

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN ON MONDAY APRIL 27, 2020, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL 120 S. IRMA BLVD, MEETING HELD BY TELECONFERENCE THRU GOOGLE MEET.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney Arceneaux
Councilman David Guitreau
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Councilman Harold Stewart
Councilman Tyler Turner
Councilman Neal Bourque

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk
Lisa Babin, Administrative Secretary
Brandon Boylan, Finance Director

Matt Percy, City Attorney
Sherman Jackson, Chief of Police

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, taken Via Teleconference thru Google Meet on April 13, 2020.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4103:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE "NORTHEAST GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT".

Creation of District. On October 22, 2012, an economic development district was created within the City, to be named the "Northeast Gonzales Economic Development District" having the geographical boundaries set forth in Exhibit A and Exhibit B attached hereto.

Amendment of Boundaries. The governing body of the district, being the Mayor and City Council, hereby elect to amend the boundaries of the district to have the geographical boundaries as set forth in Exhibit C and Exhibit D, which is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance.

Authorization of Officers. The Mayor, Mayor *pro tem* and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

Severability. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

Repealer. All ordinances or resolution, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Publication; Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published one time in the official journal of the City and shall become effective immediately.

**EXHIBIT C
to Amendment Ordinance**

**AMENDED BOUNDARIES AND MAP OF
NORTHEAST GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

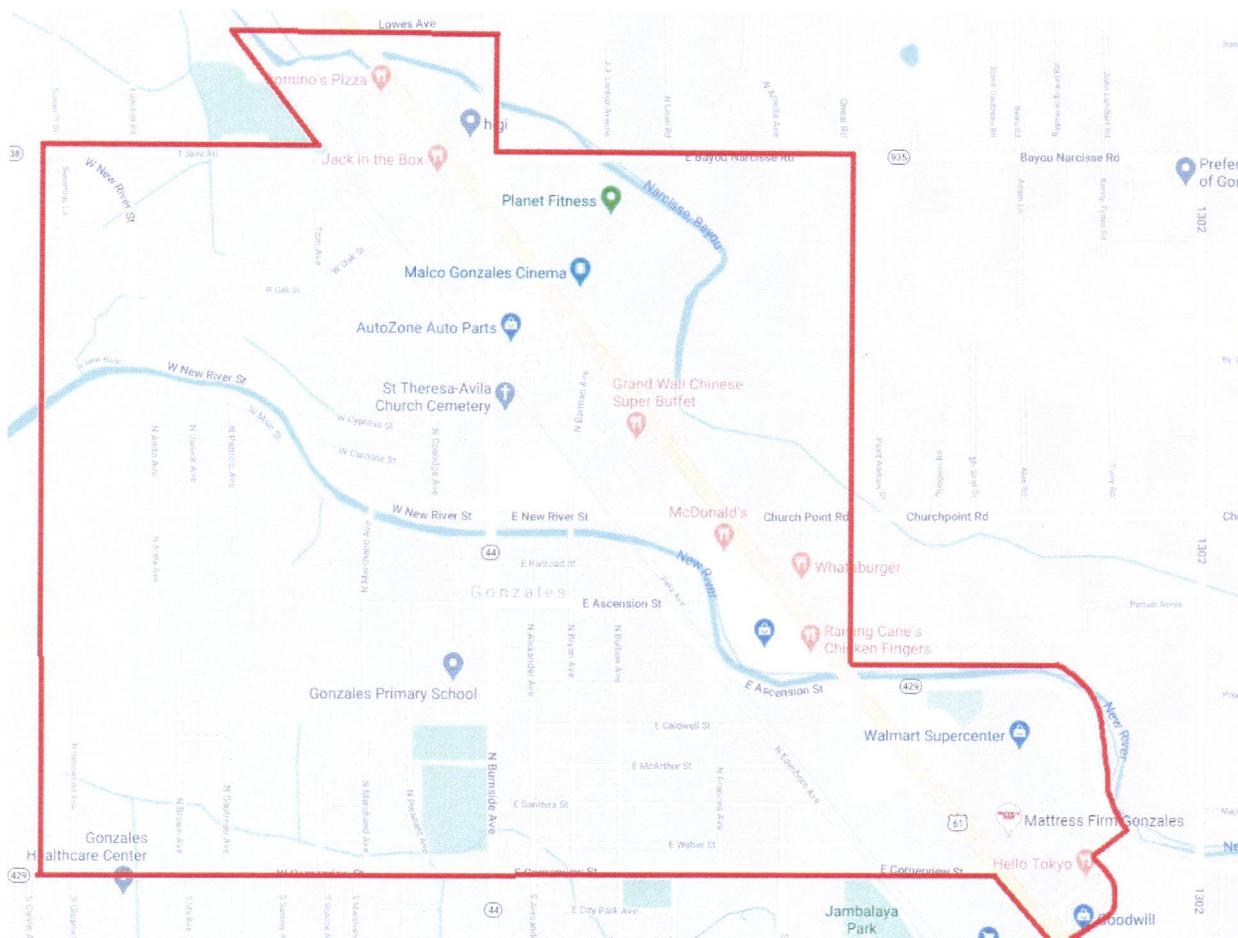
A certain tract or parcel of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwestern corner of the intersection of Susan Place Drive, proceeding easterly along the northern border of Tobey Road to the Western side of the right of way for Kansas City Railroad, thence Northwest along the Western side of

