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 JOHNNY TRAN – Councilmember Place 1
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 WAYNE DODD – Councilmember Place 5
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**CITY OF PALACIOS
 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**VIDEOCONFERENCE OPEN MEETING
 April 14, 2020**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Palacios will conduct a Regular Council Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, located in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 311 Henderson Avenue, Palacios, TX, by 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 <https://cityofpalacios.org>

The web site to participate in the video conference meeting hosted through Zoom is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/749585843>

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

The Public will be permitted to offer public comments on each agenda item by emailing cmills@cityofpalacios.org by 3pm on the day of the meeting.

Regular COUNCIL MEETING 7PM

PUBLIC HEARING 7PM

A public hearing to review performance and obtain comments regarding its 2017 Texas CDBG Program Community Development Contract (Downtown Revitalization Grant 7217172)

PUBLIC HEARING 7:15 PM

A public hearing to review performance and obtain comments regarding its 2018 Texas CDBG Program Community Development Contract (Community Enhancement Grant 7218078)

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Councilmember Crocker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Tran

PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Tran

PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Tran

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and consider extending the City of Palacios, Texas Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency declared by Mayor Glen Smith on March 19, 2020 until Tuesday, May 12, 2020.
2. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-12 Approving and Re-Adopting Local Fair Housing Policies and Practices to Comply with the City/County's Previously Approved Fair Housing Action Plan; and Providing for the Effective Date Thereof. This is required for the Hurricane Harvey Grant from the GLO.
3. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-13 Approving and Re-Adopting Procedures Related to the Recording and Reporting of Fair Housing Complaints in Accordance with the Adopted Fair Housing Activity Plan; Appointing a Coordinator; and Providing for the Effective Date Thereof. This is required for the Hurricane Harvey Grant from the GLO.
4. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-7 Approving the Submission of the Grant Application for the Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor.
5. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-15 Authorizing an Application to the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas for A Technology Update Grant; Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and the City Secretary to Attest to Said Grant Application; Designating the City Manager as the Grantee's Authorized Official; and Providing an Effective Date Thereof.
6. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - Minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
 - Excuse the absence of Johnny Tran and Stephen McGovern from the March 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
 - Minutes of the March 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting
 - Excuse the absence of Johnny Tran and Mary Crocker from the March 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, (Open Meetings Law) the Council May go into Executive (closed) session in order to:

Consult with its attorney (551.071)

Discuss Real Estate transaction (551.072)

Deliberation regarding prospective gifts or donation (551.073)

Discuss personnel matters (551.074) -

Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)

Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087) –

ADJOURN

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the April 14, 2020 agenda of items to be considered by the City Council was posted on the City of Palacios Web Site and City Hall bulletin board by 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2020.

Clissa Mills

Clissa Mills, City Secretary

posted
4/9/2020
3pm



**CITY OF PALACIOS TEXAS
MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the County of Matagorda also issued a declaration of disaster for the entire county of Matagorda and has extended that order to April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palacios, Texas, is taking precautionary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency was declared for the City of Palacios, Texas, effective March 19, 2020 pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code and that pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency the original declaration shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of its declaration, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Palacios, Texas.

SECTION 2. That by vote of the City Council, the original declaration of disaster for the City of Palacios was extended beyond the original seven (7) days and remained in effect until April 14, 2020.

SECTION 3. That due to the continued thread of the COVID-19 virus and in conjunction with orders issued by the Governor of the State of Texas and the County Judge of Matagorda

County, the original declaration of disaster for the City of Palacios will be further extended until May 12, 2020.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 5. That this extended declaration urges the citizens of Palacios follow the provisions of the Governor of Texas Executive Order declared on March 31, 2020. This order provides that:

- Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- People shall avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants and food courts or visiting gyms, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, nail salons and cosmology salons and that the use of drive-thru, pickup or delivery options are allowed and encouraged.
- People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 7. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 14th day of April, 2020.

Glen Smith, Mayor
City of Palacios, Texas

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS, APPROVING AND RE-ADOPTING LOCAL FAIR HOUSING POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY/COUNTY'S PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FAIR HOUSING ACTION PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Action Plan requires that relevant local policies and practices be reviewed by the City of Palacios regarding their effect on affirmatively furthering fair housing choice within the community, and that the City revise such policies as needed and re-adopting them if approved;

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the attached Local Fair Housing Policies and Practices affirmatively further the City's goal of having affordable housing available within the City of Palacios; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the City approves and re-adopts the Fair Housing Policies and Practices attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2: That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on this the 14th day of April, 2020.

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS

Glen Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clissa Mills, City Secretary

Local Fair Housing Policies and Practices

Purpose: This document describes specific steps that will be taken to affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with the adopted Fair Housing Action Plan. The Action Plan section reference follows each policy.

The City shall:

- Review long term infrastructure plans to determine if they promote racial concentrations or otherwise inadvertently results in disparate treatment of protected class members in the provision of housing (5.1).
- Ensure any fair housing implications, including those that affect persons with disabilities, are addressed in all aspects of planning when reviewing existing plans and ordinances and when developing new comprehensive plans, capital improvement programs, zoning and other land use or housing related ordinances. (5.2, 7.1, 7.2, 9.1, 9.2)
- Require senior staff, including managers and attorneys, to receive available Fair Housing training within the first 12 months of employment or engagement and long term senior staff to receive regularly updated training. Training may include, but is not limited to, in person classroom sessions, and remote viewing of fair housing presentations, videos or other materials (5.3).
- Before choosing locations for new undesirable infrastructure improvements such as wastewater treatment plants and solid waste disposal areas, consider whether such facilities are disproportionately located in or near residential concentrations of protected classes and if so consider alternative locations or establishment of formal limits. (5.5).
- Consider other sources of funding for associated housing rehabilitation activities when seeking non-entitlement CDBG grant funds for infrastructure projects in Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) areas (5.7).
- Require compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), which includes addressing legacy discrimination issues, for Disaster Recovery Round 2 infrastructure projects, and with the Texas Accessibility Standards located (TAC Title 16, Part 4, Chapter 68) relating to accessibility for persons with disabilities for any new facilities constructed with public funds. (5.8, 5.15)
- Coordinate with the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council for best practices on working with supportive services for disabled and other special needs persons (9.3).

Plans, policies, programs, ordinances, resolutions, agreements, and orders that could affect the locality's ability to affirmatively further fair housing will be reviewed using the Policy Review Record form.

This Local Fair Housing Policies and Practices document will be reviewed and revised as necessary based upon subsequent guidance or instruction provided by the State of Texas, as stated in the Fair Housing Action Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS, APPROVING AND RE-ADOPTING PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE RECORDING AND REPORTING OF FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITY PLAN; APPOINTING A FAIR HOUSING COORDINATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, under the Fair Housing Act the City must establish policies and procedures for handling Fair Housing complaints, allegations, and referrals; and

WHEREAS, under said Act the City must maintain records of all Fair Housing complaints, allegations and referrals; and

WHEREAS, under said Act the City must refer Fair Housing complaints, allegations and referrals to the appropriate authorities; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the City hereby adopts the standard operating procedures for Recording and Reporting of Fair Housing Activity attached and incorporated by reference hereto.

SECTION 2: That the City hereby appoints a Fair Housing Coordinator whose duties shall include the processing of the complaints described in these procedures.

SECTION 3: That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on this the 14th day of April, 2020.

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS

Glen Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clissa Mills, City Secretary

City of Palacios' FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Effective Date: April 14, 2020

PURPOSE: The City is required to have clear procedures for the complaint process and record keeping. The purpose of this procedure is to ensure timely and accurate processing and record keeping of Fair Housing activity. In addition, the City is required to have remedial procedures in place for those whose actions are inconsistent with Fair Housing laws and regulations.

PROCEDURE:

1. Fair Housing Officer (FHO) will record the call or contact into the Fair Housing Registry.
 - Enter date the activity is reported.
 - Enter person reporting the activity (complainant).
 - Enter the complainant contact information.
 - Enter type of report (inquiry, complaint, allegation or referral).
 - Enter Report Reference number (should correspond to number on detail report).
 - Enter Agency the activity will be referred to (TDHCA or TWC).
 - Enter date agency referral info given to complainant.
 - Enter follow-up date (30 days after complaint received) to check back with complainant.
 - Enter how the activity is resolved.
2. FHO records account of call or contact into Fair Housing Detail Report. The FHO should use the status section to describe the details of the contact. The report number should be referenced on the main registry for easy filing and catalogue of the detailed report.
3. FHO refers the complainant to the appropriate agency (currently is the Texas Workforce Commission) for resolution.
4. FHO records a follow-up date thirty days after complaint.
5. FHO contacts complainant to determine and record status in registry and in the detail report.
6. Should there be situations that require further remedial action due to actions that are inconsistent with Fair Housing laws and regulations involving any developers, landlords, home sellers, the City will refer those actions to the Texas Workforce Commission for resolution since that agency is equipped and trained to handle Fair Housing issues.

RESOLUTION 2020-R-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS, APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND A LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, The City of Palacios finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Palacios, Texas that the Local Border Security Program, as funded by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, Grant 3003006, be operated for 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palacios agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City of Palacios assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS:

SECTION 1: That the City of Palacios approves submission of the grant application for the Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor, Grant 3003006.

SECTION 2: That the City of Palacios designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

SECTION 2: That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after the date of its passage.

Passed and Approved this 14th day of April, 2020.

Glen Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Clissa Mills, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR A TECHNOLOGY UPDATE GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND THE CITY SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO SAID GRANT APPLICATION; DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Texas offers grants to assist governmental entities such as the City of Palacios in upgrading technology used by the City in providing services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palacios has determined it is in the best interest of the City to seek such a grant from the Governor's office, which administers such grants, to upgrade the technology use by the Palacios Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously approved submission of a grant application by Resolution 2020-R-6, and this resolution is intended to revise and supplant said previous resolution; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council of the City of Palacios approves applying for a Technology Upgrade Grant from the Governor's Office, said grant being identified as Grant 3523802, and a copy of which application is attached as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2: The City Manager and the City Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to sign and attest to said grant application on behalf of the City of Palacios, and forward said application to the Governor's Office of the State of Texas.

SECTION 3: The City of Palacios agrees and assures that in the event of loss or misuse of the grant funds awarded to the City, the funds will be returned by the City to the Office of the Governor in full.

SECTION 4: The City of Palacios designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the City.

SECTION 5: That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on this the 14th day of April, 2020.

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS

Glen Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

CLISSA MILLS, City Secretary

GRANT 3523802

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Agency Name: Palacios, City of
Grant/App: 3523802 **Start Date:** 10/1/2019 **End Date:** 9/30/2020

Project Title: Technology upgrade
Status: Pending Applicant Response

Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Palacios, City of
Project Title: Technology upgrade
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Police Department
Address Line 1: 405 Commerce Street
Address Line 2: 315 Henderson Avenue
City/State/Zip: Palacios Texas 77465-5468
Start Date: 10/1/2019
End Date: 9/30/2020

Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area: Houston-Galveston Area Council

Headquarter County: Matagorda
Counties within Project's Impact Area: Matagorda

Grant Officials:

Authorized Official

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City: Palacios, Texas 77465
Phone: 361-972-3605 Other Phone: 281-331-9746
Fax: 361-972-6555
Title: Mr.
Salutation: Mr.
Position: City Manager

Financial Official

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Title: Ms.
Salutation: Ms.
Position: City Treasurer

Project Director

Name: David Miles
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Salutation: Chief
Position: Chief of Police

Grant Writer

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Salutation: Chief

Position: Chief of Police

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Agency Name: Palacios, City of
Grant/App: 3523802 **Start Date:** 10/1/2019 **End Date:** 9/30/2020

Project Title: Technology upgrade
Status: Pending Applicant Response

Narrative Information

Introduction

The purpose of this funding is to support projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

Please read the funding announcement for program rules and application guides, available on the [eGrants Calendar](#) page. Additionally, you should review the *Guide to Grants* available on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees webpage](#) for information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds.

Use the space provided below to describe your project. For help with your narrative, see PSO's Developing a Good Project Narrative [Guide](#).

Note: Do not upload attachments with further information unless specifically instructed to do so.

Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

Constitutional Compliance

Applicant assures that it will not engage in any activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

Information Systems

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

Bulletproof Vests

Applicant assures that if it plans to purchase body armor with grant funds, that it has adopted a mandatory wear policy and that all vests purchased have been tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic or stab standards. Additionally, vests purchased must be American-made.

Criminal History Reporting

Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66*. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Beginning January 1, 2020, counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90 percent of convictions within seven business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety. By January 1, 2021, such reporting must take place within five business days. Click [here](#) for additional information from DPS on this new reporting requirement.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.

Conversion to National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to this federal deadline, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Public Safety Office.

DNA Testing of Evidentiary Materials

When funds are used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) by a government DNA lab with access to CODIS.

Interoperable Communications

Funds to support emergency communications activities must ensure compliance with the FY 2018 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants; adherence to the technical standards set forth in the FCC Waiver Order, or any succeeding FCC orders, rules, or regulations pertaining to broadband operations in the 700 MHz public safety band; and are fully coordinated with the full-time [Statewide Interoperability Coordinator \(SWIC\)](#) for Texas.

Twelve-Step Programs

Grant funds may not be used to support or directly fund programs such as the Twelve Step Program which courts have ruled are inherently religious. PSO grant funds cannot be used to support these programs, conduct meetings, or purchase related materials.

