

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA –OCTOBER 8, 2020 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 City Council will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, October 8, 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.

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

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
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

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.

PRESENTATION

- 1.1 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Councilmember.

- 2.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the following meetings:
 - a. September 3, 2020 Special Meeting
 - b. September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - c. September 21, 2020 Special Meeting
 - d. October 1, 2020 Special Meeting
- 2.2 Approval of any council absences for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2019-20.
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-96** Authorizing the Use of Jail Square including the Parking Lot, and Designated Street Closures for 2020 Winterfest & Annual Lighted Christmas Parade on December 5, 2020.
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-97** Approving the Purchase of a 2021 Ford F750 Diesel Regular Cab & Chassis Along with Knapheide Brush Bed

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND COUNCIL ACTION

- 3.1 Conduct a Public Hearing to Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-98** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for \$3,000,000 in CDBG-MIT grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements to Related to Damage Caused by Hurricane Harvey, In Order to Mitigate the Impact of Future Flooding Events

- 3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-99** Accepting the Proposals and Awarding the Contract for the Cleaning and Repainting of the 850,000 Gallon Steel Ground Storage Tank, “Water Tank #1” and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement.
- 3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-100** Approving a Performance agreement between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and the Gonzales Main Street.
- 3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-101** Approving the City of Gonzales 2021 Holiday Schedule.
- 3.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-102** Authorizing the City Manager to Solicit Requests for Proposals for the Purchase of Electric Meters, Related Software and the Installation of the System
- 3.6 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-103** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Visitor Information Center.
- 3.7 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Ordinance #2020-22** Amending Article 9.03 of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances to Reduce the Number of Members on the Main Street Advisory Board as Requested by the Main Street Advisory Board
- 3.8 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-104** Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board, JB Wells Park Advisory Board, Gonzales Library Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board
- 3.9 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-105** Approving Work Order #65 in the amount of \$123,100 with Doucet & Associates for Engineering, Surveying and Project Management of Ridgemont, Oakland, Church and Seydler Streets Improvement Projects (2021 Street Improvement Projects)
- 3.10 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action Approving **Resolution #2020-106** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum Three to the Agreement with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative for Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Consulting Services and Electric Line Loss Services
- 3.11 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2020-107** a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Solicit Requests for Proposals for the JB Wells Park Concession Stand.
- 3.12 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on the position of Municipal Court Judge.
- 3.13 Discuss, Consider & Provide Direction on Amendments to the Code of Ethics.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

4.1 Financial Report for the month of September 2020.

4.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following:

- Update on revenue shortfalls due to COVID-19 with anticipated date final numbers will be reported to the City Council
- List of all grants being sought by grant writer and/or staff
- Overview of 2020-2021 CIP with anticipated project start dates
- Report on any new operational changes under consideration for organization efficiencies or decreases in expenditures including staffing and/or increase in deliverables
- Benny Boyd property update
- District 2 Clean-Up update.

CLOSED SESSION

5.1(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:

1. In Re Estate of J. B. Wells litigation
2. Patricia Bennett and Gloria Knight v. City of Gonzales, Texas Cause No. 27,500
3. Issues with Electric Utility Billing Audit

(b) Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will meet in closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

1. Appointments to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustments

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

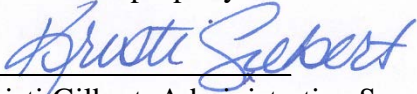
CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

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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 12:30 p.m. on October 5, 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