the right of way for Kansas City Railroad to a point (30.249810, -90.926695), thence east across Airline Highway parallel to and along the Southern border of Lowes Ave to the Southeastern corner of the intersection of Lowes Ave and Highway 44, thence South along the Eastern border of Highway 44 to the Northeastern corner of the intersection of Highway 44 and E. Bayou Narcisse Road, thence East along the Northern border of E. Bayou Narcisse Road to the Northeastern corner of the intersection of Oneal Road, thence South to the Eastern side of the right of way for Highway 61 to a point (30.237167, -90.912104), thence East along the Northern border of Highway 429, thence continuing along the Northern and Eastern boundary of Highway 429 to the intersection of Highway 429 and the Western entrance to the Gonzales Plaza lot, thence along the boundaries of the Southern border of the Gonzales Plaza lot to the Eastern side of the right of way for Airline Highway at a point (30.230996, -90.906895), thence Northeast to the Southwestern corner of the intersection of Highway 61 and E. Cornerview Street, thence West along the Southern border of E. Cornerview Street to a point (30.232676, -90.931491), thence North to the Point of Beginning

EXHIBIT D
to Amendment Ordinance

**BOUNDARIES AND MAP OF
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**



I the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted following a roll call vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4104: An Ordinance to Adopt a Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$2,400,000 of Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana.

The following ordinance, having been previously introduced on April 13, 2020, Notice of Introduction having been published on April 23, 2020, and a public hearing held thereon on April 27, 2020, was offered for final adoption by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, and seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE NO. 4104

A Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$2,400,000 of Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of a General Bond Ordinance adopted on September 22, 2014; prescribing the form and certain terms and conditions of

said Bonds; awarding said Bonds to the Louisiana Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2014, this Governing Authority adopted General Bond Ordinance No. 3046 entitled: "A General Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance from time to time of Sales Tax Bonds of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, and certain terms and conditions of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith" (the "General Bond Ordinance"), which authorizes the issuance of sales tax bonds from time to time for the purposes described therein; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has no outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations payable from a pledge and dedication of the income and revenues of the Tax (as defined in the General Bond Ordinance) other than its Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2014, which were issued pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance and First Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 3047, also adopted on September 22, 2014, of which approximately \$10,685,851 is currently outstanding, maturing on March 1 of the years 2021 through 2034, inclusive (the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of this Governing Authority to authorize the second Emission of bonds under the General Bond Ordinance consisting of not exceeding \$2,400,000 of the City's Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2014 (the "Bonds"), which are to be issued for paying costs of acquiring and constructing additions and improvements to the City's drinking water system, as further set forth in **Exhibit B** hereto and paying costs of issuance, all in the manner provided by the General Bond Ordinance and in this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Definitions. In addition to words and terms elsewhere defined in the General Bond Ordinance and this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the following words and terms as used in this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance shall have the following meanings, unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

