

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA –OCTOBER 16, 2020 12:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas, the City Council will hold a special called meeting on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

This meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet are posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order 29 issued on July 2, 2020 every person attending the meeting shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth unless the person is under 10 years of age or has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak on agenda items. This DOES NOT apply to statutorily-mandated public hearings, such as zoning and similar hearings. The Governor has since clarified his intent and stated that citizens should be allowed to offer comments by other means.

In person attendance by the public will be limited to 14 which is 50% capacity of the room less Council Members and required staff and should be separated by at least six (6) feet from other groups attending the meeting together. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Citizens wishing to offer comments on the posted agenda items may email their comments at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting and the comments will be read into the record during the time allocated for citizen comments. Emails may be sent to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov and must include the name of the citizen

The public toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference is hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com.

Toll-free call in number: **1-844-854-2222**

When asked for an access code enter **348787#**

It is not necessary to announce yourself when you join the teleconference.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes. Individuals not able to attend due to space limitations may email the City Secretary at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting.

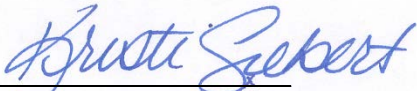
ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-108** Authorizing the Use of the Downtown Square by the Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales for a Trunk or Treat Event and Authorizing the Closure of Certain Streets.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the above items in Executive Closed Session if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

CERTIFIED as posted by 11:30 a.m. on October 13, 2020. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.



Kristi Gilbert, Administrative Services Director/City Secretary

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING DATA



AGENDA ITEM

Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-108** Authorizing the Use of the Downtown Square by the Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales for a Trunk or Treat Event and Authorizing the Closure of Certain Streets.

DATE: October 8, 2020

TYPE AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution

BACKGROUND:

The Ministerial Alliance is requesting city permission to host a “Trunk or Treat” for children of the community on Saturday, October 31st on the downtown square from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, church leaders have worked to come up with a safe and fun environment for our youth. The event follows CDC guidelines while providing children a memorable experience in downtown Gonzales. An estimated 600-800 people are projected to attend the event.

- Street closures are requested to keep children and families safe during the event.
- The Downtown Square will have up to 36 cars/trunks decorated according to a Biblical story or Christian theme.
- Children are encouraged to wear costumes - No Scary costumes are allowed
- The event is to foster a community spirit fellowshiping together
- 3 law enforcement officers requested – 1 at each crosswalk and 1 inside the Downtown Square
- All candy will be wrapped up in individual gift bags and given to each child to limit germs.
- Sanitation stations will be at each candy station and at entrance and exits
- Each candy station will be limited to 10 or less at one time
- Cloth masks encouraged when social distancing is not possible – Costume masks do not substitute for a cloth mask covering unless it covers the mouth and nose and does not gap around the face.
- Churches are volunteering all clean up post event

The Ministerial Alliance has indicated they may consider this as an annual event. Should future event plans transpire, they would welcome city participation in the planning efforts to further promote retail and restaurant business downtown. “Trunk or Treat” could pose future potential for both Main Street and Tourism to incorporate it into a fall festival and family friendly city event.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is seeking Council direction.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE BY THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE OF GONZALES FOR A TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT ON OCTOBER 31, 2020; AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STREETS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales has requested the use of the Downtown Square, its parking lot and St. Joseph and St. Lawrence streets to host a Trunk or Treat event for the community; and

WHEREAS, the event will be held from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on October 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that said events increase the community spirit of the City of Gonzales and serve a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS:

Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Gonzales, Texas hereby authorizes the Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales to use the Downtown Square, parking lot and St. Joseph and St. Lawrence streets on Saturday, October 31, 2020 for a Trunk or Treat event.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 5. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of October, 2020.

Mayor, Connie L. Kacir

ATTEST:

Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

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GONZALES EVENT INFORMATION SHEET

THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF
GONZALES AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ALL PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE EVENTS HELD ON CITY PROPERTY



EVENT NAME Trunk or Treat
 HOST ORGANIZATION Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales
 CONTACT NAME ROBERT RAMIREZ
 CONTACT CELL PHONE 361-208-3518
 EVENT DATE October 31, 2020
 EVENT START TIME 4:30pm EVENT END TIME 6:00pm
 EVENT LOCATION Gonzales Downtown Square
 HOLIDAY CELEBRATED Y N HOLIDAY: N/A
 CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL REQUIRED Y N MEETING DATE: _____

POLICE/FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT

ATTENDANCE ESTIMATE 600-800
 MUSIC Y N LIVE DJ
 FOOD Y N
 ALCOHOL Y N RESPONSIBLE PARTY _____
 MOTORIZED VEHICLES Y N PARADE SHOW
 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EVENT Public
 SECURITY Y N # OFFICERS NEEDED 3
 (Call 672-8686 for costs)

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

ADDITIONAL LIGHTING Y N
 NUMBER OF OUTLETS NEEDED _____
 AMPS/WATTS NEEDED _____
 TENT Y N
 TENT SIZE: N/A
 SET UP DAY/TIME 3:30pm
 TAKE DOWN DAY/TIME 6:00pm

STREETS DEPARTMENT

STREETS AFFECTED Y N
 BARRICADES NEEDED (max 12) Y N
 CONES NEEDED (max 48) Y N
 STREETS TO BE CLOSED Y N St Joseph & St Lawrence
 SET UP TIME _____
 TAKE DOWN TIME _____

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

(Contingent upon availability)

NUMBER OF CHAIRS @ \$0.50 each _____ (max 500)
 NO. OF ROUND TABLES @ \$2.00 each _____ (max 15)
 NO. OF 8 FOOT TABLES @ \$2.00 each _____ (max 50)
 NUMBER OF TRASH CANS 4 _____ (max 25)
 SET UP TIME 3:30pm
 TAKE DOWN TIME 6:00pm

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

(830) 672-2815 - City Hall

(830) 672-2813 - Fax

CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE

citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov

Insurance

Licensee agrees to maintain the type and amounts of insurance required by this agreement. Licensee is solely responsible for providing the required certificates of insurance. The City may terminate the event approval if the licensee fails to timely comply with the insurance requirements.

The required insurance must be issued by a company or companies of sound and adequate financial responsibility and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All policies are subject to examination and approval by the City Manager or their designee for their adequacy as to content, form of protection, and providing company.

The required insurance naming the City as additional insured must be primary insurance and not contributing with any other insurance available to the City, under any third party liability policy.

Before the City Council approves this event, the licensee must provide either an original certificate of insurance or a certified copy of the insurance policy evidencing the required insurance.

The following types and amount of insurance are required:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Comprehensive General Liability including, but not limited to:	\$250,000 per person
• Premises/Operations	\$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury; and
• Contractual Liability	\$100,000 per occurrence for property damage
(Insuring above indemnity)	

Indemnity

The undersigned does indemnify and hold harmless the City of Gonzales from and against any and all loss, cost (including statutory liability and liability under workers compensation laws) in connection with claims for damages as a result of injury or death to any person or damage to any property sustained by the individual(s) participating in or attending the permitted event, or any and all other persons, which arise from, or in any manner grow out of, any act or neglect on, about or during the event by the individual(s) or entity obtaining the permit to host the event, participants in the event, guests or attendees.

Notification

The undersigned further agrees to notify all property owners affected by any street closures for the event set-up or during the event.



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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