

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2026**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **January 8, 2026**, 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 PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Anzaldua called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Isaac Anzaldua	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Present
Mariah Jordan	Council Member, District 2	Present
Lorenzo Hernandez	Council Member, District 3	Present
Harold Strom	Council Member, District 4	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tim Crow-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Gayle Autry-Police Chief, Victor Izaguirre-Police Lt., Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla-Main Street Director Molly Manning-Chamber Tourism Coordinator for Bicentennial & Heritage and Misti King-Tourism Coordinator for Events & Agritourism

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Organizational Public Comment: This agenda item is for the purpose of allowing organizational representatives to make comments.

Melissa Taylor- Executive Director of the Chamber, Lauren Kridler- President of the Chamber and Paul Neuse spoke in regard to the Visitor Center / Chamber of Commerce.

Individual Public Comment: This agenda item is for the purpose of allowing individuals to make comments.

None.

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Event- Come & Take It Makers Market, MLK Street Dedication, MLK March, and Chamber Chatter
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager- Recognized Todd Renschel and the Street Department
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor- Recognized Gonzales EDC Department and the continued growth
- Recognition of actions by City employees- None.
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers- None.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 1.1 Finance Director, Laura Zella provided feedback on any questions regarding:
 - Financial Reports for funds as of December 31, 2025
 - Cash & Investment by Fund as of December 31, 2025

- 1.2 City Manager, Tim Crow provided an update to the City Council on the following:
 - Timeline on Capital Improvement and Departmental Projects
 - Bridge Replacement Project
 - Stieren Road project

No questions were asked regarding the reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

2.1 Charter Review Commission Final Report

Administrative Services Director, Kristina Vega provided the Charter Review Commission Final Report and stated that On August 22, 2025, the City Council of the City of Gonzales appointed a Charter Review Commission for the purpose of reviewing the City of Gonzales Charter. The Commission was charged to conduct an independent review of the City Charter and report to the City Council any proposed amendments based on its review. The Charter Review Commission began meeting on October 9, 2025 for the purpose of completing its review. The Charter Review Commission met on three separate occasions. All meetings were conducted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and allowed time both at the beginning, and prior to adjournment, for citizen input. During the final meeting on December 11, 2025 the commission discussed two amendments to the City of Gonzales Charter. The commission voted unanimously in favor of the amendment to Section 3.02 Qualifications, adding the language regarding maintaining residency within the district from which they were elected and voted 4 in favor and 1 against the amendment to Section 6.02 Recall Petition Requirements amending the percentage of signatures required from 25% to 35%.

ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action approving the proposed amendments and any additional proposed measures to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Gonzales

Mayor Anzaldua asked for a motion regarding the amendment to Section 3.02 Qualifications of the City of Gonzales Charter adding the language regarding maintaining residency within the district from which they were elected. Council Member Kridler moved to approve the proposed amendment. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passes 5 to 0.

Mayor Anzaldua asked for a motion regarding the amendment to Section 6.02 Recall Petition Requirements of the City of Gonzales Charter amending the percentage of signatures required from 25% to 35%. Council Member Kridler moved to deny the proposed amendment. Council Member Strom seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua

called for a roll call vote. For: Kridler, Jordan, Strom and Hernandez. Against: Anzaldua. The motion passes 4 to 1.

- 3.2 Discussion and direction regarding an application received from Avalon Park Gonzales Development, LLC regarding an amendment to the 1835 Village Development Agreement

The Council engaged in discussions regarding the application received from Avalon Park Gonzales regarding an amendment to the 1835 Village Development Agreement and provided feedback to staff to move forward with the necessary notifications to proceed with the request.

- 3.3 Discussion and direction regarding the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Visitor's Center

The Council heard from members of the Chamber of Commerce and City staff regarding the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Visitor's Center, and discussed the subject. Council directed the City Manager to look at options and negotiate an agreement to bring back to Council for consideration.

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.

- 4.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2026-1** Authorizing the Alcalde Hotel permission for the designated street closure of the 600 Block of St. Paul for the Alcalde Hotel 100 YR Celebration to be held on March 21, 2026
- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2026-2** Approving Work Order #77 in the amount of \$124,750 for Engineering, Surveying, CMT and Construction Administration Services for the 2026 Water & Wastewater Utility Projects

ACTION: Items 4.1 through 4.3

APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve the consent agenda Items 4.1 through 4.3. Council Member Strom seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passes 5 to 0.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda- none
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers- Mayor asked for prayers within our community
- City and community events attended and to be attended- none.
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended- none.


ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member Kridler the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2026.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary



Mayor, Isaac Anzaldúa