

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –APRIL 9, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on **April 9, 2020** at 6:00 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.**

The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were 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 was 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 was 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.

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 6:04 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

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, Interim City Secretary Kristi Gilbert and Finance Director Laura Zella

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
Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore recognized city employees for their part in contributing to the completion of the water tower work.
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Temporarily suspended as noted above.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 1.1 Fair Housing Month
- 1.2 National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Mayor Kacir stated she would execute the proclamations and forward them to the respective organizations.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-35** Acknowledging Receipt and Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019.

Jon Watson with Brooks Watson & Co. Certified Public Accountants presented the Fiscal Year 2019 audited financials via phone. Mr. Watson stated the total assets exceed total liabilities by \$34,027,927. Mr. Watson stated the governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$5,320,697, an increase of \$3,073,286 and unassigned fund balance in the general fund was \$1,823,427 equaling 23% of annual general fund expenditures which was an increase over the previous two years. Mr. Watson stated the unassigned fund balance two years ago was \$124,687 which was 1.8% of the general fund annual expenditures. Mr. Watson stated the city had an overall increase in net position of \$2,195,903 for the year.

Mayor Kacir thanked Mr. Watson and highlighted the financial position that is continuing to improve.

ACTION: Item 2.1

APPROVED

Councilmember Schurig moved to approve **Resolution #2020-35** Acknowledging Receipt and Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2020, Special Called Meeting on March 16, 2020 and Emergency Meeting on March 20, 2020.
- 3.2 **Absences**-Approval of any council absences for the second quarter of fiscal year 2019-20.
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-36** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and/or Donation of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales.
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-37** Affirming the City of Gonzales does not Discriminate in the Provision of any Program Based on the Race, Color, National Origin, Age, Religion, Gender, Handicap Status, Veteran Status or Any Other Protected Status.

- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-38** Authorizing Designated Signators for Contractual and Financial Documents for the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

ACTION: Item 3.1 through 3.5

APPROVED

Councilmember O’Neal moved to approve the consent agenda Items 3.1 through 3.5 as presented. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-39** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the roof replacement and repairs at Gonzales Memorial Museum and Amphitheatre to RYCARS Construction.

ACTION: Item 4.1

APPROVED

Councilmember Schroeder moved to approve **Resolution #2020-39** of the City Council of the City Gonzales accepting the proposals and awarding the contract for the roof replacement and repairs at Gonzales Memorial Museum to RYCARS Construction effective April 9, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.2 Conduct second reading of a resolution and action on a resolution authorizing certain 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.

Mayor Kacir stated the first reading of the resolution had been conducted at the March 20, 2020 meeting and stated the City Council was not required to approve the associated performance agreement.

ACTION: Item 4.2.

AUTHORIZE

Councilmember O’Neal moved to authorize the GEDC to proceed with the project. Councilmember Schurig seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on the GEDC’s action to extend all existing loan payments for 90 days and waiving late fees due to COVID-19.

ACTION: Item 4.3

APPROVED

Councilmember O’Neal moved to extend all existing loan payments for 90 days and waive late fees due to COVID-19. Councilmember Schurig seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 4.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-40** Appointing a Board Member to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

Mayor Kacir suggested the item be tabled to a future meeting. Councilmember Schroeder stated he was prepared to make an appointment.

ACTION: Item 4.4

NO APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Schroeder moved to approve **Resolution #2020-40** appointing Clint Hille to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation. Councilmember O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Schroeder and O'Neal. Against: Schurig, Blakemore and Kacir. The motion failed 2-3.

- 4.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-41** Denying Texas Gas Service Company's Requested Rate Increase.

ACTION: Item 4.5

APPROVED

Councilmember Schurig moved to approve **Resolution #2020-41** Denying Texas Gas Service Company's Requested Rate Increase. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORDINANCES:

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Ordinance #2020-09** Authorizing Budget Amendments for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

ACTION: Item 5.1

APPROVED

Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore moved to approve **Ordinance #2020-09** Authorizing Budget Amendments for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Schurig seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 5.2 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 her recommendation was to maintain the same restrictions but extend them to April 30, 2020 to coincide with Governor Abbott's Executive Order.

ACTION: Item 5.2

APPROVED

Councilmember Schurig moved to approve **Ordinance #2020-10** as presented. Councilmember Schroeder seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS:

- 6.1 Financial Report for the Month of March 2020
- 6.2 City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the Jim Price Clean-Up being postponed to the summer, the Tank #2 Rehab at the water plant and the status of the library demolition stating photos would be on the website.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

No executive session was held.

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

ACTION: Item 8.1

NO ACTION

The Council did not convene into Executive Session; therefore, no action was taken.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

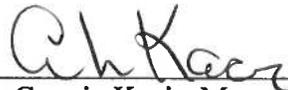
RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA *(discussion under this item must be limited to whether or not the Council wishes to include a potential agenda item on a future agenda)*

- 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

On a motion by Councilmember Schurig and a second by Councilmember O’Neal, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of May 2020.



 Connie Kacir, Mayor



 Kristi Gilbert, Interim City Secretary



COME AND TAKE IT