850 for the Installation of a 6" Water Line to 401 St. George Street to Provide Water for a Required Fire Prevention Sprinkler System. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #19, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-83 Authorizing the Gonzales First Shot Cook Off and GJH Athletics to Hold the First Shot Color Run on September 17, 2016. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated this request is consistent with what has been done in the past. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-83 Authorizing the Gonzales First Shot Cook Off and GJH Athletics to Hold the First Shot Color Run on September 17, 2016. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #20, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-84 Closing the Gonzales City Hall at 12:00 PM on Friday September 30, 2016 for Come and Take It. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated The Friday of Come and Take It is usually manned by a skeleton crew at City Hall. The business is also very light on that day. Many of the City Hall employees work to help with the set-up of Come and Take It. This year the Gonzales County Courthouse will close at noon on Friday September 30 for CATI. Staff believes that it might be a good idea to close City Hall at the same time to reduce traffic in the downtown area and increase the availability of people working downtown for CATI. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-84 Closing the Gonzales City Hall at 12:00 PM on Friday September 30, 2016 for Come and Take It. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #21, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-85 Electing Members to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool 2016 Board of Trustees. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated city administration received a letter and ballot from the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool to elect a representative to spaces 6, 7, 8 and 9 Board of the Trustees. The ballot included the names of qualified nominees for each Place. The officials listed of this ballot have been nominated to serve a six year term on the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool (Workers' Compensation, Property and Liability) Board of Trustees. The Mayor asked for a

motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-85 Electing the Incumbents to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Item #22, City Manager, Allen Barnes stated that the financial reports and investment reports are available for the council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #23 & 24, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into Executive Session as Authorized by GC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Part of Lot 11, Range 11 East, Gonzales County, Texas, further described as Tract 2 in that Certain Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 1076, Page 986 of the Deed of Records of Gonzales County, Texas, and Executive Session as Authorized by GC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Annual Evaluation and Contract Discussion of the City Manager. At 6:41 p.m. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to move into Executive Session after a five minute recess. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:31 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #25, Discuss and Consider Any Action Resulting from Executive Session as Necessary.

The Mayor asked for a motion regarding Item #23 Executive Session as Authorized by GC 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Part of Lot 11, Range 11 East, Gonzales County, Texas, further described as Tract 2 in that Certain Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 1076, Page 986 of the Deed of Records of Gonzales County, Texas.

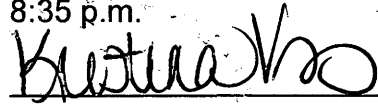
No motion was made.

The Mayor asked for a motion regarding Item #24 Executive Session as Authorized by GC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Annual Evaluation and Contract Discussion of the City Manager. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to give a one-time 3% salary adjustment to the City Manager as authorized by the 2015-2016 Budget, and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to do some restructuring on the contract and represent it to the Council. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion. Councilman Opiela stated that he wanted to add that he hopes that the City Manager know that he is appreciated. City Manager wanted to

add on the record that Council made it very clear that they are satisfied with his job performance, and that there are some things to work on and that there are some challenging times coming but overall it was made clear that the comments that were made in executive session are very humbling, and he apologizes when he screws up. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

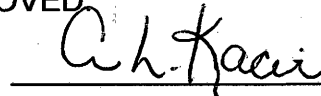
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:00 p.m., September 20, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Clarence Opiela, Gary Schroeder and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Manager-Allen Barnes, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Barbara Friedrich, Pam Larison, Genora Young, Bethany McBride-Hobbs

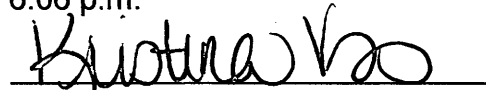
Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

OPEN SESSION

Item #1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Ordinance #2016-14 Fixing and Levying a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2016-17. City Manager, Allen Barnes stated your task tonight is to establish and levy the tax rate for the upcoming year. The current year's tax rate is \$0.1595 per \$100 valuation. The effective tax rate is \$0.1638, and the rollback rate is \$0.1769. In a previous meeting you established the maximum tax rate for the upcoming year for 2016-2017 to be the rollback rate which officially will be \$0.1769. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-14 Fixing and Levying a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 a rate of \$0.1769. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye." Councilman Schroeder and Hernandez both voted "nay". The motion carried.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Opiela seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their emergency meeting at 5:15 p.m., September 28, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

