

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023, 5:30 P.M.,
AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barney Arceneaux, Mayor
Councilman John A. Berthelot
Councilman Tim Riley

Councilman Kirk Boudreaux
Councilman Harold Stewart
Councilman Tyler Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Byrd, City Clerk
Matt Percy, City Attorney
Chief Sherman Jackson, Gonzales PD

Brandon Boylan, Finance Director
Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to approve the Minutes of a Public Hearing of the Mayor and City Council taken on Monday, April 24, 2023.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to approve the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council taken on Monday, April 24, 2023.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4212:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4212

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET ADDRESS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Address is hereby adopted as follows:

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 \$18,075,000 in sales taxes in the 2023-2024 fiscal year compared to \$17,380,000 budgeted in the previous year. This represents a 4.00% increase in sales tax revenue.

We base this increase on consistent sales tax activity showing month over month increases during the current fiscal year and promising permitting of new sales tax generating facilities within the City in recent months.

Fiscal Year	Sales Tax Collections	% Increase from Prior Year
FY 2024	\$ 18,075,000	4.00%
FY 2023	\$ 17,380,000	10.00%
FY 2022	\$ 15,800,000	6.04%
FY 2021	\$ 14,900,000	0.68%
FY 2020	\$ 14,800,000	1.37%
FY 2019	\$ 14,600,000	(3.39%)

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 forecast a moderate increase. Additionally, the City continues to benefit from the state’s Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers in recapturing some previously lost online sales taxes.

Based on current trends in the economy and amendments to state collection efforts for online sales, the administration has decided to set the projected sales tax revenues for the upcoming fiscal year at \$18,075,000.

OTHER REVENUES

Other significant sources of revenues in the General Fund include:

Revenue	FY 2023-2024 Budget
Property Taxes	\$ 1,700,000
License & Permit Fees	\$ 1,748,500
Franchise Fees	\$ 1,251,500

Figure 2.

PERSONNEL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Retirement

The Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) employer portion of the retirement premium will remain the same, at 29.50%. The employer portion of the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System (MPERS) will increase by 3.10%, from 31.25% to 34.35%, a very substantial increase.

Continuing increases in pension costs continue to burden the City’s ability to expand the number of personnel and provide services.

Personnel Requests

The administration has included a 3% cost of living increase to help our dedicated employees maintain their standard of living, effective the payroll period beginning June 7, 2023.

The administration is only asking for one position: Project and Contract Management Clerk. This position is to manage document and reporting requirements for utilities (water, gas and sewer), engineering, state and federally funded construction requirements, contract accounting management and development agreements for planning.

The Fire Department has requested a new training officer due to increasing demands in maintaining state and federal requirements. Additionally, call volume has increased as the City has grown and this additional support is needed to allow the time needed for preparation and presentation of required training. Modest pay increases were made for the rank of Captain to meet current statutory requirements. The Assistant Chief pay range has been adjusted to be comparable to other similar rank pay ranges.

Health Insurance

The City’s health insurance budget is expected to moderately decrease from \$1,996,000 to \$1,760,000 in the upcoming year, or \$235,000, which represents an 11.8% decrease from last year. The City added an additional option of a Local Network in addition to the National Network for this fiscal year. Employees selecting the Local Network contribute the same as before and those selecting the National Network contribute slightly more. This is the first increase in employee contributions in 7 years, despite ever increasing costs for healthcare coverage.

Monthly budgeted health insurance premiums are listed below:

Coverage	Monthly Rate	Bi-Weekly	Monthly Rate	Bi-Weekly
	Local Hospital Network		National PPO Network	
Single Coverage	\$150.00	\$69.23	\$175.00	\$80.77
Family	\$350.00	\$161.54	\$450.00	\$207.69
Participant + Spouse	\$325.00	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$184.62
Participant + Child	\$300.00	\$138.46	\$350.00	\$161.54

UTILITY FUND BUDGET

Natural Gas

We are projecting that the city will spend approximately \$1,080,000 purchasing natural gas for FY 2023-2024. The city’s gas sales are projected to be approximately \$1,845,000. 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 2,213,500. 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.

