

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN ON JULY 14, 2014, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney D. Arceneaux
Councilman Terance Irvin
Councilman Gary Lacombe

Councilman Kenneth Matassa
Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: NONE

Lisa Babin, Administrative Clerk
Clay Stafford, City Clerk

Ryland Percy, City Attorney
Sherman Jackson, Police Chief

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Gary Lacombe to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 23, 2014. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to Introduce an Ordinance to rezone a 28.09 tract between W. Worthey Road and S. Darla Ave. from its existing R-8 zone to an R-6 zone.

Substitute Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Terance Irvin to send the Request of Mr. Alvin Turner to rezone a 28.09 tract between W. Worthey Road and S. Darla Ave. from its existing R-8 zone to an R-6 zone back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to be combined with the Request of Mr. Al Husser, Jr to rezone Lots 9-B, 9-A, 8-B, & 8-A situated on W. Worthey Road from its existing R-8 zone to and R-6 zone.

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Gary Lacombe to approve the request of Mr. John Taylor for a Special Event Permit to hold a Back to School Educational and Recreational Event on August 3, 2014 at the Tanger Outlet Mall from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to approve the request of Mr. Brent Gautreau for a Special Event Permit to have a Veterans Day Parade on Sunday November 9, 2014 beginning at 1:00 and ending around 3:00 PM. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Kenneth Matassa, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux to approve Resolution # 2826: A Resolution to the Capital Region Planning Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organization, supporting transportation improvements to the State of Louisiana Highway System, Hwy 44 Pavement Preservation Project. UNANIMOUS

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Terance Irvin to approve Resolution # 2827: A Resolution authorizing the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana, to issue not to exceed \$15,170,000 of its Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds; providing for certain terms of said bonds; authorizing application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of said bonds; appointing Bond Counsel; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. UNANIMOUS

Final Vote on Ordinance # 3042

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2014, AND ENDING MAY 31, 2015.

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:

That the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015 be hereby adopted as follows:

CITY OF GONZALES
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

PROPOSED
BUDGET

REVENUES:

TAXES	12,145,000.00
FRANCHISE FEES	1,001,000.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,203,000.00
FEES, FINES & FORFIETURES	239,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	121,100.00
FIRE DEPT. REVENUE	705,000.00
BUILDING RENTALS	83,400.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	14,900.00
GRANT REVENUE	106,000.00
INTEREST	50,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES: 15,668,400.00

EXPENDITURES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT	3,002,204.00
ADMINISTRATION	902,912.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	5,333,042.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	555,485.00
SANITATION	908,850.00
STREETS & DRAINAGE	1,279,050.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	922,050.00
CIVIC CENTER	58,600.00
CITY ROOM	20,000.00
RECREATION	1,131,300.00
TOURISM & CULTURAL DEV.	41,500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 14,154,993.00

TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS 1,513,407.00

Motion by Councilman Terance Irvin, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to amend the General Fund Budget by reducing the amount allocated to the Ascension Economic Development Corporation from \$75,000 to \$50,000, resulting in a new Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Budget as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
AMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

FINAL
BUDGET

REVENUES:

TAXES	12,145,000.00
FRANCHISE FEES	1,001,000.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,203,000.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT	3,002,204.00
ADMINISTRATION	902,912.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	5,333,042.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	555,485.00
SANITATION	908,850.00
STREETS & DRAINAGE	1,279,050.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	897,050.00

CIVIC CENTER	58,600.00
CITY ROOM	20,000.00
RECREATION	1,131,300.00
TOURISM & CULTURAL DEV.	41,500.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	14,104,993.00
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TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	1,563,407.00
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YEAS: Councilman Terance Irvin, Councilman Gary Lacombe, Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.

NAYS: Councilman Kenneth Matassa, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

ABSENT: NONE

Final Vote on Ordinance # 3043:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2014, AND ENDING MAY 31, 2015.

BE IT ORDAINED BY Mayor and Councilman of the City of Gonzales, Louisiana:

That the Capital Outlay Budget for Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015 be hereby adopted as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET
FY 2014-2015**

	2014-2015 Proposed Budget
FUND BALANCE	393,401.00
TRANSFER FROM GEN FUND - FUND BALANCE	4,000,000.00
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Appropriations	2,115,000.00
Interest Earned	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	2,115,000.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE	6,508,401.00
EXPENDITURES:	
STREETS & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	
INTERSTATE LIGHTING	20,000.00
STREET DEPT / DRAINAGE EQUIPMENT	189,000.00
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	50,000.00
EROSION PREVENTION PROJECT	0.00
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	125,000.00
BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENT	0.00
CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	2,000,000.00
<i>Total Streets & Drainage Improvements</i>	<i>2,384,000.00</i>
FACILITIES & RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS	
RECREATION ACQUISITIONS	862,600.00
ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
PROPERTY ACQUISITION	50,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY	13,000.00
JAMBALAYA PARK	0.00
MASTER GROWTH PLAN	170,000.00
CITY ROOM	25,000.00
CIVIC CENTER	40,000.00
T. JOE MUSEUM	5,000.00
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	323,000.00
POLICE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	437,261.00
<i>Total Facilities & Recreation Enhancements</i>	<i>1,925,861.00</i>
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS	

WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	600,000.00
WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	598,000.00
GAS SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	100,000.00
<i>Total Utility Improvements</i>	<u>1,298,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>5,607,861.00</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>900,540.00</u>

Motion by Councilman Gary Lacombe, seconded by Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr. to amend the Capital Outlay Budget by reducing the Police Department Capital Outlay Budget line item from \$437,261 to \$327,555, resulting in a new Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Outlay budget as follows:

**CITY OF GONZALES
CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET
FY 2014-2015**

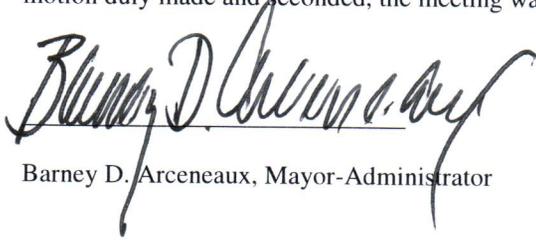
	2014-2015 Proposed Budget
FUND BALANCE	393,401.00
TRANSFER FROM GEN FUND - FUND BALANCE	4,000,000.00
REVENUES:	
Sales Tax Appropriations	2,115,000.00
Interest Earned	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,115,000.00</u>
FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>6,508,401.00</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
STREETS & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	
INTERSTATE LIGHTING	20,000.00
STREET DEPT / DRAINAGE EQUIPMENT	189,000.00
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	50,000.00
EROSION PREVENTION PROJECT	0.00
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	125,000.00
BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENT	0.00
CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	2,000,000.00
<i>Total Streets & Drainage Improvements</i>	<u>2,384,000.00</u>
FACILITIES & RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS	
RECREATION ACQUISITIONS	772,000.00
ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00
PROPERTY ACQUISITION	50,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY	13,000.00
JAMBALAYA PARK	0.00
MASTER GROWTH PLAN	170,000.00
CITY ROOM	25,000.00
CIVIC CENTER	40,000.00
T. JOE MUSEUM	5,000.00
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	323,000.00
POLICE DEPT CAPITAL OUTLAY	327,555.00
<i>Total Facilities & Recreation Enhancements</i>	<u>1,725,555.00</u>
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS	
WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	600,000.00
WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	598,000.00
GAS SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	100,000.00
<i>Total Utility Improvements</i>	<u>1,298,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>5,407,555.00</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>1,100,846.00</u>

YEAS: Councilman Terance Irvin, Councilman Gary Lacombe, Councilman Timothy Vessel Sr.

NAYS: Councilman Kenneth Matassa, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux

ABSENT: NONE

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Gonzales and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.


Barney D. Arceneaux, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:


Clay A. Stafford, City Clerk



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June 24, 2014

Councilman Terance Irvin
City of Gonzales
2414 S. Edward Ave.
Gonzales, La 70737

Re: Board Docket No. 2014-641

Dear Councilman Irvin:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its June 20, 2014 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit you from participating in a vote to fund a study to select a location for a service road which may potentially be placed on your father's land. You have stated that the Gonzales City Council has already appropriated \$800,000 to pay for a service road that would connect Hwy 30 and Hwy 44 in Gonzales. The purpose of the service road is to alleviate traffic and encourage development. The City Council will vote on funding a preliminary study to determine where the service road should be placed. You stated that your father owns land in the area that may be considered by the study.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that Section 1112 B(1) the Code would not require you to recuse yourself from voting on funding of the preliminary study for the placement of a service road. Section 1112B(1) requires a councilman to recuse himself when he has actual knowledge that an immediate family member has a substantial economic interest in the transaction. Section 1112B(1) provides that no public servant, except as provided in R.S. 42:1120, shall participate in a transaction involving his governmental entity in which, to his actual knowledge, any member of his immediate family has a substantial economic interest. However, the Board instructed me to caution you that if your father's land is considered as a potential site by the City for the service road Section 1112B(1) would require you to recuse yourself in compliance with La. R.S. 42:1120 from participation in that transaction. Further, in the future, if your father's land is selected, your father may want to seek an advisory opinion regarding any potential issues which may be presented under Section 1113 of the Code.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Suzanne Quinlan Mooney
For the Board

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