The following member was tardy and entered the meeting, sat in the audience and did not participate in the discussion or vote: Councilman Gary Schroeder

Others Present: City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Tim Crow, Laura Zella, Micaela Estrada, Sami Jo Warren

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

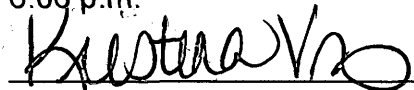
OPEN SESSION

Item #1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discussion and possible action to place the City Manager on administrative leave Allen Barnes with pay pursuant to Section 4.01 of the City Charter until such time as the City Council is able to conduct an investigation pursuant to Section 3.13 of the City Charter. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to place the City Manager on Paid Administrative Leave Pursuant to Section 4.01 (b) of the City Charter pending an investigation by the City Council Pursuant to Section 3.13 of the City Charter during the time of the paid administrative leave, the City Manager is to have no access to city facilities nor contact with any city employees or appointees. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor called for any further discussion. Councilman Lorenzo Hernandez asked, "What are the grounds that we are doing this on?" Mayor Kacir stated "Councilman, I have received numerous complaints that involved unacceptable conduct with our city employees. Based on this information, I would like to take action on this agenda item to uphold what is the best interest of our employees and of our city." Councilman Hernandez stated, "Well I have always been one to see what's in the best interest of the city, whether it's right or wrong. Given said that, I feel that Mr. Barnes is not given a fair shake on this deal. I personally haven't spoken to enough people. I spoke with a few people, the names that were given to me, and of course they were the ones that were complaining. I haven't spoken to the rest of them. I feel like this is déjà vu for me from a couple of months ago that we had our IT service kind of railroaded in about the same situation." Mayor Kacir stated, "I am going to ask point of order." Councilman

Hernandez stated "yeah." Mayor Kacir stated, "I hope that as we debate this issue Councilmen, I do want to bring to your attention the motion as I understood it, was to place the city manager on administrative paid leave until a further investigation can be completed. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Schurig, and the Mayor all voted "aye." Councilman Hernandez voted "nay".


ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Opiela seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED.

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**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:01 p.m., October 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: City Secretary-Kristina Vega

Joined by phone: City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Keith Schmidt, Ralph Camarillo, Laura Zella, Pam Larison, Tim Patek, Tim Crow, Barbara Friedrich, Anne Dollery, Genora Young

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Lindner, Publisher of the Gonzales Inquirer, 622 N St. Paul, here tonight to respectfully request that you consider and approve the Gonzales Inquirer to be the Paper of Record for 2016 through October 2017.

John Such, 1504 St. Vincent, here representing the Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board. I know on your agenda you have Item #6 about approving changes and fees. The board unanimously approved those recommendations to the city council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the September 13, 2016 City Council Meeting. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2016 City Council Meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

Item #2, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the September 20, 2016 Called City Council Meeting. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 20, 2016 Called City Council Meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor

asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

RESOLUTIONS

Item #3, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-86 Authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to Negotiate and Enter Into an Agreement with Gonzales Dog Adoptions. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-86 Authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to Negotiate and Enter Into an Agreement with Gonzales Dog Adoptions. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #4, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-87 Authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to Negotiate and Enter Into an Agreement with Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-87 Authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to Negotiate and Enter Into an Agreement with Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #5, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-88 Appointing an Official Newspaper of Record. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-88 Appointing the Gonzales Inquire as the Official Newspaper of Record for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #6, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-89 Amending the Fees for the Gonzales Independence Golf Course. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-89 Amending the Fees for the Gonzales Independence Golf Course. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #7, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-90 Approving Gonzales Main Street's Request for the use and Closure of Confederate Square for Happy Fall Y'all. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-90 Approving Gonzales Main Street's Request for the use and Closure of Confederate Square for Happy Fall Y'all. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #8, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-91 Authorizing the Street Closure for the First United Methodist Church's Annual trunk or Treat on October 30, 2016. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-91 Authorizing the Street Closure for the First United Methodist Church's Annual trunk or Treat on October 30, 2016. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #9, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-92 Authorizing the Use of Texas Heroes Square Including the Parking Lot for the Gonzales Master Gardener's Fall Tree Sale. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-92 Authorizing the Use of Texas Heroes Square Including the Parking Lot for the Gonzales Master Gardener's Fall Tree Sale. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #10, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-93 Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-93 Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #11, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-94 Withdrawing the City's Membership for its Employees at Revival Fitness due to Lack of Employee Usage. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to table Resolution #2016-94 Withdrawing the City's Membership for its Employees at Revival Fitness due to Lack of Employee Usage. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #12, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-95 Approving Gonzales Main Street's Request for the Use of Confederate Square, Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and Designated Street Closures for the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-95 Approving Gonzales Main Street's Request for the Use of Confederate Square, Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and Designated Street Closures for the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #13, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-96 Appointing Police Chief Tim Crow to Serve in the Capacity of Acting City Manager Until the Completion of the Ongoing Personnel Investigation and Subsequent Resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-96 Appointing Police Chief Tim Crow to Serve in the Capacity of Acting City Manager Until the Completion of the Ongoing Personnel Investigation and Subsequent Resolution. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #14 & 15, The Mayor stated that the financial reports and special contract reports are available for the council to review.

