

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –JULY 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **July 14, 2022** 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.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Sherri Koepp	Council Member, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Absent
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tim Patek-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Tim Crow-Police Chief, Tiffany Padilla-Main Street Director, Jennifer Kolbe-Economic Development Director, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Todd Remschel-Street Director, Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director, Marland Mercer-Wastewater Director, Ryan Wilkerson-Water Director, Amanda Garza-JB Wells Park Arena Operations Manager

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mayor Sucher spoke in regards to river access on the Guadalupe River due to the recent drownings that have occurred close to the hydro dam and temporary closures of the area.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Isaac Anzaldua, Kim Miller and Adriane Hastings spoke in regards to Main Street’s Back to School Bash and Edwards Association Back to school events being held on the same day.

LeRoy Humphrey spoke in favor of bringing the Summer Youth Program back to the City from Thrive Healthplex.

James Lawrence spoke regarding the Lynn Theater and the potential economic impact of having it continue to be a theater.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- 1.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting, June 21, 2022 Called Meeting, June 28, 2022 Called Meeting and Workshop and June 30, 2022 Workshop
- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-66** Approving an amendment to an Agreement for Professional Services by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and B&P Clearing, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-67** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Gonzales Main Street, Inc., a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, Concerning the Gonzales Butterfly Garden
- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-68** Authorizing the City Manager to submit and accept if awarded an application and associated document to the Economic Development Association for an EDA Grant for a new water tower in the Industrial Park
- 1.5 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-69** Authorizing Gonzales Main Street’s Use of Independence Square including the parking lot and designated street closures and the consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Back to School Bash event on August 6, 2022

ACTION: Items 1.1 and 1.2

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda items 1.1 and 1.2 removing item numbers 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5 for separate discussion. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-67** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Gonzales Main Street, Inc., a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, Concerning the Gonzales Butterfly Garden

ACTION: Items 1.3

POSTPONED

Council Member Kridler moved to postpone **Resolution #2022-67** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Gonzales Main Street, Inc., a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, Concerning the Gonzales Butterfly Garden. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-68** Authorizing the City Manager to submit and accept if awarded an application and associated document to the Economic Development Association for an EDA Grant for a new water tower in the Industrial Park

ACTION: Items 1.4

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-68** Authorizing the City Manager to submit and accept if awarded an application and associated document to the Economic Development Association for an EDA Grant for a new water tower in the Industrial Park. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 1.5 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-69** Authorizing Gonzales Main Street's Use of Independence Square including the parking lot and designated street closures and the consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Back to School Bash event on August 6, 2022

ACTION: Items 1.5

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-69** Authorizing Gonzales Main Street's Use of Independence Square including the parking lot and designated street closures and the consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Back to School Bash event on August 6, 2022. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2.1 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-70** Authorizing the City Manager to Affirm and Adopt Via Resolution Civil Rights Requirements for the Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

No comments were made

Mayor Sucher closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

ACTION: Items 2.1

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2022-70** Authorizing the City Manager to Affirm and Adopt Via Resolution Civil Rights Requirements for the Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-71** Approving the Event, Application for funding to the Come & Take It Committee for the originally budgeted amount of \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 in additional funding and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce

for Funding the In-Kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on September 30, & October 1-2, 2022

ACTION: Items 3.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2022-71** Approving the Event, Application for funding to the Come & Take It Committee for the originally budgeted amount of \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 in additional funding and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for Funding the In-Kind contributions from the City of Gonzales for the Come and Take It Celebration on September 30, & October 1-2, 2022. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-72** Authorizing the Appointment to the Golf Course Advisory Board

ACTION: Items 3.2

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-72** Authorizing the Appointment of John Hahn to the Golf Course Advisory Board for a term ending September 30, 2022. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-73** Rejecting all proposals for the Gonzales Memorial Museum Restoration Underground Crawlspace Project and authorizing staff to readvertise the project