"Administrative Fee" means, with respect to the Bonds and any other Bonds purchased by the Department from the State Loan Fund, the annual fee equal to one-half of one percent (0.5%) per annum of the outstanding principal amount of such Bonds, or such lesser amount as the Department may approve from time to time, which shall be payable each year in two (2) equal semi-annual installments on each Interest Payment Date.

"Bond" or "Bonds" means the Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2020, authorized to be issued pursuant to this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance and particularly by Section 2 hereof.

"Department" means the Louisiana Department of Health, an executive department and agency of the State, and any successor to the duties and functions thereof with respect to the State Loan Fund.

"General Bond Ordinance" means the General Bond Ordinance described in the preambles hereof.

"Loan Agreement" means the Loan and Pledge Agreement to be entered into by and between the Department and the City, prior to the delivery of the Bonds, which will contain certain additional agreements relating to the Bonds and any other series of Bonds purchased by the Department, which Loan Agreement shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, as it may be supplemented, modified or amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"Paying Agent" with respect to the Bonds means the City Clerk of the City, unless and until a successor Paying Agent shall have assumed such responsibilities pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance.

"Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance" means this ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

"State Loan Fund" means the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund established by the State of Louisiana, pursuant to Chapter 32 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 40:2821, *et seq.*), in the custody of the Department, which is to be used for the purpose of providing financial assistance for the improvement of drinking water facilities in the State, as more fully described in La. R.S. 40:2825(A)(2).

SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds. (a) In compliance with and under the authority of Section 523 and Subpart A, Part II, Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act:"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of not exceeding Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000) for, on behalf of and in the name of the City, for paying costs of acquiring and constructing additions and improvements to the City's drinking water system and paying costs of issuance, and to represent the indebtedness, this Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of not exceeding Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000) of the City's Taxable Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2020. The Bonds shall be dated the Delivery Date thereof, and the exact principal amount of the Bonds, not to exceed \$2,400,000 as stated above, shall be determined by the Executive Officers at the time of delivery of the Bonds. The Executive Officers may approve a different series designation if the Bonds are delivered after the end of 2020.

(b) The Bonds shall bear interest at a fixed rate and the Interest Payment Dates shall be March 1 and September 1 of each year. The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate of one and ninety-five hundredths percent (1.95%) per annum, said interest to be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve (12) 30-day months and payable on each Interest Payment Date, or such lower rate as may be in effect for loans from the State Loan Fund or offered by the Department to the City at the time of delivery. In addition to interest at the rate set forth above, at any time that the

Department owns the Bonds, the City will pay the Administrative Fee to the Department on each Interest Payment Date. In the event (i) the Department owns any Bonds or the Department has pledged or assigned any Bonds in connection with the State Loan Fund, and (ii) the Administrative Fee payable by the City to the Department under the terms of the Loan Agreement is declared illegal or unenforceable by a court or an administrative body of competent jurisdiction, the interest rate borne by the Bonds shall be increased by one-half of one percent (0.50%) per annum, effective as of the date declared to be the date from which the Administrative Fee is no longer owed because of such illegality or unenforceability.