Utility Rates

The City completed a water rate study in January of 2023. This study concluded that our current rates, with the current provision for inflation and supplemented by a dedicated sales tax, were sufficient to maintain the system in good order.

Sewer rates will increase 5% and water 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 loan with the DEQ State Revolving Loan Fund for Wastewater Improvements. The improvements were completed in 2020. The current loan balance is \$9,090,472.

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 \$505,066.

LDH STATE REVOLVING LOAN

The city currently has one outstanding loan with the LDH State Revolving Loan Fund for Water System Improvements related to replacing and relocating our main water line on Roddy Road. The improvements were completed in 2022. The current loan balance is \$1,693,702.

In accordance with bond covenants, the city has established a “Series 2022 Bond Reserve Fund” for the purpose of securing future loan payments in case of impending default. Current balances in these accounts total \$98,827.

HANCOCK WHITNEY CONFERENCE CENTER LOAN

The city currently has one outstanding loan with Hancock Whitney Bank for the construction loan related to building the Price LeBlanc PACE Center, which is currently in progress. The current loan balance is \$88,392.

In accordance with bond covenants, the city has established a “Hancock Whitney PACE Center Loan Reserve” for the purpose of securing future loan payments in case of impending default. Current balances in these accounts total \$175,314.

CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET

The city is proposing a Capital Outlay Budget of \$27,812,651.

The proposed Capital Outlay Budget is highlighted by \$7.3 million in proposed construction of a new performing arts, conference and events center. \$4,500,000 of this work will be financed by a loan, \$1,500,000 will be funded by a donation from the Price LeBlanc family members to honor his memory, \$3,323,000 will be funded by the Tanger Mall Economic Development Fund and \$1,810,000 will be funded by hotel tax collections received to date. Construction is underway and expected to be complete in October/November of 2023.

The city has budgeted \$8.2 million for various road improvement projects, including \$2,800,000 for the St. Francis Parkway Extension project, \$2,940,000 for various road rehabilitation projects, \$1,000,000 for the Airline Hwy Superstreet Improvement Project, \$500,000 in Purpera Road Drainage Improvements.

The City plans to construct a \$6.2 million community center on Darla Avenue. We anticipate spending \$3,000,000 on construction in this budget year and completing the project in the next budget year.

The City Fire Department needs a new engine and new ambulance and the administration is requesting permission to place orders now. While not a part of this year’s budget, these pieces of equipment have a long delivery time. After ordering, it is expected it could take between 30 and 36 months to take delivery. The City has substantial reserves to support funding these items. Approximate costs are:

Ambulance	\$300,000
Fire Engine	\$800,000

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.

CITY OF GONZALES
SALES TAX REVENUE BUDGET
FY 2023-2024

REVENUES:	
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	18,075,000
TOTAL:	<u>18,075,000</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
APPROPRIATE TO GENERAL FUND	9,037,500
SER-2001 APPR. FIRE, POLICE & SANITATION	4,518,750
APPROPRIATE TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	3,615,000
APPR. TO UTILITY FUND FOR DEBT SERVICE	<u>903,750</u>
TOTAL:	18,075,000

CITY OF GONZALES
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
FY 2023-2024

	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
REVENUES:	
TAXES	14,651,000
FRANCHISE FEES	1,251,500
LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,748,500
FIRE DEPT. REVENUE	1,451,000
FACILITY RENTALS	153,800
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	14,940
GRANT REVENUE	971,127
RECREATION REVENUE & MISC	186,100
INTEREST	<u>102,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES:	<u>20,529,967</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,313,000
ADMINISTRATION	1,217,500
POLICE DEPARTMENT	8,034,500
CODE ENFORCEMENT	520,700
SANITATION	1,304,800
STREETS & DRAINAGE	1,659,600
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,389,500
CIVIC CENTER	80,000
CITY ROOM	29,400
RECREATION	944,924
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	916,500
TOURISM & CULTURAL DEV.	<u>62,900</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>20,473,324</u>

CITY OF GONZALES
UTILITY FUND BUDGET
FY 2023-2024

	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
REVENUES:	