Item #16, Economic Development Corporation Skate park Report-Crissy O'Neal, GEDC Board President. Just to update you on where we are on the skate park. Of course that was approved in August. Mid-August I contacted Tim Patek because there was some confusion about who was going to be handling the ordering of the geo tech study. He hadn't talked with anyone, I hadn't either and Genora had been out of the office, so that put us behind about two weeks. End of August I made contact with Spa and spoke with John and re-responded about different types of companies, local companies that can do the work. We did contact them, and they did not want to participate in this area, they were busy. We contacted Mayor Kacir about grant writing but due to her conflict of interest because she would have to vote on the project, she declined to do grant writing for us. Then at the very end of August, I was made aware of the Lion's objection and the forth coming letter to Council and GEDC. First part of September, we received the letter and made contact with Mr. Barnes. We discussed kind of how we wanted to handle it, and what we needed to do. I did speak with one or two Councilmen, asking if there was a possibility that this would change the location. Their comment to me was that it could. In the financial environment that we are in, I felt it was prudent to wait until we got further clarification from council, if this is going to change. Therefore, I did not order the geo tech study and spend \$5,000 if we needed to spend it in another location. I have an email from Mr. Barnes from September 21st, who says that he would like further guidance from council before we spend any money. That is where we are at today.

The Mayor asked if Council had any questions.

Councilman Schurig stated I would like to say that GEDC has other obligations, one of them being the condition of the Lynn Theater, and the building that GEDC has downtown. At this time we need to be more prudent in our spending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #17, At 6:25 p.m. the Council moved into Executive Session as Authorized by GC 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits after a 5 minute recess.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

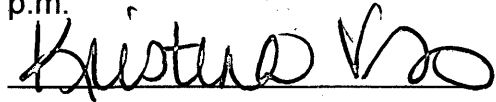
At 6:53 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #18, Discuss and Consider Any Action Resulting from Executive Session as Necessary.

No motion was made.

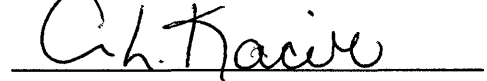
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. H. Kaur", written over a horizontal line.

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 6:01 p.m., October 18, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: Acting City Manager-Tim Crow, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Anne Dollery, Genora Young, Angie Kessler, Barbara Friedrich

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #1, At 6:03 p.m. after a five minute recess the Council moved into Executive Session "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 on a 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: Assessment of the Workplace Environment of the City of Gonzales.

Item #2, At 8:20 p.m. after a five minute recess the Council moved into Executive Session "Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters; City Manager".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:49 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #3, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session 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 on a 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: Assessment of the Workplace Environment of the City of Gonzales.

No motion was made.

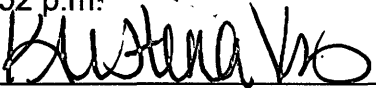
Item #4, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session "Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters; City Manager". Councilman Schurig made a motion that the city negate and negotiate a unilateral severance agreement pursuant to the City Manager's contract with the City of Gonzales and additionally paid leave through this work week effective until the end of the current pay period. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

The Mayor asked if there was any additional action.