(c) The Bonds shall mature in not to exceed twenty (20) installments of principal, payable annually on March 1 of each year principal falls due, beginning March 1, 2021, and each annual installment shall be the applicable percentage shown in the following tables, rounded to the nearest \$1,000, of the outstanding principal amount of the Bonds as of the day before the applicable Principal Payment Date:

<u>Date</u> <u>(March 1)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>of Principal</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>(March 1)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>of Principal</u>
2021	3.934%	2031	8.946%
2022	4.196	2032	10.066
2023	4.487	2033	11.467
2024	4.813	2034	13.270
2025	5.180	2035	15.675
2026	5.597	2036	19.044
2027	6.074	2037	24.100
2028	6.625	2038	32.530
2029	7.269	2039	49.395
2030	8.031	2040	100.000

(d) The principal and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check mailed to the registered owner of the Bonds (determined as of the Interest Payment Date) at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent for such purpose, provided that payment of the final installment of principal on the Bonds shall be made only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent.

(e) The principal installments of the Bonds are subject to prepayment at the option of the City at any time, in whole or in part, at a prepayment price of par plus accrued interest and accrued Administrative Fee, if any, to the prepayment date and in such case the remaining principal of the Bonds shall continue to mature in installments calculated using the percentages shown in Section 2(c) above.

(f) The Bonds shall be issued in the form of a single fully registered bond, initially numbered R-1 and shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(g) The City Clerk of the City shall be the initial Paying Agent for the Bonds.

(h) The Bonds are hereby awarded to and sold to the Department at a price of par plus accrued interest, if any, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement, and after their execution the Bonds shall be delivered to the Department or its agents or assigns, upon receipt by the City of the agreed first advance of the purchase price of the Bonds. Pursuant to R.S.39:505(B), the City has determined to sell the Bonds at a private sale without necessity of publication of a notice of sale. It is understood that the purchase price of the Bonds will be paid by the Department to the City in installments, in the manner and under the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement.

(i) The Reserve Fund Requirement for the Bonds shall be an amount equal to one-half of the highest principal, interest and Administrative Fee due in any future Bond Year on the Bonds, and in accordance with Section 5.04(c) the City shall establish a "Series 2020 Account" in the Reserve Fund for the sole benefit of the Bonds.

(j) No proceeds of the Bonds will be used to refund any outstanding obligations.

(k) The parity requirements of the General Bond Ordinance are being complied with, and a certification in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C will be delivered at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Department. It is understood that the coverage ratio calculation included therein is subject to completion and finalization based on actual calculations made at the time of delivery of the Bonds.

(l) The Executive Officers are each hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of the General Bond Ordinance and this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance, to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement, and to cause the Bonds to be prepared and/or printed, to issue, execute and seal the Bonds and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. In connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the Executive Officers are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the City such additional documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary, upon the advice of bond counsel, to effect the transactions contemplated by this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance, including a Commitment Agreement. The signatures of said officers on such documents, certificates and instruments shall be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

(m) [RESERVED]

(n) It is recognized that the City will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in the Rule 15c2-12(b) of the Securities and Exchange Commission 17 CFR §240.15c2-12(b), because (i) the

Bonds are not being purchased by a broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer acting as an underwriter in a primary offering of municipal securities, and (ii) the Bonds are being sold to only one financial institution (i.e., no more than thirty-five (35) persons), which has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment in the Bonds and is not purchasing the Bonds for more than one account or with a view to distributing the Bonds.

(o) [RESERVED]

(p) The "Scheduled Completion Date" for the Bonds Project is approximately September 15, 2021, based on a 12-month construction timeframe beginning in late summer or early fall of 2020.

(q) The Bonds are not Build America Bonds or any similar type of bond requiring a designation at this time.

(r) There will be no Credit Enhancement with respect to the Bonds.

(s) [RESERVED]

(t) The Loan Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, is hereby approved, and the Executive Officers are authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid documents on behalf of the City, with such changes as may be deemed necessary, upon the advice of counsel, in connection with the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Davis-Bacon Wage Rate Requirements. The City agrees that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on the portion of the Project that is funded in whole or in part with proceeds of the Bonds shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality of the City as determined by the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor ("DOL") in accordance with Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code. DOL provides all pertinent information related to compliance with the foregoing requirements, including prevailing wage rates and instructions for reporting. The City will ensure that all construction contracts relating to the portion of the Project that is funded in whole or in part with proceeds of the Bonds will require that the contractor comply with the aforesaid wage and reporting requirements. This section shall not apply to "force account" work where the City may perform construction work using its own employees rather than any contractor or subcontractor.

