



VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
820 ST JOSEPH STREET
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 at 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 Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, June 22, 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.

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.

This meeting will be closed in person attendance by the public. 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 (2) 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. The toll-free call in number is: **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.

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation to be held on the above-mentioned date and time at the City of Gonzales Council Chambers located at 820 St. Joseph Street, in Gonzales, Texas, for the purpose of discussing the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action.

The Board of Directors reserve the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

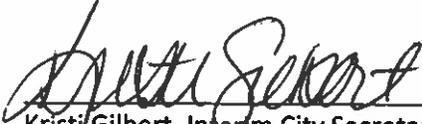
1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

4. Petitions or Requests from the Public
In person comments suspended as noted above.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will hold a closed Executive Session meeting pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:
 - a. Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney to receive legal advice regarding:
 - Lease Agreement – Lynn Theatre
6. **Reconvene into Regular Session:** The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will reconvene into Regular Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any action necessary concerning the executive session.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for the following meetings:
 - a. April 6, 2020
 - b. April 13, 2020
 - c. May 27, 2020
 - d. June 1, 2020
8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will receive comments for a proposed project and the expenditure of funds for Ace Invest, LLC, project to promote new business development. The proposed project and the expenditure of funds may be used for building improvements, including but not limited to the installation of a sprinkler system and necessary modifications to the building, and other expenses related to the same. Total of all project incentives and the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$33,200.00.
9. Discussion and presentation by Andy Rodriguez, Board President, regarding potential future projects and recommendations from the expansion & enhancement committee.
10. **WORKSHOP:** Review and discuss the proposed budget for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for fiscal year 2020/2021.
11. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for May, 2020:
 - a. Balance Sheet/Profit & Loss
 - b. Financial Statement
 - c. Bank Reconciliation
 - d. Sales Tax Revenues (October 2019 – May 2020)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding a small business incentive grant application received from the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for financial assistance for renovation of property located at 304 Saint Louis Street to relocate the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

13. Reports and/or announcements on the following items:
 - a. Update regarding the COVID-19 Business Grants
14. Request(s) for future agenda items and comment(s).
15. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the June 22, 2020 agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was posted on the City of Gonzales website on the 17 day of JUNE, 2020, at 3:30 am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer



Kristi Gilbert, Interim City Secretary