Councilman Schurig made a motion that the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and the City Attorney initiate interviews for interim city manager. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

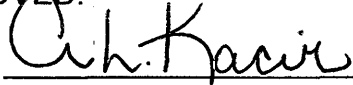
ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:



**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 5:16 p.m., October 24, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: Acting City Manager-Tim Crow, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Staff Present: Barbara Friedrich

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #1, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-97 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement Appointing an Interim City Manager. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-97 Appointing Charles Windwehen to serve in the Capacity of Interim City Manager and Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Written Agreement with the Interim City Manager. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Schroeder stated Madam Mayor we would like to exercise the City Council's right as reserved on the posted agenda and according to the Government Code to discuss an item in executive session, therefore I move to adjourn into executive session in accordance with government code section 551.074 to discuss the employment of a city manager. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye." The Mayor stated at this time we will reconvene in Executive Session in the city conference room.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:50 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Schurig seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.

Kristina Vega

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

C. L. K. K. K.

**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., November 7, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: Interim City Manager-Charles Windwehen, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson, City Secretary-Kristina Vega

Staff Present: Gary Schurig, Tim Patek, William Ince, Ralph Camarillo, Barbara Friedrich, Genora Young, Micaela Estrada, Todd Remschel, Tim Crow

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenny Nesser-on behalf of the Dilworth Inn at 603 N. St. Joseph Street here in Gonzales. I just want to say that I am the General Manager there and we are trying to get approval from you guys for a \$50k loan from the GEDC so that we can continue our projects to better serve our guests at the hotel, and also to help with the downtown area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #1, 2, 3 & 4, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the September 28, 2016 Emergency Council Meeting, October 13, 2016 City Council Meeting, October 18, 2016 and October 24, 2016 Called City Council Meetings. Mayor Kacir then stated for the record on September 28th, there were two corrections. One, Mayor Kacir stated I have received numerous complaints that involved unacceptable conduct, but the minutes reflected acceptable as was heard by the recording. Two, Councilman Schroeder was noted as taking action. We will just need to keep that in mind making those amendments. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 28, 2016 Emergency Council Meeting, October 13, 2016 City Council Meeting, October 18, 2016 and October 24, 2016 Called City Council Meetings. Councilman Opiela seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #5, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-98 Authorizing the City Manager to accept Re-rate Notice and Benefit Verifications; renew Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement (COBRA) Plan; and Section 125 Flexible Spending Arrangement Service Agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Benefits Pool. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this resolution is a routine housekeeping item. It renews the COBRA plan, which provides health insurance for employees who have separated for a period of time, and it also renews the Section 125 Flex Plan which gives the employees the opportunity to save federal income tax for healthcare spending. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-98 Authorizing the City Manager to accept Re-rate Notice and Benefit Verifications; renew Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement (COBRA) Plan; and Section 125 Flexible Spending Arrangement Service Agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Benefits Pool. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #6, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-99 Authorizing Payment of Longevity Pay for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this is a program that rewards employees for longevity. It's meant to discourage employee turnover which is costly for companies. Most cities in Texas have a program like this. Administration recommends approval of this resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-99 Authorizing Payment of Longevity Pay for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #7, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-100 Awarding the IT Managed Services Provider Contract Based on Responses to the Request for Proposal. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this resolution would authorize the city to enter into an agreement with Hill Country Tech Guys for managed IT services. There were three proposals received. We were very thankful to Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative and the Gonzales Independent School District who loaned some of their IT executives who have the experience in large system IT programs, and they provided much guidance to us. Based on these proposals, we recommend approval of this contract with Hill Country. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-100 Awarding the IT Managed Services Provider Contract to Hill Country Tech Guys Based on Responses to the Request for Proposal. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked

for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #8, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-101 Authorizing the Funding of a Loan/Grant Application, in the Amount of \$50,000 to Kasia Pabian, for Maintenance and Repairs to the Dilworth Inn & Suites. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this resolution would allow council to consider funding a loan/grant in the amount of \$50K to the Dilworth Inn. The Economic Development Corporation is the funding agency. Administration is neutral on a recommendation for this project. Genora Young, President and CEO of the Economic Development Corporation. The application was for \$50K, and the boards motion and vote was to approve the \$50K loan forgiving \$25K up front, with a 3% interest rate, over 5 years. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-101 Authorizing the Funding of a Loan/Grant Application, in the Amount of \$50,000 to Kasia Pabian, for Maintenance and Repairs to the Dilworth Inn & Suites. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #9, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-102 Re-Establishing the City of Gonzales Museum Advisory Board. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this resolution would establish a Museum Advisory Board. This was originally scheduled for a meeting in October but was postponed from that meeting. That is why it states that guidelines will be provided at this meeting. They are not prepared, but they will be ready for the next meeting. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to postpone Resolution #2016-102 Re-Establishing the City of Gonzales Museum Advisory Board until the December meeting. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. Councilman Hernandez stated that he spoke to Ms. Fink and there is no reason in postponing this. Councilman Opiela withdrew his motion. Councilman Schurig withdrew his second. Councilman Hernandez then made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-102 Re-Establishing the City of Gonzales Museum Advisory Board. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #10, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-103 Authorizing GEDC to Fund a Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) Application to Brie Schauer, for Sweet B's Dessert Boutique, in the Amount of \$15,000 for Installation of HVAC, Electrical Wiring and Removal of Asbestos. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this will allow GEDC fund this small business grant to Sweet B's Dessert Boutique. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-103 Authorizing GEDC to Fund a Small Business Incentive Grant (SBIG) Application to Brie Schauer, for Sweet B's Dessert Boutique, in