SECTION 4. Parties Interested Herein. Nothing in this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or corporation, other than the City, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation thereof; and all the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds.

SECTION 5. No Recourse on the Bonds. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance against any member of the Governing Authority or officer of the City or any person executing the Bonds.

SECTION 6. Successors and Assigns. Whenever in this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance the City is named or referred to, it shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns and all the covenants and agreements in this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance contained by or on behalf of the City shall bind and inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 7. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance or of the Bonds issued hereunder shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance or of the Bonds, but this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance and to the Bonds.

SECTION 8. Publication; Peremption. This Second Supplemental Ordinance shall be published at least once in the official journal of the City, or in a newspaper having general circulation in the City. Exhibits to this ordinance need not be published if the exhibits are enumerated in the publication and it is stated in the publication that such exhibits are available for public inspection at the office of the Governing Authority during regular business hours. For thirty days after the date of publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of this ordinance and of any provision herein made for the security and payment of the Bonds. After that time, no one shall have any cause of action to test the regularity, formality, legality, or effectiveness of this Ordinance, and provisions hereof for any cause whatever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Bonds, has been complied with. No court shall have authority to inquire into any of these matters after the thirty days.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon signature of the Mayor, or, in the event of Mayoral veto, upon readoption by the City Council.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINING: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted, on this 27th day of April, 2020.

/s/ Scot Byrd
City Clerk

/s/ Barney Arceneaux
Mayor

IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S.39:509, THE EXHIBITS TO THIS ORDINANCE (FORM OF BOND, FORM OF LOAN & PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND FORM OF PARITY CERTIFICATION) ARE NOT BEING PUBLISHED. HOWEVER, SUCH EXHIBITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IN GONZALES CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD., GONZALES, LA, ON WEEKDAYS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

The City Clerk stated that the 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.

Final vote on Ordinance No.4105:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET ADDRESS

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Address is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
BUDGET ADDRESS
2020-2021**

These budgets reflect a projection of the requirements necessary to ensure that the City of Gonzales continues to provide the level of services it currently provides. There are some assumptions that must be set forth that are relative to the overall operation of the city. Those assumptions are detailed below.

SALES TAX BUDGET

Sales taxes account for nearly 70% of the revenues in the General Fund and a substantial portion of the revenues in the Capital Outlay Fund. The administration watches sales tax revenue as an important indicator of the city's ability to provide services in the future. The administration projects that the city will collect \$14,500,000 in sales taxes in the 2020-2021 fiscal year compared to \$14,800,000 in the previous year. This represents a 2.03% decrease in sales tax revenue.

We base this decrease on recent reports in the news regarding the impact on the global economy due to the coronavirus. Particularly hard hit has been the oil and chemical industry, an important part of the economy for the State of Louisiana and locally here in Ascension Parish.

Fiscal Year	Sales Tax Collections	% Increase from Prior Year
FY 2020	\$ 14,500,000	(2.03%)
FY 2019	\$ 14,800,000	1.37%
FY 2018	\$ 14,600,000	(3.39%)
FY 2017	\$ 14,906,000	5.12%
FY 2016	\$ 14,180,000	0.80%
FY 2015	\$ 14,065,000	2.23%

Figure 1.

This city has continued to have a healthy retail sector and good success in the last year in new business creation, which the administration believes will allow the City to expect only a modest decrease. Additionally, there continues to be a challenging brick and mortar retail environment due to continued growth in online shopping and increased options for shopping and dining in other portions of the parish.

