

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA –MARCH 11, 2021 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 City Council will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021 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.

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.

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

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor

- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

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.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1.1 Ceremonial Swearing in of Police Officer: Jacob Mills
- 1.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will provide a comprehensive de-briefing regarding the February 13-17 Winter Storm Uri

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.

- 2.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the February 4, 2021 called meeting and the February 14, 2021 regular meeting
- 2.2 Certification of Unopposed Candidate: Council District 1-Joseph Kridler
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Voting Machine Rental Service Agreement with Gonzales County for the May 1, 2021 General and Special Elections
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-16** Authorizing the Use of Texas Heroes Square Including the Parking Lot for the Gonzales Master Gardener's Annual Spring Plant Sale on April 16 and 17, 2021
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-17** Authorizing an expenditure of funds for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 for roof repairs to the Lynn Theatre
- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-18** Approving a Project of The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, A Type B Economic Development Corporation, which consists of Providing Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Texas Community Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) For The Benefit of the Gonzales Main Street, Inc., to be used for Infrastructure Improvements to the 400 Block Of Saint James Street, Authorized By Section 501.103 Of The Texas Local Government Code
- 2.7 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-19** Authorizing Gonzales Main Street's Use of Independence Square including the Parking Lot, Designated Street Closures, Closure of the Brickyard Area at Independence Park, and Sale and Consumption

of Alcoholic Beverages for the Annual Main Street Concert Series and Star-Spangled Spectacular on June 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th, 25th & 26th, and July 4, 2021

ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Discussion and Direction from City Council regarding Executive Order GA-34
- 3.2 Discussion and Direction from City Council regarding a proposal from Victoria College to potentially lease the billboard on Sarah Dewitt Drive to utilize in promotion and marketing educational initiatives available
- 3.3 Discussion and Direction from City Council regarding the Engagement of Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech and Doucet & Associates for redistricting/reapportionment services

RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-20** Authorizing the Appointment of the Election Judge and Workers for the May 1, 2021 Election
- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-21** Approving the Recommendation from the Gonzales Convention and Visitors Bureau for funding for the for the purchase of a new digital sign for J.B. Wells Park, Arena and Expo in the amount of \$29,878.00
- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-22** Approving Changes to the Current Job Descriptions for Parks and Recreation Director, Records Clerk and Position Classification for the Arena Operations Manager
- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-23** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the National Park Service Underrepresented Community Grant Program in an Amount, Not to Exceed \$50,000, for Building Improvements to the Edwards Community Center (Edwards School); the Grant Application is a collaboration of the Edwards Association and Gonzales Main Street, which will pay for the cost of Grant preparation

ORDINANCES

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-11** Amending the City of Gonzales' Election Ordinance and Notice to reflect a change in polling locations for Election Day from North Avenue Intermediate School (1032 St. Joseph) to the City of Gonzales Municipal Building (820 St. Joseph)
- 5.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-12** Closing and Abandoning to the Abutting Property Owners Portions of Certain Unimproved Streets lying beyond the municipal boundaries

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 6.1 Financial Report for the month of February 2021, and Quarterly Investment Report 12/31/2020
- 6.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following:

- Rate Study
- Paddling Trail dock

CLOSED SESSION

7.1(a) Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter”, to include the following matters:

1. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
2. Patricia Bennett and Gloria Knight v. City of Gonzales, Texas Cause No. 27,500

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8.1 Discuss and Consider any Action Resulting from Closed Session as Necessary

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

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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.

I certify that a copy of the March 11, 2021, agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales City Council was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 8th day of March, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting. I further certify that the above agenda was removed on _____ day of _____, 2021 at _____am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

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