the Amount of \$15,000 for Installation of HVAC, Electrical Wiring and Removal of Asbestos. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #11, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-104 Authorizing the Gonzales County Relay for Life to Hold a Paint Your World Purple Color Run on March 18, 2017. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated that administration recommends approval of this resolution. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-104 Authorizing the Gonzales County Relay for Life to Hold a Paint Your World Purple Color Run on March 18, 2017. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #12, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-105 Approving Appointment of Member to the Main Street Advisory Board to Replace Unexpired Terms of Diane McCaskill. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated an application has been received from Angela Wishert. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-105 Approving Appointment Angela Wishert to the Main Street Advisory Board. Unexpired Terms of Diane McCaskill. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. Councilman Schroeder asked is this was filling Diane McCaskill's unexpired term, and when we are filling an unexpired term do we put that in the newspaper. City Secretary, Kristina Vega stated that we had just advertised for board openings last month and the city still had applications that had been utilized, and the applications are kept for one year instead of re-advertising. Councilman Hernandez asked if it was the only application because it was not advertised, or no one knew there was an opening. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #13, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-106 Authorizing the Funding of Shattered Dreams in the Amount of \$2,000 from the Restricted Use Municipal Court Child Safety Fund. Interim City Manager stated city administration recommends approval. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-106 Authorizing the Funding of Shattered Dreams in the Amount of \$2,000 from the Restricted Use Municipal Court Child Safety Fund. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #14, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-107 Designating Charles Windwehen, Interim City Manager as an Authorized Signatory with Financial Institutions. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this is a common practice in cities to have the Finance Director and City Manager both on the signatory cards for the banks. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-107 Designating Charles Windwehen, Interim City Manager as an Authorized Signatory with Financial Institutions. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #15, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-108 Authorizing the Expenditure of GEDC Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$9,500 for the Construction of Two T-Hangars at Roger M. Dreyer Airport. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated he would like Ralph Camarillo to come up. There was a minor change in the fundings and the status of this and I would like for him to explain it. Project Manager, Ralph Camarillo stated that the bids came in over what was expected for the hangars. With that being said we reached out to GEDC to see if they could fund not to exceed \$9,500 on the hangars. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-108 Authorizing the Expenditure of GEDC Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$9,500 for the Construction of Two T-Hangars at Roger M. Dreyer Airport. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #16, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-109 Authorizing the Expenditure of GEDC Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$3,000 for the Purchase of a Drone. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated GEDC board requests approval and Genora Young is here to answer any questions you may have about it. Councilman Schroeder asked where it would be housed, who will have access to it, how many batteries are going to come with it? Genora Young stated the board discussed all of those questions. Where it would be housed, obviously it won't fit in my office, and we would at this point the decision has not been made on where it would be housed. It's not a giant structure, but for the time being it would probably be in the city vault. Those who would be trained on it would be those who would use it, and that could anyone from myself to other city employees. Certainly, your EMS, Fire and safety. The drone could be used in the case of flooding to take pictures early on in a natural disaster. The drone we are looking at has three batteries and each battery lasts about 20 to 25 minutes. Each battery could cost \$169 a piece. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016- Authorizing the Expenditure of GEDC Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$3,000 for the Purchase of a Drone. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #17, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-110

