

CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE
AGENDA –FEBRUARY 11, 2021 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, February 11, 2021 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.

PROCLAMATION

- 1.1 Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission-2-1-1 Day

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 January 14, 2020 regular meeting.
- 2.2 Acknowledging Receipt of the 2020 Annual Racial Profiling Report
- 2.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-09** Declaring Certain City Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the manner most advantageous to the City of Gonzales
- 2.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-10** Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for up to \$40,000 in HGSP grant funds for a UTV with Emergency Equipment for the Police Department
- 2.5 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-11** Authorizing the designation of Mayor Connie Lynn Kacir, City Manager Timothy Wayne Patek, Finance Director Laura Leah Zella and City Secretary Kristina Marie Vega as authorized signatories and removing all others for all accounts in the City of Gonzales' name at all financial institutions
- 2.6 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-12** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Jay Hilscher DBA Lone Star Relays, LLC. for the Street Closures, Consumption of Alcohol on Public Property and the Recommendation for Funding from the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Texas Independence Relay on March 26-27, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 14 ZONING ORDINANCE

- 3.1 Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of **Ordinance #2021-08** Amending the Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 Zoning

Note: Individuals will be able to speak during the public hearing via teleconference. Please email citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov to participate.

RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-13** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a License Agreement with the Gonzales Little League
- 4.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-14** Approving the Recommendation from the Gonzales Convention and Visitors Bureau for funding for the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center in the amount of \$149,592.05
- 4.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2021-15** Approving the hosting of a public event by the name of Toast to Texas, hosted by the City of Gonzales, and held at Texas Heroes Square on March 2, 2021

ORDINANCES

- 5.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-09** Amending The Gonzales Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 Subdivision Regulation
- 5.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Ordinance #2021-10** Authorizing Budget Amendments for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 6.1 Financial Report for the month of January 2021
- 6.2 City Manager, Tim Patek will update the City Council on the following:
- Brush Truck
 - Rate Study
 - Electric Meters

CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1(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. Existing and future water rights and sources

- (b) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, to wit, existing and future water rights and sources.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8.1 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.

I certify that a copy of the February 11, 2021, agenda of items to be considered by the Gonzales City Council was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 8th day of February, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting. I further certify that the above agenda was removed on _____ day of _____, 2021 at _____am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.

Kristina Vega, City Secretary

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please Contact the City Secretary's office at (830)672-2815 for further information.