

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA –OCTOBER 1, 2020 12:00 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 City Council will hold a special called meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 12:00 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.

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 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.

Toll-free call in number: **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.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

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. Individuals not able to attend due to space limitations may email the City Secretary at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-92** Authorizing the City Manager to award an RFQ for Engineering Services and an RFP for Grant Administration Services in Order to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application to the General Land Office for \$3,000,000 in CDBG-MIT Grant Funds to Provide Flood Mitigation.
- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-94** Authorizing the Designation of Mayor Connie Lynn Kacir, City Manager Timothy Wayne Patek, Finance Director Laura Leah Zella and City Secretary Kristin Aleice Gilbert as Authorized Signatories and Removing All Others For All Accounts in the City of Gonzales' Name With Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU).
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-95** Authorizing the Use of Texas Heroes Square for the 60th Annual Gonzales Day Memorial Service, hosted by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

CLOSED SESSION

- 2.1 (a) Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in 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:
 - a. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
 - b. Patricia Bennett and Gloria Knight v. City of Gonzales, Texas Cause No. 27,500
 - c. A Guerra Enterprise LLC D/B/A Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cause No. 27,591

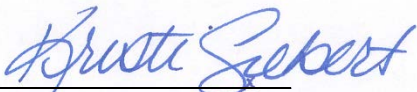
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- 3.1 Discuss and Consider any Action Resulting from Closed Session as Necessary

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the above items in Executive Closed Session if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

CERTIFIED as posted by 2:30 p.m. on September 25, 2020. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.



Kristi Gilbert, Administrative Services Director/City Secretary