

The Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting

CITY OF GOLIAD

March 25, 2020

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled Goliad City Council Meeting was held on March 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM in accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of The City of Goliad will conduct its Regular Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm on March 25th, 2020, located at City Hall, 152 West End Street, Goliad, Texas 77963 by telephone or video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no public access to the location described above.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at goliadtx.net.

The public toll-free dial-in-number to participate in the television/video meeting is hosted through ZOOM. The dial in number is: 888-788-0099.

The public will be permitted to offer public comment telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone/video meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

The following Council members were present or absent as recorded below:

Mayor Trudia Preston	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Luis Rodriguez	Present
Councilwoman Mary Burns	Present (via Zoom)
Councilwoman Robin Alaniz	Present (via Zoom)
Councilman Charles Benavides	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gleinser	Present (via Zoom)

The following staff members were also present:

Sherry Kuentler – Chief Financial Officer
Kandi Hubert – City Administrator/Secretary
Earl Henning – Public Works

Mayor Preston called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM and announced that there was a quorum present.

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The following is a script as was presented at the Council meeting March 25, 2020

MAYOR: I, Mayor Trudia Preston, call this **REGULAR MEETING** of the Goliad City Council To order at 6:20 pm.
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Please remember that the identity of each speaker must be clearly stated prior to that person speaking *EACH* time.

Kandi Hubert, please call Roll.

KANDI: This is Kandi Hubert, City Administrator and City Secretary. When I call your name, please respond with "here" - Mayor Trudia Preston, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Councilmember Gleinser, Councilmember Benavides, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Alaniz. City Finance Officer Sherry Kuenstler, Public Works Superintendent Earl Henning and City Attorney, Barbara Boulware-Wells.

Everyone was present.

MAYOR: Invocation/Pledges of Allegiance: This is Mayor Preston. Would everyone please stand for the Invocation and stay standing for the Pledges of Allegiance to the US and Texas.

The mayor led the proclamation and the pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MAYOR This is Mayor Preston, are there any members of the public that would like to speak? If yes, please state your name and address for the record **BEFORE** giving your comments.

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There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MAYOR This is Mayor Preston. We now turn to the Consent Agenda. All items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember in which event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

- a. Bills to be paid
- b. March 11 and 16 City Council minutes.

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston. Do I have a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Councilwoman Alaniz stated: I move to approve Item 5(a) or 5(b) to have a separate discussion.

Councilman Benavides: I second the motion to approve item 5(a) or 5(b).

For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

Item 6 PRESENTATION:

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston. We will turn to Item 6, Presentation, and Council will receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the period ending September 30, 2019, which includes the independent auditor's report presented by the independent audit firm of Paul B. Holm and Company PLLC provided by our Auditor Chris Janecek.

Chris Janecek presented the 2019 Audit

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston. I will now call on each councilmember beginning with Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez followed by each Councilmember in order of place number for any comments, please remember to clearly state your name prior to speaking.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez asked about the City's surplus and was informed the City had over a years surplus funds. Mayor pro tem Rodriguez also asked who would be responsible for writing the management policy regarding how checks were scrutinized.

Councilmember Gleinser asked what a proprietary fund was, and the response was merely the enterprise fund.

Councilmember Benavides stated he was pleased with the audit, no questions.

Councilmember Burns stated kudos to staff as they improve yearly.

Councilmember Alaniz had no questions.

MAYOR: This Mayor Preston. Do I have a Motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report?

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This is Councilman Benavidez and I move to accept/approve Item 6, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report.

This is Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez and I second the motion to accept/approve Item 6, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report.

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston – Kandi Hubert, please call roll.

KANDI: This is Kandi Hubert, City Secretary. When I call your name, please respond with “AYE” OR “NAY”- Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Councilmember Gleinser, Councilmember Benavides, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Alaniz.

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Item 7

MAYOR: This Mayor Preston. We will turn to Item 7, Presentation and Discussion from and with Richard Miller re: Goliad Chamber of Commerce’s request re: Hotel Occupancy Tax funding and possible increase; this item is for information only - no action to be taken.

Mr. Miller was not present.

Item 8

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston. We will turn to Item 8, Discuss, Consider and take necessary action to adopt Ordinance 3-25-2020-1 an Ordinance authorizing the change to the May, 2020 Municipal election as a result of the Governor’s Proclamation. Kandi Hubert will provide an update followed by Barbara Boulware-Wells, City Attorney, to answer any questions.

Kandi Hubert - This is Kandi Hubert and I recommend postponing the election until November as the fear of COVID-19 will keep voters away as well as finding judges almost impossible. With the 6-foot rule in place it will be very difficult for voters to vote or even be admitted into the building in a timely manner.

Barbara Boulware-Wells – This is Barbara Boulware-Wells stated that the Governor is encouraging local elections be postponed.