GAS SALES	1,845,000
SEWER SERVICE CHARGES	2,030,000
WATER SALES	2,002,125
MISCELLANEOUS	258,000
SALES TAX REVENUE	903,760
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TOTAL REVENUES:	7,038,885
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EXPENDITURES:	
GAS DEPARTMENT	2,213,500
WATER DEPARTMENT	1,898,000
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	1,256,500
UTILITY GENERAL GOVERNMENT	798,300
UTILITY ADMINISTRATION	666,500
METER READERS	110,000
DEQ LOAN EXPENDITURES	93,771
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	7,036,571
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TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	2,314
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**CITY OF GONZALES
CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET
FY 2023-2024**

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	933,840
TRANSFER FROM TANGER EDD FUND	1,823,000
TRANSFER FROM PACE CENTER FUND	810,000
TRANSFER FROM SEWER IMPACT FEE FUND	2,780,000
TRANSFER FROM GEN FUND - FUND BALANCE	5,500,000

REVENUES:

Sales Tax Appropriations	3,615,040
Grants - Cap Outlay	7,855,000
Loan Proceeds	4,500,000
TOTAL REVENUES	15,970,040

FUNDS AVAILABLE

27,766,040

EXPENDITURES:

STREETS & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

INTERSTATE LIGHTING	20,000
STREET DEPT / DRAINAGE EQUIPMENT	418,100
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	70,000
BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENT	120,000
CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	8,207,500

Total Streets & Drainage Improvements **8,835,600**

FACILITIES & RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS

RECREATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,825,200
PROPERTY ACQUISITION	250,000
CODE ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY	65,000
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,122,500
GENERAL CAPITAL	80,000
CITY ROOM	10,000
CIVIC CENTER	60,000

PACE CENTER	7,605,000
T. JOE MUSEUM	10,000
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,060,000
POLICE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,155,851

Total Facilities & Recreation Enhancements **15,293,551**

UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,775,000
WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,578,500
GAS SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	330,000
<i>Total Utility Improvements</i>	3,683,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	27,812,651
ENDING FUND BALANCE	4,229

CITY OF GONZALES

WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE FUND

FY 2023-2024

REVENUES:

WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES	320,000.00
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EXPENDITURES:

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	320,000.00
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CITY OF GONZALES

TANGER MALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

FY 2023-2024

REVENUES:

TANGER MALL EDD ONE CENT SALES TAX REVENUE	1,060,000.00
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EXPENDITURES:

TRANSFER TO TANGER MALL	742,000.00
TRANSFER TO GONZALES CAPITAL OUTLAY	318,000.00

TOTAL:	<u>1,060,000.00</u>
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CITY OF GONZALES

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

FY 2023-2024

	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Collections	890,000
TOTAL:	<u>890,000</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers to Bond Trustee	890,000
TOTAL:	<u>890,000</u>

CITY OF GONZALES

CONWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

FY 2023-2024

REVENUES:

Sales Taxes	120,000.00
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Transfer to Conway Development	394,000.00
Transfer to Conway EDD Fund	6,000.00
TOTAL:	<u>400,000.00</u>

TOTAL: 894,500

TOTAL:	18,075,000
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YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4214:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4214

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
FY 2023-2024

	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
REVENUES:	
TAXES	14,651,000
FRANCHISE FEES	1,251,500
LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,748,500
FIRE DEPT. REVENUE	1,451,000
FACILITY RENTALS	153,800
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	14,940
GRANT REVENUE	971,127
RECREATION &	
MISCELLANEOUS	186,100
INTEREST	102,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	20,529,967
EXPENDITURES:	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,313,000
ADMINISTRATION	1,217,500
POLICE DEPARTMENT	8,034,500
CODE ENFORCEMENT	520,700
SANITATION	1,304,800
STREETS & DRAINAGE	1,659,600
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,389,500
CIVIC CENTER	80,000
CITY ROOM	29,400
RECREATION	944,924
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	916,500
TOURISM & CULTURAL DEV.	62,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	20,473,324

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4215:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4215

