

**GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH, GONZALES, TEXAS
MINUTES– JULY 8, 2019 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCES

President Dewey Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

In attendance – Dewey Smith, Gerri Lawing, Andy Rodriquez, Larry Wehde, Dan Blakemore. Absent was Steve Sucher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comments section of the meeting is for citizens to address the Gonzales Economic Development Directors (as a whole). No interaction will be held between the speaker and the GEDC Board. – **No public comments.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Accept Public Comment for the expenditure of funds for the repair of the Lynn Theater Marquee
Public hearing opened at 6:03 p.m., no comments. Public hearing closed at 6:03 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action authorizing Dewey Smith, Board President, to enter into a contract with National Signs to add Chase Lighting to the Lynn Theater Marquee/Sign
Moved item #7 to top of agenda – **Motion made to amend the previous motion made in June and add \$3200 to price of contract and authorize President Dewey Smith to sign with an addition of funds for chase lighting for a total of \$78,750. Motion made by Andy Rodriquez, seconded by Dan Blakemore. Language concerning arbitration will be removed by National Signs. Passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will hold a closed Executive Session meeting Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

Section 551.071 to seek advice from the Board’s attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation

– Arnulfo and Ruth Guerra

- A. Guerra Enterprise, LLC d/b/a Holiday Inn Express Suites**
- Arnulfo Guerra and Ruth Guerra, d/b/a Sleep Inn and Suites**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION –

Returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

3. Discuss and Consider any action resulting from executive session
 - A. Guerra Enterprise, LLC, d/b/a Holiday Inn Express Suites
 - B. Arnulfo Guerra and Ruth Guerra, d/b/a Sleep Inn and Suites

Motion made to authorize GEDC attorney to take action as discussed in Executive Session with regard to A. Guerra Enterprise, LLC and Arnulfo Guerra and Ruth Guerra, dba Sleep Inn and Suites. Motion made by Tommy Cox, seconded by Larry Wehde. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. March 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes
5. May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes
6. June 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Gerri Lawing to approve minutes of March 25th, seconded by Dan Blakemore. Motion carried with Andy Rodriguez abstaining as he was not a board meeting during this time.

Motion made by Andy Rodriguez to approve minutes of May 20th, seconded by Dan Blakemore, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to table approval of June 17th minutes made by Dan Blakemore, seconded by Tommy Cox, unanimously passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

7. June 2019 Financial Report – Christina Jahns with Larry Wehde – **June Financials presented by Larry Wehde.**

BUDGET WORKSHOP

8. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Budget for FY 2019-2020
Budget Workshop opened. **Motion made by Andy Rodriguez to approve budget as discussed and presented, seconded by Gerri Lawing. Motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

9. Discuss updates to the GEDC 2019 – 2020 2-Year Strategic Plan – **written updates will be provided by Genora Young.**

ADJOURN –

Motion made to adjourn made by Gerri Lawing, seconded by Tommy Cox. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Dewey Smith, Board President

Gerri Lawing, Secretary