ACTION: Items 3.3

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2022-73** Rejecting all proposals for the Gonzales Memorial Museum Restoration Underground Crawlspace Project and authorizing staff to readvertise the project. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-74** Rejecting all proposals for the J.B. Wells Park, Arena and Expo Feasibility Study

ACTION: Items 3.4

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-74** Rejecting all proposals for the J.B. Wells Park, Arena and Expo Feasibility Study. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-75** Rejecting all proposals for the J.B. Wells Park, Arena and Expo Professional Marketing Services

ACTION: Items 3.5

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Resolution #2021-75** Rejecting all proposals for the J.B. Wells Park, Arena and Expo Professional Marketing Services. Council

Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 3.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-76** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment One to the Agreement with Frontier Access, LLC (Frontier Waste Solutions) for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services providing for a Correction of a Mutual Mistake in the Rate Chart in Section 9.B. of the Agreement

ACTION: Items 3.6

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2021-76** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment One to the Agreement with Frontier Access, LLC (Frontier Waste Solutions) for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services providing for a Correction of a Mutual Mistake in the Rate Chart in Section 9.B. of the Agreement. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 4 to 0.

ORDINANCES

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-12** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022; \$757,919.98 in expenses and \$591,342 in revenue with an ending general fund balance decrease of \$166,577.98

ACTION: Items 4.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-12** Approving a Budget Amendment to the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022; \$757,919.98 in expenses and \$591,342 in revenue with an ending general fund balance decrease of \$166,577.98. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 4.2 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-13** Amending the Official Zoning Map by Zoning Property Parcel #11782 located at 624 St. James Street from C-1 Light Commercial District to DMU Downtown Mixed Use District

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Zoning Administrator, Kristina Vega spoke in favor of the request for rezone from C-1 Light Commercial to Downtown Mixed Use District, and that the percentage of the land area that provided signed letters protesting the zoning amendment represent 22.3% of the properties within the notification area, which triggers the protest requirements and will need a ¾ vote of City Council to be approved.

Eddie Escobar spoke on behalf of the property owner's request for rezone and requested the City Council approve the rezone from C-1 Light Commercial to Downtown Mixed Use.

Mayor Sucher closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

ACTION: Items 4.2

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-13** Amending the Official Zoning Map by Zoning Property Parcel #11782 located at 624 St. James Street from C-1 Light Commercial District to DMU Downtown Mixed Use District. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Kridler, Koepp, and Sucher. Against: Miller. The motion passed 3 to 1.

- 4.3 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2022-14** Amending the Official Zoning Map by Zoning Property Parcel #11972 located at 305 St. George Street from C-1 Light Commercial District to DMU Downtown Mixed Use District

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Zoning Administrator, Kristina Vega spoke in favor of the request for rezone from C-1 Light Commercial to Downtown Mixed Use District.

No other comments were made.

Mayor Sucher closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m.

ACTION: Items 4.3

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve **Ordinance #2022-14** Amending the Official Zoning Map by Zoning Property Parcel #11972 located at 305 St. George Street from C-1 Light Commercial District to DMU Downtown Mixed Use District. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 5.1 Finance Director will provide feedback on any questions regarding:
- Financial Reports for funds as of June 30, 2022
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of June 30, 2022
- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following:
- AR Guerra Holdings, LLC dba Sleep Inn and Suites
 - Timeline on Capital Improvement Projects
 - Recently Completed Projects
 - Projects Currently in Process
 - Upcoming Projects

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

6.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

A) City Manager Evaluation

(2) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:

A) Oil and Gas Leases

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 8:28 p.m.

7.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action regarding matters discussed in closed session, and/or other actions necessary or recommended related to such discussions in closed session.

Council member Kridler moved regarding closed session item 6.1(1) (A) to postpone the City Manager’s Evaluation until a full council could be present and requested the City Manager’s contract be extend on a month-to-month basis until a full council can be present to complete the evaluation. Council member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 4 to 0.

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 Kridler and second by Council Member Koepp, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2022.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



S.H. Sucher, Mayor