



**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE – LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE**

The Regular Meeting of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation was held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and in accordance with the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas.

The meeting agenda and packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

The public was offered a toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com.

1. Call to Order

President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

President Rodriguez gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

Present:

Andy Rodriguez, President

Gerri Lawing, Secretary (*arrived at 6:02 pm*)

Larry Wehde, Treasurer

Connie Kacir

Dan Blakemore

A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Kim Tucker, Interim Executive Director

Tim Patek, City Manager

Liz Reiley, Main Street Director

4. Petitions or Requests from the Public

None, temporarily suspended per the Governor's order.

- 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:
Lynn Theatre**

The executive session was not held.

- 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.**

No action, the executive session was not held.

- 7. Presentation regarding the City of Gonzales Airport from Ralph Camarillo, Project Manager.**

Mr. John Coale, Chair of the Gonzales Airport Board provided the Gonzales Economic Development Board with an overview of the current amenities of the airport facility and stated that increasing the length of the runway and providing fuel availability would increase the use of the airport and revenue.

- 8. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for the following meeting:**
- a. July 27, 2020**

Connie Kacir moved to approve the minutes, adding the members that were appointed to the loan committee. Dan Blakemore seconded the motion. President Rodriguez called for the vote:

AYES: Kacir, Blakemore, Lawing, Rodriguez, Wehde

NOES: None

The motion carried.

- 9. Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$27,924.71 to the Gonzales Main Street for the following Main Street Business Improvement Grants:**
- a. Façade grant for property located at 726 St. Paul Street in the amount of \$12,924.71**
 - b. Façade grant for property located at 608 St. Paul Street in the amount of \$15,000.00**

Gerri Lawing made the motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$27,924.71 for façade grants located at 726 St. Paul Street and 608 St. Paul Street to Main Street. Dan Blakemore seconded the motion. President Rodriguez called for the vote:

AYES: Kacir, Blakemore, Lawing, Rodriguez, Wehde

NOES: None

The motion carried.

- 10. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for July, 2020:**
- a. Balance Sheet**
 - b. Financial Statement**
 - c. Bank Reconciliation**
 - d. Sales Tax Revenues (October 2019 – July 2020)**

Larry Wehde reviewed the July financials with the board. Interim Director Kim Tucker provided the board with a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2019. President Rodriguez stated that the monthly financial reports will be filed for audit.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the budget for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for the upcoming fiscal year (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021).

Interim Director Kim Tucker reviewed the proposed budget with the board. Larry Wehde asked about the funds that were in the beautification line item that was placed under the Main Street Program. President Rodriguez stated that the Main Street Director is working on the butterfly garden beautification project. Connie Kacir requested that the interest income be reduced to \$50,000.00 and Larry Wehde requested that the budget be balanced by including funds from the fund balance. Dan Blakemore made the motion to approve the budget with the changes. Connie Kacir seconded the motion. President Rodriguez called for the vote:

AYES: Kacir, Blakemore, Lawing, Rodriguez, Wehde

NOES: None

The motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding funding engineering cost for developing a new pressure plane in the water distribution system serving the Gonzales Industrial Park.

Keith Schauer, City Engineer, provided the board with various options of developing a new pressure plane in the water distribution system. Connie Kacir stated that she had visited with the city manager and that possible grants will be pursued for new city infrastructure. Connie Kacir made the motion to approve up to and not exceeding \$50,000.00 for the engineering cost for developing a new pressure plane in the water distribution system serving the Gonzales Industrial Park. Larry Wehde seconded the motion. President Rodriguez called for the vote:

AYES: Kacir, Blakemore, Lawing, Rodriguez, Wehde

NOES: None

The motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding leveraging funding for an airport layout plan in the amount of \$15,000.00

Connie Kacir stated that the amount of \$15,000.00 was 10% of a potential grant with TxDOT, if awarded, for the airport layout plan.

Connie Kacir made the motion to approve leveraging funding for an airport layout plan in the amount of \$15,000.00. Larry Wehde seconded the motion. President Rodriguez called for the vote:

AYES: Kacir, Blakemore, Lawing, Rodriguez, Wehde

NOES: None

The motion carried.

14. Reports and/or announcements on the following items:

a. Future revisions to the recently approved Business Incentive Grant Program to include a Main Street Grant category;

Interim Executive Director Kim Tucker stated that she was working on a new category specifically for Main Street to add to the existing business incentive program and that it would be reviewed by legal counsel and on the next agenda. She also stated that the Main Street would be reimbursing the GEDC for funds that were not distributed for façade grants. In addition, she informed the board that an agreement between the GEDC and Main Street would be on the September agenda.

Interim Executive Director Tucker mentioned that there were various vacancies on city boards if any board member knew of someone to have them apply at the city. Connie Kacir stated that most of the vacancies were at term limits.

b. Lynn Theatre;

Dan Blakemore informed the board that we were working with a company on cleaning the facility. Gerri Lawing stated that she would have an update on the sign at the next meeting.

c. GEDC property acquisition committee update on an Industrial Park evaluation.

Connie Kacir stated that she met with members of the GADC and other parties to analyze the industrial park to increase business and that they discussed the potential of land acquisition for the industrial park.

15. Request(s) for future agenda items and comment(s).

Dan Blakemore requested an executive session to discuss the loan committee recommendations.

16. Adjournment

President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, 2020.

Andy Rodriguez, President

Gerri Lawing, Secretary