

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024, 5:30 P.M., AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. Ryland Percy, III, Mayor
Councilman Harold Stewart
Councilman Tyler Turner

Councilman John A. Berthelot
Councilman Tim Riley
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Brandon Boylan, City Clerk & Finance Director
Chief Sherman Jackson, Gonzales PD
Jamie Schutte, City Attorney
Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

Mayor Ryland Percy called the Public Hearing to order at 5:35 p.m. to discuss the following changes to the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 4249: An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18. Taxation. 18-37. Itinerant Vendors Prohibited (AMEND).

Mayor Ryland Percy invited anyone who wished to speak to come forward.

Councilman John A. Berthelot spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 4249. He stated he doesn't want the City's local businesses to have to compete with food trucks. He also suggested this ordinance change be deferred until next year to go before the new administration.

Luke Marchand, owner of Carli-Co-Cafe', 1506 N. Airline Hwy., Gonzales, came forward to speak in opposition to Ordinance No. 4249. He also requested this ordinance change be deferred until next year to go before the new administration.

Jason Verdigets, District Judge for the 23rd JDC, came forward to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 4249. He stated that food trucks on site at the courthouse would benefit the employees, jurors and others attending court because lunch breaks are only 30 minutes.

Ricky Compton, Director of Infrastructure for Ascension Parish, came forward to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 4249. He explained how the Parish could build a food truck court in front of the courthouse. He also stated that the Parish will follow and adopt an ordinance equivalent to the City's ordinance regarding food trucks.

No one else came forward to speak in favor of or against this Ordinance.

At 5:45 p.m. Mayor Ryland Percy closed the Public Hearing.



R. Ryland Percy, III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brandon Boylan, City Clerk