# CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
# MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The Special Called Meeting of the City Council was held on **September 8, 2026,** at 12:00 p.m. (noon) 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 Anzaldua called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

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

## STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tim Crow-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Erica Leopold-Administrative Assistant/Municipal Court Clerk, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Hallie Smith-McLeod-Director of Tourism & Main Street, Tammy West-Police Lt, and Victor Izaguirre-Police Lt.

## HEARING OF RESIDENTS

None

## BUDGET AND TAX RATE ITEMS

1.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2026-14** Approving the Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2026 and Ending September 30, 2027; Renewing the City's Financial Policy, Investment Policy, and Budget Contingency Policy

**ACTION: Item 1.1** **APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2026-14** Approving the Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2026 and Ending September 30, 2027; Renewing the City's Financial Policy, Investment Policy, and Budget Contingency Policy. Council Member Strom seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passes 4 to 0.

1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2026-75** Ratifying the Property Tax Revenue Increase Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007 when adopting a budget that will require raising more revenues from property taxes than in the previous year

**ACTION: Item 1.2** **APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Resolution #2026-75** ratifying that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.3561, which is an increase of $0.0261 per $100.00 valuation or 7.91% increase (This is the percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds last year's tax rate), or a 12.76% increase in the tax rate if comparing to the No-New Revenue tax rate (Percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the No-New Revenue tax rate). This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by $225,933 or a 10.96% increase. (This is the difference in amount and percentage from last year's tax levy to this year's tax levy). Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passes 4 to 0.

1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2026-15** Approving the 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, Texas

**ACTION: Item 1.3** **APPROVED**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2026-15** approving an ad valorem tax rate of $0.2113 on each $100 of assessed valuation of taxable property for general city purposes and to pay the current maintenance and operations expenses of the City of Gonzales, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-15, fixing and levying the same for a total tax of $0.3561 on each $100 of assessed valuation. I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.3561, which is effectively a 12.76% increase in the tax rate. (Percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the No-New Revenue tax rate), and I also move to approve an ad valorem tax rate of $0.1448 on each $100 of assessed valuation of taxable property for the purpose of creating an Interest and Sinking Fund with which to pay the interest and principal of the valid and outstanding indebtedness, and related fees of the City of Gonzales, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-15, fixing and levying the same for a total tax of $0.3561 on each $100 of assessed valuation. I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.3561, which is effectively a 12.76 percent increase in the tax rate. (Percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the No-New Revenue tax rate). Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passes 4 to 0.

1.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2026-76** Authorizing and Adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Gonzales

**ACTION: Item 1.4** APPROVED

Council Member Kridler moved to approve Resolution #2026-76 Authorizing and Adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Gonzales. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passes 4 to 0.

1.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2026-16** Adopting the City of Gonzales Rate and Fee Schedule and for various city services; consolidating those fees for convenience

**APPROVED**

**ACTION: Item 1.5**

Council Member Kridler moved to approve **Ordinance #2026-16** Adopting the City of Gonzales Rate and Fee Schedule and for various city services; consolidating those fees for convenience. Council Member Jordan seconded the motion. Mayor Anzaldua called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passes 4 to 0.

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Council Member Kridler, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of September, 2026.

Mayor, Isaac Anzaldua

Kristina Vega, City Secretary