

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES –OCTOBER 16, 2020**

The Special Meeting of the City Council was held on **October 16, 2020** at 1:00 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](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.*

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Kacir called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

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

**STAFF PARTICIPATING:**

City Manager Tim Patek, Administrative Services Director/City Secretary Kristi Gilbert, JB Wells Park Manager Anne Dollery, Main Street Manager Liz Reiley and Gary Schurig.

## **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Kacir presented a proclamation to Anne Covert declaring October 19, 2020 Ann Covert Day in the City of Gonzales.

## **HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

No residents were signed in to speak.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-108** Authorizing the Use of the Downtown Square by the Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales for a Trunk or Treat Event and Authorizing the Closure of Certain Streets.

Mayor Kacir reviewed the proposed event meeting CDC guidelines including individually wrapped bags, each candy station limited to 10 people or less, and volunteers from the churches.

### **ACTION: Item 1.1**

### **APPROVED**

Council Member Schurig moved to approve **Resolution #2020-108** Authorizing the Use of the Downtown Square by the Ministerial Alliance of Gonzales for a Trunk or Treat Event and Authorizing the Closure of Certain Streets. Council Member O'Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Kacir called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council did not convene into closed session.

- 4.1 Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales entered into 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**

Not applicable, the Council did not convene into closed session.

- 5.1 Discuss and Consider any Action Resulting from Closed Session as Necessary  
No Action

## **ADJOURN**

On a motion by Council Member O'Neal and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Blakemore, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
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Connie Kaeir, Mayor

  
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Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary