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
UTILITY FUND BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Utility Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES UTILITY FUND BUDGET FY 2023-2024	
REVENUES:	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
GAS SALES	1,845,000
SEWER SERVICE CHARGES	2,030,000
WATER SALES	2,002,125
MISCELLANEOUS	258,000
SALES TAX REVENUE	903,760
TOTAL REVENUES:	7,038,885
EXPENDITURES:	
GAS DEPARTMENT	2,213,500
WATER DEPARTMENT	1,898,000
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	1,256,500
UTILITY GENERAL GOVERNMENT	798,300
UTILITY ADMINISTRATION	666,500
METER READERS	110,000
DEQ LOAN EXPENDITURES	93,771
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	7,036,571
TRANSFER TO DEBT SERVICE	2,314

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4216:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4216

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Outlay Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET
FY 2023-2024**

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	933,840
TRANSFER FROM TANGER EDD FUND	1,823,000
TRANSFER FROM PACE CENTER FUND	810,000
TRANSFER FROM SEWER IMPACT FEE FUND	2,780,000
TRANSFER FROM GEN FUND - FUND BALANCE	5,500,000
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Appropriations	3,615,000
Grants - Cap Outlay	7,855,000
Loan Proceeds	4,500,000
TOTAL REVENUES	15,970,040
FUNDS AVAILABLE	27,816,880
EXPENDITURES:	
STREETS & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	
INTERSTATE LIGHTING	20,000
STREET DEPT / DRAINAGE EQUIPMENT	418,100
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	70,000
BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENT	120,000
CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	8,207,500
Total Streets & Drainage Improvements	8,835,600
FACILITIES & RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS	
RECREATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,875,200
PROPERTY ACQUISITION	250,000
CODE ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY	65,000
BUILDINGS 7 GROUNDS CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,122,500
GENERAL CAPITAL	80,000
CITY ROOM	10,000
CIVIC CENTER	60,000
PACE CENTER	7,605,000
T. JOE MUSEUM	10,000
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,060,000
POLICE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,155,851
Total Facilities & Recreation Enhancements	15,293,551
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,775,000
WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,578,500
GAS SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	330,000
Total Utility Improvements	3,683,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	27,812,651
ENDING FUND BALANCE	4,229

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4217:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4217

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE BUDGET**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Wastewater Impact Fee Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE FUND
FY 2023-2023**

REVENUES:

Wastewater Impact Fees	320,000
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EXPENDITURES:

Transfer to Gonzales Capital Outlay Fund	320,000
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YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE	ABSENT: NONE
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ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4218:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4218

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
TANGER MALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tanger Mall Economic Development Fund Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
TANGER MALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND
FY 2023-2024**

REVENUES:

Tanger Mall EDD One Cent Sales Tax Revenue	1,060,000
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EXPENDITURES:

Transfer to Tanger Mall	742,000
Transfer to Gonzales Capital Outlay Fund	318,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u><u>1,060,000</u></u>
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YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4219:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4219

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Industrial Development District Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FY 2023-2024

	Proposed Budget
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Collections	890,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	890,000
EXPENDITURES:	
Transfers to Bond Trustee	890,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	890,000

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4220:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4220

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
CONWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Conway Economic Development District Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
CONWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FY 2023-2024

	Proposed Budget
REVENUES:	

Sales Tax Collections	120,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	120,000

EXPENDITURES:

Transfers to Conway EDD Fund	394,000
Transfers to Gonzales Conway EDD Fund	6,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	400,000

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Final Vote on Ordinance No. 4221:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

April 24, 2023

ORDINANCE # 4221

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
HOTEL TAX (PRICE LEBLANC PACE CENTER) BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:
That the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Hotel Tax (Price LeBlanc PACE Center) Budget is hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
PRICE LEBLANC PACE CENTER (HOTEL TAX) FUND BUDGET
FY 2023-2024

REVENUES:

Hotel/Motel 2% Tax Revenue	894,500
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EXPENDITURES:

PACE Center Expenses	890,500
Retained Revenue	4,000

TOTAL:	894,500
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YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to approve the Special Event Permit Request of Eric and Ella Willoughby, on behalf of the Travis Manion Foundation, to have a “9-11 Heroes Run” on Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. This is a 5K Run & Ruck, which will begin and end at River Parishes Community College – Gonzales Campus.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,

Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve the Special Event Permit Request of Paula Patty to have “Scrappin for St. Jude” at the Civic Center on Friday, August 25th and Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. This is a scrapbook crop, which will include vendors inside the Civic Center that will be selling items for scrapbooking.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman John A. Berthelot, seconded by Councilman Tim Riley, to approve the Special Event Permit Request of Chad Brown, with Small Business Owners of Ascension, to have “Trunk or Treat” (giving out candy to kids) on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, at Salad Station, located at 3005 W. Cabelas Parkway, in Gonzales.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman John A. Berthelot, to adopt Resolution No. 2951: A Resolution for the City of Gonzales to Approve the Lease Rates for the Price LeBlanc Pace Center and Lease Authority.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Arceneaux invited Citizens of Gonzales who wished to speak regarding Item No. 24 on the Agenda – An Appeal to the Zoning Commission’s recommendation to deny the Special Use Permit Application for JAWS Holdings, LLC to operate a “Bed & Breakfast” in R-6 Single Family Residential zoning at 1113 S. Sheena Drive, in Gonzales.

Gloria Bailey came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast because the location is zoned Single Family Residential. Ms. Bailey stated that she, nor her neighbors, wanted it in their neighborhood and they agreed with the Zoning Commission’s decision to deny the Special Use Permit Application.

Yolanda Singleton, 1610 S. Purpera Ave., Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast. Ms. Singleton requested that the City Councilmen uphold the Zoning Commission’s decision to deny the Special Use Permit Application.

Cynthia James came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast. Ms. James’ main concern for not wanting it in her community is safety. She mentioned that there are three schools in the vicinity.

Jane Haynes, 1112 S. Sheena Dr., Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast, which she lives directly across the street from. Ms. Haynes stated that if the Council appealed the Zoning Commission’s decision, then others would start trying to do the same thing in other neighborhoods. She stated that she wished that Mr. Robinson would have talked to the residents in the neighborhood first.

Della Irvin, 1937 S. Robert, Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast because she doesn’t know who will be renting it. She stated that people who rent properties like that only rent them to have parties and they won’t take care of the home.

Rhonda Washington came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast because she wants to live in a controlled environment. She believes the Bed & Breakfast would make the community a transit area.

Rhonda Dunbar, 1101 W. Jacqueline St., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wishing to speak, but wishing to express her opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast.

Johnny Jones, 1022 Darla Ave., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wishing to speak, but wishing to express his opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast.

Eldridge LeBlanc, 2311 Robert Ave., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wishing to speak, but wishing to express his opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast.

Veronica Hilliard, 1405 N. Tobey Ave., Gonzales, turned in a comment card, not wishing to speak, but wishing to express her opposition to the proposed Bed & Breakfast.

Terri and Ralph Williams, 1107 S. Sheena Dr., Gonzales, came forward to speak in favor of the proposed Bed & Breakfast, which is next door to them. Ms. Williams stated that before Mr. Robinson bought the house and fixed it up, it was an abandoned mess.

Mr. Willie Robinson, the owner of the proposed Bed & Breakfast, came forward to request that the Council approve his appeal to the Zoning Commission's decision to deny his Special Use Permit Application. Mr. Robinson stated that he lives in the community and all his businesses are invested in the community. He stated that he would filter the type of people he would let rent the Bed & Breakfast and he would be riding by there often to check on it.

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to uphold the Zoning Commission's recommendation to deny the Special Use Permit Application for JAWS Holdings, LLC to operate a "Bed & Breakfast" in R-6 Single Family Residential zoning at 1113 S. Sheena Drive, in Gonzales.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Tim Riley, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Gonzales and East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to share the costs to make repairs to the wooden bulkhead on the New River Walk Path.

YEAS: Councilman John A. Berthelot, Councilman Tim Riley, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux,
Councilman Harold Stewart, Councilman Tyler Turner

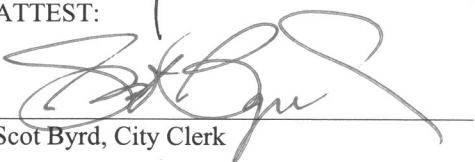
NAYS: NONE

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 D. Arceneaux, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:


Scot Byrd, City Clerk