

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON DECEMBER 17, 2018, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney Arceneaux  
Councilman Tyler Turner  
Councilman Neal Bourque

Councilman David Guitreau  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux  
Councilman Harold Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk  
Lisa Babin, Administrative Secretary

Erin Lanoux, City Attorney  
Police Chief Sherman Jackson

The City Clerk stated the City Council Members have been provided with a copy of the revenue and expense compared to budget report in the City Council Member's packets. The city is within budget. No discussion was required or requested by the City Council Members.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to adopt Resolution No. 2877:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA ON DECEMBER 8, 2018, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX EQUAL TO TWO PERCENT (2%) OF THE RENT OR FEE CHARGED FOR THE OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GONZALES TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019, FOR PERPETUITY; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana (the "City"), as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the election held in the City on December 8, 2018 (the "Election"), said tabulations having been prepared and certified by the election officials serving at the designated polling places, and the Governing Authority does now further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the Election.

SECTION 2. That a Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and that a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; that another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and ex-officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana; and that another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of the City.

SECTION 3. That the result of the Election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Motion Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to adopt this Resolution on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau,  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution was declared to be adopted by the City Council of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau,  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to approve and accept the  
Proces Verbal as follows:

### PROCES VERBAL

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN THE  
CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., at  
City Hall, 120 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales, Louisiana, the City Council of the City of Gonzales, State of  
Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Gonzales, State of  
Louisiana (the "City"), and being the authority ordering the election held therein on Saturday, December 8,  
2018, did examine and canvass the returns of the election, there having been submitted at the election the  
following proposition, to-wit:

#### PROPOSITION (LEVY OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX)

Shall the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana (the "City") be authorized to levy and collect  
a hotel occupancy tax equal to two percent (2%) of the rent or fee charged for the  
occupancy of hotel rooms located within the City of Gonzales to be effective April 1, 2019,  
for perpetuity, (an estimated \$500,000.00 reasonably expected at this time to be collected  
from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), with the proceeds of the Tax (after  
paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collection and administering the  
Tax) to be dedicated and used for the purpose of financing, construction, maintenance, and  
operation of an event and conference center for the City of Gonzales?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said election  
IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling  
places, to-wit:

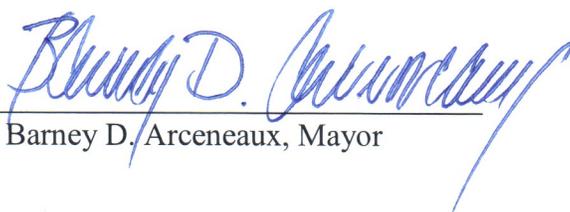
<u>WARD/PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE NAME AND LOCATION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
00/23 (PART OF)	GW Carver Primary School, 11310 Legacy Oaks Lane, Gonzales	0	0
00/28 (PART OF)	GW Carver Primary School, 11310 Legacy Oaks Lane, Gonzales	29	40
00/30	Gonzales Primary (Main Hall) 521 North Burnside Ave, Gonzales	31	37
00/31	East Ascension High School, 612 East Worthey St, Gonzales	76	54
00/32 (PART OF)	East Ascension High School, 612 East Worthey St, Gonzales	132	89
00/36 (PART OF)	Gonzales Middle School, 1502 W Orice Roth Rd, Gonzales	0	1
00/37A (PART OF)	Gonzales Middle School, 1502 W Orice Roth Rd, Gonzales	65	53
00/37B (PART OF)	Gonzales Middle School, 1502 W Orice Roth Rd, Gonzales	58	42
00/42 (PART OF)	Faith Academy, 10469 Airline Hwy, Gonzales	23	40
00/43 (PART OF)	Faith Academy, 10469 Airline Hwy, Gonzales	0	0
00/58 (PART OF)	Gonzales City Hall, 120 S Irma Blvd, Gonzales	39	38
00/75 (PART OF)	Gonzales Primary (Main Hall) 521 North Burnside Ave, Gonzales	473	405
ABSENTEE		272	162

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the  
election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 745 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the Proposition  
and a total of 567 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a  
majority of 745 votes cast IN FAVOR of the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

The foregoing election was authorized by a Resolution adopted on August 13, 2018 by the  
Governing Authority and notice therefore was duly given by the Notice of Election attached hereto as Exhibit  
A. Said Notice of Special Election was published on September 13, 2018, September 20, 2018, September 27,  
2018 and October 4, 2018 in the *Gonzales Weekly Citizen*, as set forth in the proof of publication attached  
hereto as Exhibit B.

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana (the "Governing  
Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana (the "City"), does  
hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, was  
duly PASSED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the election held in the City  
on Saturday, December 8, 2018, and that the result of said election be promulgated by the Secretary of State  
and by the Clerk of Court in the manner required by law.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Gonzales, Louisiana, on this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

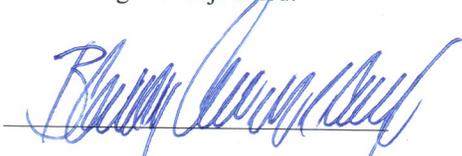
  
Barney D. Arceneaux, Mayor

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau,  
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion duly made and seconded,  
the meeting was adjourned.



Barney Arceneaux, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scot Byrd, City Clerk