

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –MARCH 16, 2020**

The Special Meeting of the City Council was held on **March 16, 2020** at 5:30 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted, at the Gonzales Municipal Building, giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and certified a quorum.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present
Gary Schroeder	Council Member, District 1	Present
Tommy Schurig	Council Member, District 2	Present
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present
Dan Blakemore	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member, District 4	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Tim Patek and Finance Director Laura Zella

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker’s register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes.

No residents spoke.

1. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance extending a public health emergency declaration regarding precautionary measures in reference to the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Kacir reviewed the emergency order that was posted on Friday evening that has to be modified or extended upon approval of the City Council. Mayor Kacir stated the emergency declaration was issued after consulting with multiple officials based on the fatality rate of the COVID-19 virus.

Dr. Hisey, Chief of Staff of Gonzales Memorial Hospital, explained the COVID-19 virus including transmission. Dr. Hisey discussed and answered Council questions.

Jimmy Harless, Emergency Management Coordinator for Gonzales County and the City of Gonzales, addressed the City Council and stated he was in contact with the state on a daily basis. Mr. Harless briefed the Council on the mitigation measures that are in place.

Discussion was held with regard to the definition of mass gatherings, social distancing and excepting places of worship from mass gatherings.

Mayor Kacir called for a recess at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Kacir reconvened the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

ACTION: Item 1

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore moved to reinstate the current emergency declaration extending it to April 9, 2020 with the modification of limiting mass gatherings to 50 and add Exhibit 1 as discussed with the exception in Number 4 to strike the school district and allow places of worship with social distancing as recommended by the CDC and all other items of Number 4 to be adopted. Councilmember Schroeder seconded. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Schroeder moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember O'Neal seconded the motion. For: Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of April 2020.



Connie Kacir, Mayor



Kristi Gilbert, Interim City Secretary