MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN ON OCTOBER 9, 2017, 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL 120 S. IRMA BLVD.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Barney Arceneaux
Councilman Tyler Turner
Councilman Neal Bourque

Councilman David Guitreau
Councilman Kirk Boudreaux
Councilman Harold Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Lisa Babin, Administrative Secretary
Erin Lanoux, City Attorney
Scot Byrd, Chief Administrative Officer

Clay Stafford, City Clerk
Sherman Jackson, Chief of Police

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart to approve the Council Meeting Minutes taken, September 25, 2017.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman David Guitreau to approve a Special Event Permit request of Volunteer Ascension to hold a Community, Family-Friendly Movie Night at Jambalaya Park from 5-10 PM on December 9, 2017.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Neal Bourque, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Financial Audit Report as presented by Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz. The Audit produced an unmodified opinion.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Arceneaux opened A Public Hearing to discuss the Ordinance creating the “Conway Economic Development District of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana”

No one in attendance spoke either for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Arceneaux closed the Public Hearing.

Final vote on Ordinance No. 4035:

ORDINANCE #4035

An ordinance creating "Conway Economic Development District of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana" defining the boundaries thereof to encourage economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.
WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.) (the "Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana (the "City"), acting through this Mayor and City Council as its governing authority, desires to avail itself of the Act to create an economic development district to be called the "Conway Economic Development District of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana" (the "District"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32(B) and a resolution adopted by this governing authority on September 11, 2017, the City has given notice of its intention to create the District, and notice that it will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed creation of the District, including a description of the boundaries of the District and containing a map showing the boundaries of the District, which notice has been published two times in the City's official journal; and

WHEREAS, on this date, prior to the adoption of this ordinance, this governing authority did hold a public hearing pursuant to the aforesaid notice of intention, at which public hearing no objections were received with respect to the creation of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. All of the above "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Creation of District. Under the authority of La. R.S. 33:9038.32 there is hereby created an economic development district within the City, to be named "Conway Economic Development District of the City of Gonzales, State of Louisiana" having the geographical boundaries set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, which Exhibit A is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance, all pursuant to the Act. As provided by the Act, the governing body of the District shall be this Mayor and City Council. As provided by the Act, the District shall be a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and shall possess such powers and authority and have such duties as provided in the Act and other law.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Officers. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Repealer. All ordinances or resolution, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Publication; Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published one time in the official journal of the City, and shall become effective immediately.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

EXHIBIT A

to Creation Ordinance

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP OF
CONWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GONZALES
That certain tract of land situated in Sections 12, 13, 22, 45 & 46, Township 10 South, Range 3 East, S.E.D. Ascension Parish, Louisiana, containing 341.217 acres more or less, being labeled as Tract A-1-A and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Section 46; thence North 0°12' 9" West a distance of 1,319.56 feet to the Point of Beginning (P.O.B.):
Thence, N 88° 29' 10" E for a distance of 3861.30 feet;
Thence, S 61° 04' 15" E for a distance of 1723.84 feet;
Thence, S 57° 09' 11" E for a distance of 782.60 feet;
Thence, S 89° 51' 24" W for a distance of 639.62 feet;
Thence, S 88° 20' 55" W for a distance of 34.60 feet;
Thence, S 15° 19' 02" W for a distance of 1084.64 feet;
Thence, S 79° 31' 24" W for a distance of 2275.00 feet;
Thence, S 00° 54' 41" E for a distance of 815.39 feet;
Thence, S 28° 17' 40" E for a distance of 466.00 feet;
Thence, S 88° 16' 23" W for a distance of 814.45 feet;
Thence, N 62° 28' 39" W for a distance of 1750.43 feet;
Thence, N 02° 06' 55" W for a distance of 50.19 feet;
Thence, N 02° 06' 55" W for a distance of 957.38 feet;
Thence, S 89° 25' 54" W for a distance of 573.97 feet;
Thence, S 89° 25' 54" W for a distance of 58.52 feet;
Thence, N 00° 45' 09" W for a distance of 2059.55 feet;
Thence N 88° 29' 10" E a distance of 30.90 feet to the Point of Beginning (P.O.B.)

MAP OF CONWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GONZALES

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart to introduce Ordinance No. 4036:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION* ARTICLE V. PERSONNEL
RULES AND PROCEDURES DIVISION 3. COMPENSATION
PLAN, SEC. 2-179 COMPENSATION FOR OVERTIME
(CHANGE) (b) TO READ:

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

That the Code of Ordinance of the City of Gonzales be hereby amended to read:

CHAPTER 2.
ADMINISTRATION*

ARTICLE V. PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES

DIVISION 3. Compensation plan.

Sec. 2-179 Compensation for overtime.

(Change) (b) to read:

(b) Employees shall be paid overtime in accordance with the city's adopted overtime policy. Employees working overtime shall have the option to be paid at the rate of one and one-half times the normal (non-holiday) rate of pay for each hour of overtime worked, or have the option to take compensatory time off to be calculated in the following manner:

1. Compensatory time shall be provided on a time and one-half basis (i.e., one and one-half hours of compensatory time for each hour of overtime).
2. A full-time employee may earn a total of eighty (80) hours of compensatory time in any one (1) fiscal year.
3. The employee may request the use of accumulated comp time at any time. The employer is required to honor that request by allowing the employee to take time off within a reasonable time of the request unless the operations of the government would be unduly disrupted by the employee's absence.
4. At any time the employer may demand the employee take time off to reduce banked compensation time.
5. The employer shall cash out the employee's compensatory time balance as of May 1 of each year. The compensatory time balance shall be paid to the employee by May 31 of each fiscal year.
6. The employer shall cash out the employee's compensatory time bank when the employment relationship is terminated, whether because of resignation, retirement, discharge, or death. The comp time bank must be cashed out at the rate of pay the employee is earning on termination or the average rate of pay for the last three (3) years of employment, whichever is greater.

Final vote on the foregoing amendment to be taken at the next regular City Council Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2017.

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Tyler Turner to approve October 2, as the official closing date for the Jambalaya Park Sprayground for 2017.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Harold Stewart to declare as surplus the following:

1995 Ice Machine Model – SD0602A Street Department

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Councilman David Guitreau, seconded by Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, to approve the selection of ARUP USA as the highest scoring applicant for the Gonzales Rail Station Master Plan Project.

YEAS: Councilman Tyler Turner, Councilman Neal Bourque, Councilman David Guitreau, Councilman Kirk Boudreaux, Councilman Harold Stewart

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 Arceneaux, Mayor
ATT.

Chay A./Stafford, City Clerk