

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
TAKEN ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026, 5:30 P.M.,
AT CITY HALL, 120 S. IRMA BLVD, GONZALES, LA 70737.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor
Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr.
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James
Councilman Tyler Turner
Councilwoman Terri Lambert

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Anthony Keller, City Clerk
Allen V. Davis, City Attorney

Chief Sherman Jackson
Terri Delatorre, Administrative Secretary

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council taken on Monday, March 9, 2026.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Via Proclamation, Atmos Energy was recognized and April 2026 was proclaimed "Safe Digging Month".

Motion by Councilwoman Terri Lambert, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner, to approve the Special Event Permit for Joseph Munson/Bayou Eatz, LLC to use Municipal Park to have a "Boiling Cookoff" on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to approve the Special Event Permit for Abbie Tucker/Travis Manion Foundation to have it's annual "9/11 Heroes Run 5K or Ruck" at RPCC on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Terri Lambert, to adopt Resolution No. 2988: A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Timothy "Tim" Riley to Adopt the Capitol Region Area Floodplain Task-Force (CRAFT) 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI).

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Enterprise Fleet Management presented reports outlining potential cost savings for the City if existing vehicle leases are paid out.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to move forward with demolition of the structure located at 710 S. Pleasant Street.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Ericksen Krentel presented the fiscal year-end audit, which outlined the City's overall financial position, noted findings, and detailed the corresponding corrective actions.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4288: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 General Fund Budget.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4289: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Utility Fund Budget.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4290: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Outlay Budget.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4291: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Wastewater Impact Fees Fund Budget.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4292: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tanger Mall Economic Development District Budget.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4293: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Conway Economic Development District Budget.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4294: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 PACE Center Economic Development District Budget.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4295: An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budgets.

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4296: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20. Utilities, Article III – Water. Sec. 45, Service Rates (AMEND).

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr. to introduce Ordinance No. 4297: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20. Utilities, Article IV – Sewer. Sec. 84, Service Rates (AMEND).

Public Hearing and final vote on this foregoing ordinance to be taken at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to enter into Executive Session to discuss Liberty Fence and Supply, LLC v. City of Gonzales, Louisiana, et al; 23rd JDC, Division “D”; Docket No.: C-145757.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to amend the agenda to allow for a public comment.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Gerard Bell, 716 E. 52nd Street, Tacoma, WA, submitted a Public Speaker Card stating he wanted to talk about a “General Public Concern”.

City Attorney, Allen Davis, stated that public comments are reserved for citizens/residents of Gonzales and because Mr. Bell is not a resident of Gonzales, they could not accommodate his public comment.

The Executive Session began at 6:27 pm.

Motion by Councilman Tyler Turner, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to close the Executive Session at 6:44 pm.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Bourdreaux, seconded by Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., to defer any decisions regarding Liberty Fence to a later date, as council looks over additional information.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilwoman Terri Lambert, seconded by Kirk Boudreaux, to amend the agenda to take action on a non-agenda item.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilwoman Terri Lambert, to have The Arc of East Ascension provide a liability insurance policy before entering into the Civic Center for their Easter Party on March 27, 2026.

YEAS: Councilman Eddie Williams, Jr., Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilwoman Cynthia Gray-James, Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilwoman Terri Lambert

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.



Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anthony Keller, City Clerk