

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
GONZALES MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
MINUTES – JUNE 29, 2020

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 Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board will hold its special call meeting on June 29, 2020 at 5:30 pm., via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

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

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.

This meeting will be closed to in person attendance by the public. 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.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gregory Webb called the Main Street Meeting to order on June 29, 2020 at 5:30 pm. The following board members were present constituting in a quorum: Debbie Toliver, John Booth, Amy Cernosek, Connie Dolezal, Carlos Camarillo, Karen Jacobs, D'Anna Robinson.

Meena Patel called in. Cheri Lane was absent. Also present were Liz Reiley, Madam Mayor Connie Kacir, Ann Dollery, and Laura Zella.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Temporarily suspended as noted above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of June 23, 2020 Minutes. In Line Item 15, please change the word “state” to read “stage.” With these changes, the motion to accept the June 23, 2020 minutes were moved to be approved with changes, by John Boothe and seconded by Karen Jacobs. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Governor Abbott’s Executive Order dated June 26, 2020. Along with Madam Mayor Connie Kacir, County Officials & Health Officials Response.**

Discussion was held. Mayor Kacir lead the discussion. Mayor Kacir suggested that no gatherings over 100 people would be allowed, and with the way things are with the cases of CO-VID rising, it would be wise for Main Street to cancel the Concert portion of the events scheduled for July 4, 2020.

3. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Star-Spangled Spectacular Concert Series.**

Discussion was held. Possibly holding the Concert either virtually or having a “Drive-In” concert. Gregory Webb discussed that all the preparations for such event(s) would not be completed in time,

for it to be a successful event. Carlos Camarillo moved to postpone the Concert originally schedule to take place on July 4, 2020, to a further date, which will be discussed at later Main Street Board meeting(s). Debbie Toliver seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Star-Spangled Spectacular Fireworks Display.

Discussion was held. Benefits of moving forward with the Fireworks display. Suggestion of moving the time of the Fireworks display was made. Discussion was held as to where the public could, and/or should park to see the Fireworks Display. Liz Reiley stated she would send out public notice on social media about the Star-Spangled Spectacular Fireworks Display along with rules and regulations of social distancing. Karen Jacobs moved to hold the Star-Spangled Spectacular Fireworks Display as scheduled, on July 4, 2020 at the scheduled time of 10:00 p.m., John Boothe seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

Line Items 5,6,7, & 8: Promotion, Organization, Design and Economic Vitality Committee Report(s):

All matters are to be added to the July 28th, 2020 meeting agenda.

9. **Financial Report for the month of April:** This matter is to be added to the July 28th, 2020 meeting agenda.

10. **Main Street Manager Liz Reiley's Report: None**

11. **Requests by Board Members for items on future agendas.**

All matters that were requested to be put on the July 28th, 2020 agenda, will be added as stated in the June 23, 2020 minutes. Specifically: Meena Patel requested that the Beautification Committee be put on the next meeting agenda; Gregory Webb

requested for the Happy Fall Yall and Winterfest Committee to report back at each meeting until events take place. Liz Reiley to update Board Members about upcoming Board Training that will take place at September and October meetings. Please add the Pledge and Prayer on the July 28th, 2020 agenda, after meeting is Called to Order.

12. Announcements by Board Members: **NONE**

13. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting.

Gregory Webb set next meeting for July 28th, at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURN

No further matters were discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm by Chairman Gregory Webb, John Boothe moved to adjourn the meeting, Karen Jacobs seconded.

Liz Reiley, Main Street Manager

Gregory Webb, Chairman

Karen Jacobs, Secretary

Meena Patel, Recording Secretary