

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES –DECEMBER 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **December 9, 2021** at 6:00 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. The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at [www.gonzales.texas.gov](http://www.gonzales.texas.gov).

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherri Koepp	Council Member, District 2	Present
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present
Robert R. Brown, Jr.	Council Member, District 4	Absent

**STAFF PARTICIPATING:**

Tim Patek-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Ryan Salles-Police Sergeant, Keith Schauer-City Engineer, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Jen Kincaid-Court Clerk

**CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events Mayor Kacir recognized Stars in the Village and the Martin Luther King March coming up.
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by Mayor Kacir regarding the outstanding job done by the Main Street Board of Directors
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers-Mayor Kacir presented proclamations to Gonzales County Royal Court, Gonzales Apache Cheerleaders and Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp.

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

David Tucz- President of the Edwards Association invited the City Council to march during the Martin Luther King March on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1.1 Proclamation for the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation Board would be moved to a future agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Councilmember.

- 2.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting & November 23, 2021 Special Called Meeting
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-112** Authorizing the Edwards Association the Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for the Annual Martin Luther King March on January 17, 2022
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-113** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Gonzales Crystal Theatre, Inc. for the Operations and Restoration of the Crystal Theatre
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-114** Declaring Certain City property surplus and authorizing the sale of said property in the manner most advantageous to the City

### **ACTION: Items 2.1 through 2.4**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve the consent agenda items 2.1 through 2.4. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-115** Approving the Purchase of a 2021 John Deere 2400 – Precision Cut Triplex Mower and QA5 – Quick Adjust 5 Cutting Units and authorizing the City Manager to execute the financing agreements.

### **ACTION: Items 3.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-115** Approving the Purchase of a 2021 John Deere 2400 – Precision Cut Triplex Mower and QA5 – Quick Adjust 5 Cutting Units and authorizing the City Manager to execute the financing agreements. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-116** Accepting the proposals and awarding the contract for the 15-Inch Wastewater Line Project to J&R Contracting Services, Inc.

### **ACTION: Items 3.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-116** Accepting the proposals and awarding the contract for the 15-Inch Wastewater Line Project to J&R

Contracting Services, Inc. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-117** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$100,000 in CJD grant funds, with a match of 25%, not to exceed \$25,000, for a twelve (12) body worn cameras and associated digital storage, for the Police Department.

**ACTION: Items 3.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2021-117** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, through the Office of the Governor, for up to \$100,000 in CJD grant funds, with a match of 25%, not to exceed \$25,000, for a twelve (12) body worn cameras and associated digital storage, for the Police Department. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-118** Approving an Amended and Restated Type B Economic Development Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Laurel Ridge Designs, Inc., a Texas Corporation, authorized pursuant to Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code

**ACTION: Items 3.4**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-118** Approving an Amended and Restated Type B Economic Development Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Laurel Ridge Designs, Inc., a Texas Corporation, authorized pursuant to Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action authorizing the City Manager to appoint an acting city secretary to perform the duties of City Secretary in the absence of the City Secretary

**ACTION: Items 4.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler motioned to authorize the City Manager to appoint an acting City Secretary to perform the duties of City Secretary in the absence of the City Secretary. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 4.2 Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of Wade Zella by City Manager Patek to the position of Fire Chief of the City of Gonzales Fire Department.

**ACTION: Items 4.2**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve the appointment of Wade Zella by City Manager Patek to the position of Fire Chief of the City of Gonzales Fire Department. Council Member Koepp second the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action accepting the recommendation of the Redistricting Committee and setting a date for a Public Hearing and Adoption of the final map.

City Attorney, Dan Santee presented the Redistricting Maps as recommended by the Redistricting Committee.

**ACTION: Items 4.3**

**APPROVED**

Council Member O'Neal moved to accept the recommendation of the Redistricting Committee and set a date for the Public Hearing and Adoption of the final map for January 13, 2021. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**ORDINANCES**

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-29** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$30,670

**ACTION: Items 5.1**

**APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2021-29** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$30,670. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

- 6.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of November 30, 2021
  - Cash & Investment by Fund as of November 30, 2021
- 6.2 City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the following:
- District 4 clean-up
  - Post Flooding Report from October
  - Golf Course Improvements
  - Timeline on Capital Improvement Projects
    - Recently Completed Projects
    - Projects Currently in Process
    - Upcoming Projects

**The Council recessed from 7:02 p.m. until 7:09 p.m.**

**CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council convened into closed session at 7:09 p.m.

7.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter”, to include the following matters:

A) Memorial Park Cemetery

(2) Pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).

A) Project A

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Council convened into open session at 7:34 p.m.

7.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action authorizing a settlement of claim.

No action was taken.

**CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Council Member O’Neal and second by Council Member Kridler, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

  
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Kristina Vega, City Secretary

  
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Connie Kacir, Mayor