I will now call on each councilmember beginning with Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez followed by each Councilmember in order of place number for comment, please remember to clearly state your name prior to speaking.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez – No questions.

Councilmember Gleinser – addressing the City Secretary, asking if the candidates will be notified of the postponement.

The City Secretary assured her that the candidates would be notified if the election is postponed.

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Councilmember Benavides stated: this City Council is ahead of the curve.

Councilmember Burns: Concurs with Councilman Benavides.

Councilmember Alaniz: Agrees makes sense for the community.

MAYOR: This Mayor Preston. Do I have a Motion on Ordinance 3-25-2020-1 an Ordinance authorizing the change to the May, 2020 Municipal election as a result of the Governor's Proclamation?

There were no changes requested.

**This is Mayor Pro tem Rodriguez and I move to adopt Ordinance 3-25-2020-1, an Ordinance authorizing the change to the May, 2020 Municipal Election as a result of the Governor's Proclamation.
This is Councilman Benavides and I second the motion to adopt Ordinance 3-25-2020-1, an Ordinance authorizing the change to the May, 2020 Municipal Election as a result of the Governor's Proclamation.**

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston – Kandi Hubert, please call roll.

KANDI: This is Kandi Hubert, City Secretary. When I call your name, please respond with "AYE" OR "NAY"- Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Councilmember Gleinser, Councilmember Benavides, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Alaniz.

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Item 9

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston. We will now take up Item 9, Discuss, Consider and take necessary action by the City Council extending the Emergency Declaration issued by the Mayor on March 18, 2020.

Councilman Benavides made a motion to extend the Mayors Emergency Declaration until April 8, 2020. There was no second. Motion died for lack of a second.

I will now call on each councilmember beginning with Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez followed by each Councilmember in order of place number for comment, please remember to clearly state your name prior to speaking.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez – Extend

Councilmember Gleinser - Extend

Councilmember Benavides – Extend until April 8, 2020 – Go with Governors Declaration – outcomes cannot be predicted – modify if needed.

Councilmember Burns – Extend until April 8, 2020

Councilmember Alaniz - Extend

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Councilman Benavides made a motion to extend the Mayor's Emergency Declaration until April 8, 2020. There was no second.

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston, do I have a motion to approve Discuss, Consider and take necessary action by the City Council extending the Emergency Declaration issued by the Mayor on March 18, 2020. Please remember to state your name.

This is Councilman Benavides and I move to extend the Emergency Declaration issued by the Mayor on March 18, 2020.

This is Councilman Gleinser and I second the motion to extend the Emergency Declaration issued by the Mayor on March 18, 2020 until April 8, 2020.

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston - Kandi Hubert, please call roll

KANDI: This is Kandi Hubert, City Secretary. When I call your name, please respond with "AYE" OR "NAY"- Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Councilmember Gleinser, Councilmember Benavides, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Alaniz.

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Item 10 and 11

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston. We will now take up Items 10 and 11, Council and Staff Comments – no action will be taken on any of these items at this meeting and Items to be placed on the next agenda.

I will now call on each councilmember beginning with Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez followed by each Councilmember in order of place number for comment, please remember to clearly state your name prior to speaking.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez – Declaration

Councilmember Gleinser – None at this time.

Councilmember Benavides – None at this time

Councilmember Burns – None at this time.

Councilmember Alaniz – None at this time.

Kandi Hubert – None at this time.

MAYOR: This is Mayor Preston. We will now take up Items 12, Upcoming Events.

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I will now call on each councilmember beginning with Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez followed by each Councilmember in order of place number for comment, please remember to clearly state your name prior to speaking.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez – None at this time.

Councilmember Gleinser– None at this time.

Councilmember Benavides– None at this time.

Councilmember Burns– None at this time.

Councilmember Alaniz– None at this time.

Kandi Hubert– None at this time.

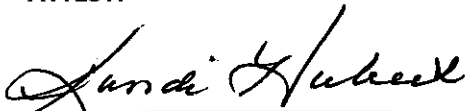
Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benavides. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

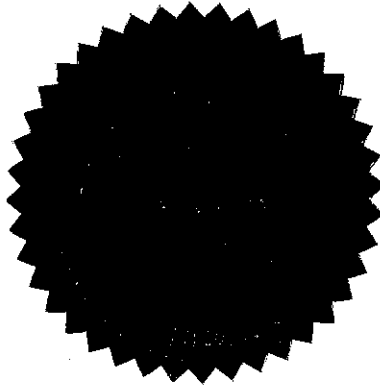
I, Mayor Preston, hereby adjourn this meeting at 7:45p.m.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of April, 2020


Mayor Trudia Preston

ATTEST:


Kandi Hubert
City Secretary



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