

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

The Called Meeting of the City Council was held on **September 26, 2022** at 5:15 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

Mayor Sucher called the meeting to order at 5:15 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	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member District 4	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING

Tim Patek-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Jennifer Kolbe-GEDC Direction, Alexis Cerda-GEDC Administrative Assistant, and Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director.

OTHERS PARTICIPATING

Megan Santee-City Attorney, Jeff Moore-GEDC Attorney, Lisa Grove of Phyllis Browning Company-Real Estate Broker for GEDC and Sandra Johnson-Developer were all present by phone.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 5:16 p.m.

- 1.1 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) Project 2022-8

- (2) Pursuant to Sections 551.072 (deliberations about real property), and 551.087 (economic development negotiations) of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to discuss the following matters:

A) Project 2022-8

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 5:34 p.m.

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

The City Council engaged in discussions by phone with Sandra Johnson-Developer regarding details of the proposed project for the Lynn Theater.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

David Dement, James Lawrence, Jeff Lowe, Sally Ploeger, Betty Martin, Jack Finch, Dennis Kaiser, Doug and Dave Durham, Clint Hille, Roy Crawley and Bob Burchard spoke in favor of the Lynn Theater being preserved and to continue to be used as a theater.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 6:20 p.m.

1.1 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:

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A) Project 2022-8

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 6:53 p.m.

2.1 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 Miller moved reject the real estate contract for Project 2022-8 for the sale of the Lynn Theater. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The Mayor stated that on the October agenda he would like to discuss the idea of a citizen led committee to advise council and to seek proposals for the future development of the Lynn. It will be done in conjunction with the GEDC.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 6:53 p.m.

- 1.1 (3) 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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 7:41 p.m.

- 2.1 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 O'Neal moved to engage the search firm Public Safety Solutions, LLC to conduct a search to permanently fill the vacant City Manager position, and to appoint Tim Crow as Interim City Manager effective October 8, 2022. Council Member Kridler seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member O'Neal and second by Council Member Kridler, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of October, 2022.



S.H. Sucher, Mayor



Kristina Vega, City Secretary