Appointing Dewey Smith to Complete Larry Wehde's Unexpired Term on the Gonzales Economic Development Board of Directors. EDC President/CEO, Genora Young stated Mr. Smith is here, but in my conversation with him, he did want the council to know that he is completing a degree and he has two more classes that meet on Monday night and he wouldn't be able to be active until January, and he wanted full disclosure for council to know that. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-110 Appointing Dewey Smith to Complete Larry Wehde's Unexpired Term on the Gonzales Economic Development Board of Directors. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #18, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-111 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a 99 Year License Agreement with Ross Hendershot. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated that staff recommends approval and the City Attorney can answer any questions about this item. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-111 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a 99 Year License Agreement with Ross Hendershot. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #19, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-112 Authorizing the Skate Park Project, Clarifying the Site Location for a Proposed Skate Park, and Estimate, Within \$50,000 of Total Project Costs. Mayor, Connie Kacir stated that she has reviewed the year-to-date financials of the EDC. I would like to request the following; EDC prepare a business plan and scope of work for the skate park. Last year our expenses exceeded revenue for last year's revenue stream by about \$17K. I do understand and do see that we have just a little over \$1M in reserve. If the park were to cost what was being proposed which was \$250K that is basically a quarter of your entire retained earnings for the project. I again state that I support the project, but I believe that EDC should be our model application. We expect financials, feasibility studies, research, market research done on all of our EDC projects and I would like EDC to provide the same. I ask this to further illustrate fiscal responsibility on behalf of the city and on behalf of the EDC. I feel it will protect. It will be transparent. We will have documentation to support what we are funding. Councilman Schroeder stated that the comment the Mayor is making is kind of like the library, golf course, basketball courts that gets used, not by everybody but the city still funds these projects so they are available to the public. We really don't have a lot for the kids to do here. The swing sets and merry-go-rounds are only until a certain age. GEDC President/CEO, Genora Young stated the board is not asking for you to authorize the skate park tonight. The GEDC board voted to table further action on the Geotechnical study and the skate park until they could receive clarification from city council, because there was a concern over the letter from the Lions Club. They would like clarification on a location for a potential skate board park and they would also like to know what council thinks the cost of this project would be and there was some discussion among your board that you can't really

know the cost of the project without the geotechnical study. So the motion also included that we would ask council for clarification within \$50K of what you think the project would cost and who do you think is responsible for funding the project. Is it the EDC or is through grants, is it a portion of the funding coming from EDC and then grants, is it a public/private partnership. Where do the funds come from because the board is also concerned with revenues, collection and responsibility with public dollars. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to defer to a further agenda Resolution #2016-112 Authorizing the Skate Park Project, Clarifying the Site Location for a Proposed Skate Park, and Estimate, Within \$50,000 of Total Project Costs. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #20, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-113 Recognizing the Importance of Municipal Courts, the Rule of Law, and the Fair and Impartial Administration of Justice. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated this is a resolution basically to just bring to the public's attention the importance of municipal courts in communities in Texas. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-113 Recognizing the Importance of Municipal Courts, the Rule of Law, and the Fair and Impartial Administration of Justice. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

ORDINANCES

Item #21 Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Ordinance #2016-15 Appointing a Temporary Judge to Serve in the Absence of the Regular Judge. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated that the existing sitting judge anticipates having a short leave of absence and we need to have a temporary Judge appointed. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-15 Appointing Darryl Becker a Temporary Judge to Serve in the Absence of the Regular Judge. Councilman Opiela seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #22 & 23, The Mayor stated that the financial reports and special contract reports are available for the council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #24 & 25, At 6:55 p.m. after a five minute recess Council moved into Executive Session as Authorized by GC 551.074 Personnel Matters; GEDC Board Member, Dennis Nesser and GC551.074 Personnel Matters; City Manager.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:36 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.
No motion was made.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Opiela made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Kristina Vega

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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**CITY OF GONZALES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., December 6, 2016, in the Council Chambers at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Others Present: Interim City Manager-Charles Windwehen, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson, City Secretary-Kristina Vega

Staff Present: Gary Schurig, Tim Patek, Gary Shock, Pam Larison, Genora Young, Carla Faltisek, Tim Crow

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and cited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Tucs-President of Edwards Association, PO Box 1823, On January 16, 2017 the Edwards Association will once again host their annual Martin Luther King March and Celebration. The march is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and begins at the Heroes Square and ends at the Edwards Community Center. The march will proceed on Heroes Square, East on St. Lawrence Street and then turn left on to Church Street. After a brief stop at Providence Baptist Church the march will proceed East on St. Andrew and then left on Klein Street, and that is where it ends at the Edwards Association. We respectfully request the closure of this route, along with a police escort to facilitate the success of the march. In addition, we invite all of you to join us in celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1, Mayor Kacir swore in Police Officer, Mark A. Hastings

Item #2, Mayor Kacir swore in Police Officer, Donald J. Cartwright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item #3, The Mayor asked the Council if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the November 7, 2016 City Council Meeting. The Mayor then asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2016 City Council Meeting. Councilman Schroeder seconded it. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez. Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye.

