

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –MARCH 25, 2020**

The Emergency Meeting of the City Council was held on **March 25, 2020** at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to **Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and in accordance with the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas.**

An urgent public necessity exists requiring immediate action of the City Council due to an imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and certified a quorum.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie L. Kacir	Mayor	Present in person
Gary Schroeder	Council Member, District 1	Present via phone
Tommy Schurig	Council Member, District 2	Present in person
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present via phone
Dan Blakemore	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member, District 4	Present via phone

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Tim Patek, City Attorney Daniel Santee (via phone), Interim City Secretary Kristi Gilbert and Finance Director Laura Zella

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.

EMERGENCY ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance amending and possibly extending the public health emergency declaration regarding precautionary measures in reference to the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Kacir stated the revised declaration includes naming Dr. Hisey as the City’s Medical Director, adding fines for non-compliance, specifying no outside events, and adding emergency language for the Economic Development Corporation as it relates to supporting the City’s small businesses.

ACTION: Item 1

APPROVED

Councilmember O’Neal moved to adopt the ordinance [Ordinance No. 2020-07]. Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

2. Conduct the first reading of a resolution authorizing certain emergency financial assistance up to \$500,000.00 by the GEDC to be used as a line of credit or other financial assistance for businesses located within the City of Gonzales, Texas due to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus.

ACTION: Item 2

FIRST READING

Councilmember Schurig moved to vote in favor and ask the Economic Development Corporation to meet next week regarding the item. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

3. Discuss and consider action on authorizing the City Manager to enact Fiscal Management Contingency Plan Level II and postpone all capital improvement projects for a period of 30 days.

ACTION: Item 3

APPROVED

Councilmember Schurig moved to authorize the City Manager to enact Fiscal Management Contingency Plan Level II effective March 30th and postpone all capital improvement projects for a period of 30 days. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of May 2020.



Connie Kacir, Mayor



Kristi Gilbert, Interim City Secretary

