

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET**  
**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**  
**LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE**  
**AGENDA –SEPTEMBER 10, 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 City Council will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, September 10, 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).

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](mailto: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.

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## 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.

### PRESENTATION

- 1.1 Presentation, Discussion and Direction on the naming of historic downtown square,

### BUDGET AND TAX RATE ITEMS

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2020-17** Approving the Operating Budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2020 and Ending September 30, 2021; Renewing the City's Financial Policy, Investment Policy, and Budget Contingency Policy.
- 2.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-83** to Ratify the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the 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.
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2020-18** Approving the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, Texas.
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-84** Authorizing and Adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Gonzales

### 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.

- 3.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the following meetings:
  - a. August 11, 2020 Special Meeting
  - b. August 13, 2020 Regular Meeting
  - c. August 19, 2020 Special Meeting

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-85** Approving the Amendment of the Job Description for the Lineman I/Meter Reader to Change the Reporting Supervisor.

### **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND COUNCIL ACTION**

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-86** Authorizing the City Manager to Solicit Requests for Proposals for Grant Administration Professional Services and Request for Qualification for Engineering Services for a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery-Mitigation Program grant application
- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-87** Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board, JB Wells Park Advisory Board, Gonzales Library Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board
- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-88** authorizing an expenditure of funds for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for extensive cleaning and improvements to the Lynn Theatre.

### **STAFF/BOARD REPORTS**

- 5.1 Financial Report for the month of August 2020
- 5.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following: weed prevention update, hydro plant update, Certified Public Manager program and District 2 Clean-Up update.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 6.1(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
  3. A Guerra Enterprise LLC D/B/A Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cause No. 27,591
- (b) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:
1. Unopened City Street

(c) Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

1. Appointments to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustments
2. City Manager

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

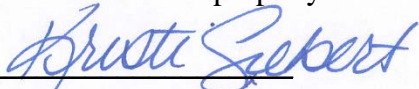
#### **CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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

#### **ADJOURN**

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 5:30 p.m. on September 7, 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