RESOLUTIONS

Item #4, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-114 Establishing a Policy for Advertising Board and Commission Openings. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-114 Establishing a Policy for Advertising Board and Commission Openings as follows: advertise one time per year in the newspaper of record and retain the board applications on file for the period of one year to be considered for future board openings. In addition, notify council each time a position on any Board or Commission becomes vacant. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #5, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-115 Authorizing the Funding for School Zone Signs, to NSTS, LLC in the Amount of \$4,375.66 out of the Restricted Use Municipal Court Child Safety Fund. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-115 Authorizing the Funding for School Zone Signs, to NSTS, LLC in the Amount of \$4,375.66 out of the Restricted Use Municipal Court Child Safety Fund. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #6, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-116 Authorizing the City Manager to Ratify a Contract with LNV Inc. in the Amount of \$41,400.00. Interim City Manager, Charles Windwehen stated there are some technical issues involved here and I ask Gary Shock to come up and answer any questions anybody on the council may have. Mayor Kacir asked if the CT, NAP and CFV determinations and approvals have those actually been received from TCEQ? Gary Shock said they are something that we are doing for TCEQ. The CT has been completed. The NAP is still in the process. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-116 Authorizing the City Manager to Ratify a Contract with LNV Inc. in the Amount of \$41,400.00. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #7, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-117 Establishing the Formation Guidelines for the Museum Advisory Board and Authorizing Staff to Advertise for the Board Appointments. Mayor Kacir stated that we discussed last month and approved the formation of the Museum Board and in our packet we have an outline of staff's advisory board criteria and goals and objectives. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Opiela made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-117 Establishing the Formation Guidelines for the Museum Advisory Board and Authorizing Staff to Advertise for the Board Appointments. Councilman Hernandez seconded the

motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #8, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-118 Amending the Swimming Pool rental Fees for the City of Gonzales. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-118 Amending the Swimming Pool rental Fees for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #9, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-119 Amending the Park rental Fees for the City of Gonzales. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-119 Amending the Park rental Fees for the City of Gonzales. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

Item #10, Mayor, Connie Kacir read Discuss and Consider Resolution #2016-120 Approving the 2017 City of Gonzales Holiday Schedule. The Mayor asked for a motion. Councilman Schurig made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-120 Approving the 2017 City of Gonzales Holiday Schedule. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye."

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Item #11 & 12, The Mayor stated that the financial, special contract and quarterly investment reports are available for the council to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #14, The Mayor asked for a motion to move into Executive Session Authorized by GC 551.074 Personnel Matters; Discuss City Manager Applicants and Search Process. At 6:25 p.m. Councilman Opiela made a motion to move into Executive Session after a five minute recess. Councilman Schroeder seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Item #15, At 7:27 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session. No motion was made.

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Opiela seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Kristina Vega

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Ch. H. Kaciv

**CITY OF GONZALES
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2016 MINUTES**

The City Council convened their called meeting at 8:25 a.m., December 19, 2016, in the Conference Room at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The following members were present constituting a quorum: Mayor Connie L. Kacir, Councilmen Lorenzo Hernandez, Clarence Opiela and Tommy Schurig.

Councilman Schroeder joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Others Present: Interim City Manager-Charles Windwehen, City Secretary-Kristina Vega, City Attorney-Jackie Williamson

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item #1, At 8:27 a.m. the Mayor asked for a motion to move into Executive Session as Authorized by Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters; City Manager Finalists Interviews. Councilman Schurig made a motion to move into Executive Session. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig and the Mayor all voted "aye".

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:15 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

Item #2, The Mayor asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session as Authorized by Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters; City Manager Finalists Interviews. Councilman Opiela made a motion to employ Sean Lally as the City Manager of the City of Gonzales at a base salary of \$115,000.00 a year with standard benefit package. Councilman Schurig seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Opiela, Hernandez, Schurig, Schroeder and the Mayor all voted "aye".

ADJOURN

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Schurig made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

APPROVED:

