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**CITY OF PALACIOS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

AGENDA

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023
6:00PM**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**City of Palacios Council Chambers
311 Henderson
Palacios, Texas 77465**

CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Quorum Call.
- b. Invocation. Councilmember Raylynn Samora.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- d. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
- e. Pledge of Allegiance to the Palacios Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

With respect to items not listed on this agenda, Council Members may announce community events or announce community recognitions.

1. Mayor's Announcements
2. Council Member's Announcements

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORUM:

The public is invited to address the City Council and speak on any matter. Please note Council Members may not deliberate on topics not included on this agenda. The presentation shall be no longer than three (3) minutes.

PROCLAMATION

- **Day of Prayer** Mayor Gardner to read proclamation declaring May 4th, 2023, as a day of prayer for the City of Palacios.

PRESENTATION

- **Municipal Court Update** Updates on court progress Presented by Judge Thompson
- **Employee Handbook** Presented by Tammy McDonald

- **Employee Health Insurance** City to switch from TML to Allison Insurance Company *Presented by Tammy McDonald and Joe Allison*
- **CenterPoint Energy, AEP, and Public Utility Commission Rate Notifications** *Presented by City Manager, Cynthia Raleigh*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes** Discuss and approve the regular council meeting minutes of April 13, 2023. *Presented by Mayor Jim Gardner.*
2. **March Financials/ Bills Paid** Discuss and approve financials and bills paid for March 2023. *Presented by Office/Finance Manager, Maria Ayala*
3. **Acting City Manager** Discuss and approve establishing an acting City Manager in the event of the City Manager’s absence. *Presented by City Manager, Cynthia Raleigh.*
4. **ILA County Burn Site** Discuss and approve Interlocal Agreement for use of burn site location by and between the City of Palacios and Matagorda County. *Presented by City Manager, Cynthia Raleigh.*
5. **PEDC Amended Budget** Discuss and approve proposed amended budget from the Palacios Economic Development Corporation. *Presented by DC Dunham, EDC Chair.*
6. **First Reading Ordinance No. 2023-O-09 Game Room** Discuss and approve an ordinance of the City of Palacios, Texas, placing location requirements for game rooms and amusement redemption machines; providing a penalty; and providing an effective date. *Presented by Police Chief Tobie Bias*
7. **Final Reading Ordinance No. 2023-O-07 Stop Sign** Discuss and approve final reading of an ordinance of the City of Palacios, Texas, authorizing the placement of stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic on 4th Street at the intersection of Lucas Avenue, making said intersection a 4-way stop intersection. *Presented by Police Chief, Tobie Bias.*
8. **Final Reading Ordinance No. 2023-O-02 Jake Brake** Discuss and approve final reading of an ordinance of the City of Palacios, Texas, amending the code of ordinances by adding section 8.09, “Engine Braking Prohibited”; to provide for the prohibiting of engine braking, commonly referred to as Jake Braking, in the city limits. *Presented by Police Chief, Tobie Bias.*
9. **Resolution 2023-R-12** Discuss, consider, and adopt a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the 2022 Texas CDBG program, grant agreement number CDV21-0027. *Presented by Grant/HR Manager, Tammy McDonald*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Texas Government Code § 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property interests, due to the fact that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third party.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

- City Council shall reconvene in Open Session and may discuss, consider, and take possible action on any item listed above that was considered and discussed in Executive/Closed Session (If necessary).

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA NOTICES:

Action by Council Authorized: The City Council may vote and act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, pursuant to and in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflict with the Open Meetings Act and may invoke this right where the City Attorney, the Mayor or a majority of the Governing Body deems an executive session is necessary to allow privileged consultation between the City Attorney and the governing body if considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act. The City Attorney may appear in person or appear in executive session by conference call in accordance with applicable state law.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of other city boards, commissions, and committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions, and committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions, and committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions, and committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting. Still, such in attendance will not take any action unless such item and action are expressly provided for on the agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Executive Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel, and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally addressed in the closed portion of the meeting considering public views of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c). The meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Certification of Posting: This is to certify that the above notice of a Regular Called Council Meeting was posted on the front bulletin board of the City Hall of the City of Palacios, Texas, on **Friday, April 21, 2023, before 6:00 PM**. If you have any questions concerning the above items, please contact City Manager Cynthia Raleigh at (361) 972-3605. This Notice was posted under the Texas Open Meeting Act (TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 551) and recent guidelines from the Texas Attorney General.

Posting of Agenda Packet: The posting of the agenda packet on the City's website is for transparency and convenience of the public. All documents such as ordinances and resolutions are presented in draft form in the packet and are presented to City Council for use in their deliberations at the council meeting. It is not the intent of the City Administration or City Council to consider the draft documents as adopted or not subject to revision. All draft documents discussed at duly called city council meetings will be revised pursuant to action taken at the meeting and the final form of such adopted documents are subject to review by the public through the public information act.

Aleisha C. Galvan
Aleisha C. Galvan, City Secretary

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The next regular City Council meeting will
be held on MAY11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.