Based on current trends in the economy, the administration has decided to take a conservative approach and set the projected sales tax revenues for the upcoming fiscal year at \$14,500,000.

OTHER REVENUES

Other significant sources of revenues in the General Fund include:

Revenue	FY 2020-2021 Budget
Property Taxes	\$ 1,328,000.00
License & Permit Fees	\$ 1,486,000.00
Franchise Fees	\$ 1,010,000.00

Figure 2.

PERSONNEL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Retirement

The Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) employer portion of the retirement premium will increase by 1.75% percentage points to 29.50%, representing a \$208,202 increase. The employer portion of the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System (MPERS) will increase by 1.5% to 33.75%, or \$71,000.

The continual increase for pension related costs burdens the City’s ability to expand the number of personnel and provide services. Since 2015, the City’s salary expense has grown \$1.2M, from \$7.7M to \$8.9M. Insurance and pension costs have risen much more. Pension costs in 2015 were \$1.7M (19.75% of payroll) and have grown to \$2.7M today (29.5% of payroll).

Personnel Requests

The administration is requesting one additional technician position for the Wastewater Department to assist with the additional labor requirements in operating and maintaining the expansion of the wastewater plant and the increased number of lift stations operating throughout the City.

The administration is not requesting a cost of living increase at this time. If the economic outlook improves, we will consider an increase later in the year when there is more clarity about the economy.

Health Insurance

The city’s health insurance budget is expected to decrease slightly from \$1,649,200 to \$1,562,452 in the upcoming year, or \$86,748, which represents a 5.26% decrease over last year.

Monthly budgeted health insurance premiums are listed below:

Health Insurance Table	
Coverage	Monthly Rate
Family	1,891.00
Employee - Spouse	1,327.02
Employee - Child	1,227.55
Single	663.51

UTILITY FUND BUDGET

Natural Gas

We are projecting that the city will spend approximately \$697,200 purchasing natural gas on a budget of \$700,000. We expect our purchases in 2021 to be approximately the same. The city’s gas sales are projected to be approximately \$1,588,469 on a budget of \$1,590,000. Although we have more customers, the price of gas has gone down modestly, so we project expense and revenue to be about the same.

The city’s cost of operating the Gas Department is projected to be approximately \$600,000, bringing the total projected cost of the gas system to \$1,288,400. The natural gas rate charged by the city is a function of the price paid by the city for gas and the cost of operating the city’s gas department broken down by MCF. The city sold 157,429 MCF of natural gas in 2019. The amount charged to customers for direct city gas costs will have a modest increase of 29 cents to \$8.28 per MCF in the coming Fiscal Year.

Utility Rates

Water and sewer rates will increase 3% to keep up with inflation and the increased costs of operating the system.

DEQ STATE REVOLVING LOAN

The city currently has one outstanding \$15,000,000 line of credit with the DEQ State Revolving Loan Fund for Wastewater Improvements. The current loan balance is \$11,396,852. In the coming Fiscal year, the city expects to begin repaying this loan for wastewater facilities enhancements completed in March, 2020.

In accordance with bond covenants, the city has established a “Series 2014 Bond Reserve Fund” and a “Utility Fund Investment Account”, both serving the purpose of securing future loan payments in case of impending default. Current balances in these accounts total \$985,790.

CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET

The city is proposing a Capital Outlay Budget of \$15,768,165.

The proposed Capital Outlay Budget is highlighted by \$9,500,000 in proposed construction of a new performing arts, conference and events center. \$8,500,000 of this work will be financed by a loan through USDA Rural Development and \$1,500,000 will be financed by a donation from the Price LeBlanc family members to honor his memory.

The city is also proposing to relocate and refurbish the Roddy Road main water line. This is a 50 year old line and the refurbishment project is an important commitment by the city to providing clean, reliable water service. The project will be financed by a loan from Louisiana Department of Health for \$1,200,000.

