



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
820 ST JOSEPH STREET  
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE – LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE  
AGENDA - JULY 27, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

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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, July 27, 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](http://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 board 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 (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](mailto: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;
  - b. Section 551.071 and 551.087: to seek legal advice from its attorney regarding: Amending current/active Performance Agreements or Loan Agreements and discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation seeks to have locate, stay or expand within the City of Gonzales;
  - c. Section 551.087: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.
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 meeting:
  - a. June 22, 2020
8. Discussion and possible action to terminate a General Service Agreement between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Christina Jahns for monthly bookkeeping services.
9. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Board President to execute a Performance Agreement between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Ace Invest, LLC for financial assistance in the amount of \$33,200.00.

10. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for May and June, 2020:
  - a. Balance Sheet/Profit & Loss
  - b. Financial Statement
  - c. Bank Reconciliation
  - d. Sales Tax Revenues (October 2019 – June 2020)
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed Business Incentive Grant Application and Program Guidelines for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed Business Incentive Request Form for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.
13. Review and discuss a request from Liz Reiley, Main Street Director, regarding projects of the Main Street Advisory Board, to include the following:
  - Improvements for the downtown area for the upcoming fiscal year
14. Reports and/or announcements on the following items:
  - a. Reimbursement of funds from Main Street for grant;
  - b. Board President update on meetings with Main Street, CVB, Airport Board and the Industrial Park Signage with GADC.
15. Request(s) for future agenda items and comment(s).
16. Adjournment

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a copy of the July 27, 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 22 day of July, 2020, at 5:00 am/pm. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer

  
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Kristi Gilbert, City Secretary