

**GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

**AGENDA – MARCH 30, 2020 6:00 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 Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will hold a special called meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 6:00 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](http://www.gonzales.texas.gov).

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.

Alternatively, you can log on via [www.FreeConferenceCall.com](http://www.FreeConferenceCall.com) or download the app and join the meeting using the information above or by entering the Meeting ID: cityofgonzales

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 Economic Development Corporation. Each person should email the City Secretary prior to the meeting at [citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov). Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes.

**All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body, and not to any individual member thereof.**

Discussion by the Board of any item not on the agenda shall be limited to statements of specific factual information given in response to any inquiry, a recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry, and/or a proposal to place the item on a future agenda. The presiding officer, during the Hearing of Residents portion of the agenda, will call on those persons who have signed up to speak in the order they have registered.

1. Discuss and consider a directive from the City Council to consider financial assistance to be used for businesses within the City of Gonzales, Texas.
2. Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider a resolution authorizing certain financial assistance up to \$500,000.00 as a line of credit or other financial assistance to be used for businesses located within the City of Gonzales, Texas as follows:



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, APPROVING A PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 505.158 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UP TO \$500,000.00 AS A LINE OF CREDIT OR OTHER FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BE USED FOR BUSINESSES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national health emergency beginning on March 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “GEDC”), is an economic development corporation operating pursuant to Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended (also referred to as the “Act”), and the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, as codified in the Texas Business Organizations Code, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code provides that “[f]or a Type B corporation authorized to be created by a municipality with a population of 20,000 or less, “project” also includes the land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure, and improvements found by the corporation’s board of directors to promote new or expanded business development.” Further, the statute provides that “[a] Type B corporation may not undertake a project authorized by this section that requires an expenditure of more than \$10,000 until the governing body of the corporation’s authorizing municipality adopts a resolution authorizing the project after giving the resolution at least two separate readings”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the GEDC find and determine that providing a line of credit or other form of financial assistance in an amount not to exceed **Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00)** for businesses located within the City of Gonzales, Texas, is consistent with and meets the definition of “project” as that term is defined in Section 505.158 of the Act; and the definition of “cost” as that term is defined by Section 501.152 of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the GEDC find and determine that providing a line of credit or other form of financial assistance in an amount not to exceed **Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00)** for businesses located within the City of Gonzales, Texas, is consistent with Act, nonetheless the GEDC must still following the requirements of the Act including the following: the public hearing requirement mandated by Section 505.159 of the Act; the 60-day wait requirement pursuant to Section 505.160 of the Act; and the performance agreement requirement required by Section 501.158 of the Act, unless said requirements are subsequently waived or suspended by the Governor of the State of Texas due to the COVID-19

outbreak.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct findings of the Board of Directors of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and are fully incorporated into the body of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** That the Board of Directors of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation find and determine that the provision of a line of credit or other form of financial assistance not to exceed **Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00)** for businesses located within the City of Gonzales, Texas, will promote new and expanded business development, and is otherwise consistent with Section 505.158 of the Act.

**Section 3.** That the Board of Directors of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation find and determine that recipients of the line of credit or other form of financial assistance will have to comply with the requirements of the Act, including the execution of a performance agreement required by Section 501.158 of the Act, unless said requirements are subsequently waived or suspended by the Governor of the State of Texas due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Section 4.** That the Board of Directors of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation authorize the project and authorize the President of the GEDC to execute this Resolution.

**Section 5.** That this Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

**DULY RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

---

Dewy Smith, President  
Gonzales Economic Development Corporation