The city is planning to create a road to create east west connectivity between Burnside and Darla Street to help provide additional access to the hospital and provide some relief to traffic congestion along Highway 30. To accomplish this, we have appropriated funds for the roadway’s design. Additionally, the city plans to purchase right of way to create connectivity between Veteran’s and Commerce to relieve traffic congestion at Veteran’s and Highway 30. The city has budgeted \$1,800,000 for various road improvement projects.

SUMMARY

The city administration has prepared this presentation to the best of our ability with the knowledge of the financial circumstances of the city and economic outlook for this time. We feel that we have herein fairly represented revenues and expenditures and the overall positive impact they will have on present and future endeavors of this administration.

It is the intent of this presentation to hereby grant the Mayor the power to administer these budgets within a margin of plus or minus 5%, this being presented in the interest of expediency, legality, and/or unforeseen and unplanned emergencies.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4106:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 SALES TAX BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Sales Tax Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
SALES TAX REVENUE BUDGET
FY 2020-2021**

REVENUES:

Sales Tax Collections 14,500,000.00

TOTAL: 14,500,000.00

EXPENDITURES:

Appr. To General Fund 7,250,000.00

Ser-2001 Appr. Fire, Police & Sanitation 3,625,000.00

Appr. To Capital Imp. 2,900,000.00

Appr. To Utility Fund for Debt Service 725,000.00

TOTAL:

14,500,000.00

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4107:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
FY 2020-2021**

	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
REVENUES:	
TAXES	11,735,000.00
FRANCHISE FEES	1,010,000.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,486,000.00
FEES, FINES & FORFIETURES	150,000.00
FIRE DEPT. REVENUE	1,091,000.00
FACILITY RENTALS	199,400.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	14,940.00
GRANT REVENUE	325,000.00
RECREATION REVENUE	105,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	37,850.00
INTEREST	75,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	<u>16,229,190.00</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	3,635,000.00
ADMINISTRATION	962,500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	5,903,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	369,500.00
SANITATION	1,100,400.00
STREETS & DRAINAGE	1,472,100.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,080,430.00
CIVIC CENTER	66,000.00
CITY ROOM	24,400.00
RECREATION	826,160.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	723,000.00
TOURISM & CULTURAL DEV.	51,700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>16,214,190.00</u>

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4108:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 UTILITY FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Utility Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
UTILITY FUND BUDGET
FY 2020-2021**

REVENUES:	Proposed Budget
GAS SALES	1,550,000.00
SEWER SERVICE CHARGES	1,515,000.00
WATER SALES	1,410,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	468,000.00
SALES TAX REVENUE	725,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	5,668,000.00
EXPENDITURES:	
GAS DEPARTMENT	1,378,000.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	1,447,600.00
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	1,108,410.00
UTILITY GENERAL GOVERNMENT	640,730.00
UTILITY ADMINISTRATION	471,000.00
METER READERS	97,900.00
DEQ LOAN EXPENDITURES	97,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	5,240,640.00
TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	422,560.00

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4109:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana: That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Outlay Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET
FY 2020-2021**

FUND BALANCE	1,327,975.73
TRANSFER FROM GEN FUND - FUND BALANCE	3,000,000.00
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Appropriations	2,900,000.00
Grants - Cap Outlay	1,680,750.00
Loan Proceeds	9,220,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES	13,800,750.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE	18,128,725.73
EXPENDITURES:	
STREETS & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	
INTERSTATE LIGHTING	20,000.00
STREET DEPT / DRAINAGE EQUIPMENT	41,200.00
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	70,000.00
BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENT	60,000.00
CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	1,800,000.00
<i>Total Streets & Drainage Improvements</i>	<u>1,991,200.00</u>
FACILITIES & RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS	
RECREATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	797,200.00
PROPERTY ACQUISITION	250,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY	40,000.00
BUILDINGS 7 GROUNDS CAPITAL OUTLAY	202,500.00
GENERAL CAPITAL	79,000.00
CITY ROOM	10,000.00
CIVIC CENTER	60,000.00
PACE CENTER	9,500,000.00
T. JOE MUSEUM	10,000.00
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	165,000.00
POLICE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	441,335.00
<i>Total Facilities & Recreation Enhancements</i>	<u>11,555,035.00</u>
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	347,000.00
WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,484,900.00
GAS SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	390,000.00
<i>Total Utility Improvements</i>	<u>2,221,900.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	15,768,135.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE	3,688,566.46

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4110:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana: That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Wastewater Impact Fee Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE FUND
FY 2020-2021**

REVENUES:

Wastewater Impact Fees	320,000.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Transfer to Gonzales Capital Outlay Fund	320,000.00
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YEAS: Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart,
Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4111:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TANGER
MALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana: That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tanger Mall Economic Development Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
TANGER MALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND
FY 2020-2021

REVENUES:

Tanger Mall EDD One Cent Sales Tax Revenue	1,030,000.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Transfer to Tanger Mall	721,000.00
Transfer to Gonzales Capital Outlay Fund	309,000.00

TOTAL:	<u><u>1,030,000.00</u></u>
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YEAS: Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart,
Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4112:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT BOARD FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana: That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Industrial Development Board Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FY 2020-2021

	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Collections	850,000.00
TOTAL:	<u><u>850,000.00</u></u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers to Bond Trustee	850,000.00
TOTAL:	<u><u>850,000.00</u></u>

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4113:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CONWAY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana: That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Conway Economic Development Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
CONWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FY 2020-2021

	Proposed Budget
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Collections	40,000.00
TOTAL:	40,000.00
EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers to Bond Trustee	38,000.00
Transfers to Conway EDD Fund	2,000.00
TOTAL:	40,000.00

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4114:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 HOTEL TAX FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana: That the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Hotel Tax Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
HOTEL TAX FUND
FY 2020-2021

	Proposed Budget
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Collections	530,000.00
TOTAL:	530,000.00
EXPENDITURES:	
PACE Center Expense	530,000.00
TOTAL:	530,000.00

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

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman David Guitreau, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Johnny Lanoux to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to Introduce Ordinance No. 4115:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 5.
BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SEC. 5-27 Bond required.
(CHANGE) (2) TO READ:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That Sec. 5-27 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Gonzales be hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 5-27. – Bond Required.

Prior to engaging in any contracting work within the city all building contractors shall furnish to the city:

- (1) A five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) surety bond, a copy of which must be kept on file with the city clerk; and
- (2) A Certificate of Insurance showing coverage of commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.

Final vote on the foregoing amendment to be taken at the next regular City Council Meeting scheduled for May 11, 2020.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to approve the Mayor to Proclaim April 2020 as Fair Housing Month.

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

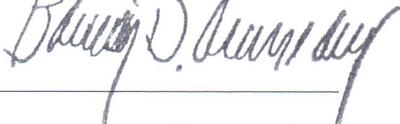
NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to approve Final Change Order No. 2. A Decrease in the amount of (\$208,596.39) for the City of Gonzales Environmental Enhancement Facility Upgrade LADEQ Project No. CS-221906-01, GSA Project No. 2013-15C., resulting in a new Contract amount of \$5,804,310.61.

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

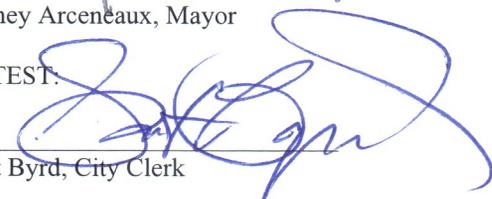
NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ASCENSION

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the governing body for the City of Gonzales, the Gonzales City Council, held its meeting on April 27, 2020 via teleconference during the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency and would not otherwise been able to operate due to quorum requirement in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:19.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City on this, the 28th day of April, 2020.

(SEAL)


Clerk