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

National Instant Background Check System (NICS)

Entities receiving funds under this solicitation that are to generate or upgrade court dispositions or other records that are relevant to National Instant Background Check System (NICS) determinations must have a system in place to ensure that all such NICS-relevant dispositions or records that are generated or upgraded are made available in timely fashion to state repositories/databases that are accessed by NICS.

Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs)

Applicant assures that if it plans to purchase body-worn cameras with grant funds, that it has adopted adequate policies and procedures related to BWC equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations and training. The certification form related to BWC policies and procedures can be found [here](#).

Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C 1373 and 1644

Applicant assures that it complies with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 & 1644. Applicant may be required to submit written assurances and/or certifications to this effect prior to award issuance. The Public Safety Office (PSO) will notify applicants if this becomes a requirement and provide the federally required form(s) and/or template(s).

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Information regarding Communication with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Please explain and describe any policies or practices your jurisdiction may have related to whether, when, or how employees may communicate with DHS or ICE. Include information on how each policy or practice complies with 8 U.S.C. 1373. Upload a copy of any written policies onto the Upload.Files Tab. Enter "N/A" below if your agency does NOT have any policies or practices regarding communication with DHS or ICE. The City of Palacios and the Police Department continue a open line of communication and cooperation with ICE and Homeland Security. There is a 24 hour phone number recorded with our communications officer for notification and communication with these agencies. There is a policy and procedures statement on file as to the department's cooperation with ICE and Homeland Security and supervisors will be notified any time Ice is contacted

Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Clissa Mills

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

311 Henderson Avenue Palacios, Texas 77465

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

(361) 972-3605

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

I certify to all of the application content & requirements.

Project Abstract :

The purpose and need for the project is to upgrade the outdated and ineffective technological equipment that is now being utilized by the Palacios Police Department, thus enhancing the ability to protect the integrity of the mandated obligations placed on Law Enforcement in regards to Racial Profiling, provide better eventuary data and evidence for effective prosecutions. And the continued acquisition of fleets vehicles that was established in the equipment purchases in the 2015 grant application that layed a 5 year plan to bring the technology and equipment to a level that will allow the City of Palacios to have a replacement program that started with surpluses from the 2017 fund pools and expected to mature in 5 years. Though the Cities economic growth is on an incline, it has yet to catch up to meet the just basic demands to provide not only protection to the citizens, the monitoring and protection of the second largest inland port to the Gulf of Mexico and to cooerate and participate in a cooperative combined effort of the 3 Law Enfrocement agencies to

combat the explosive drug and Methamphetamine epidemic that has plagued the South Texas region, but the continued demand to rebuild and maintain a 100 year old infrastructure.

Problem Statement :

The technological equipment now being utilized by the Law Enforcement in Palacios is out dated and not serviceable without removing it and sending it out of State for repairs and the length of time it takes to get it back. since the installation of the technology 10 years ago the manufacture has moved out of State and the advancements of technology has been upgraded and simplified many times. Technical support from the manufacture is via telephone, which is very ineffective much of the time and the cost of a representative to travel is very high. the data that is now stored is subject to invasion because of the means of transfer and is often lost be cause of equipment failure.

Supporting Data :

The City of Palacios has 2 vehicles out of the entire vehicle fleet that are within a reasonable condition to last through the 5 year period at which at murturaty will be able to provide the needed replacement equipment and technology to continue the safe and effective operation of the Police Departenmt. the data recording equipment replacement like the vehicle were neglected due to budget restraints. Along with the demand placed on Law Enforcement for body worn equipment that should be compliant with all the equipment and provide for the oportunity for both body and vehicle equipment work in unison. The demand for Mental Health and Juvenile transport only continue to increase therefore adding to the stress of the department, department Personnel and the deteriorating equipment as layed in the yearly Matagorda County Plan.

Project Approach & Activities:

As layed out, the City of Palacios has began 5 year program that when it reaches maturity, will allow the City of Palacios Police Department and other departments with in the City to have a replacement fund that will provide the funds needed for the strategic replacement of equipment and technology that is required to meet the ever changing demands. the 2017 Grant that was applied for was held up for a year causing a retract in the progress started in bringing the Palacios Police Department to the area of the technology age.

Capacity & Capabilities:

The Palacios Police Department proposes the finale replacement of vehicles that are beyond repair and unsafe to operate, it will allow the replacement and integrating upgrade of data recording equipment that is vitally necessary for the protection and accountability of the integrity of each member of the department's personnel that is so vitally important in this very controversial period in which every action is called to the table to be accounted for. The upgrade will help eliminate mistakes and insure the information needed is greater protected from malware inexperience use mistakes.

Performance Management :

The replacement of the outdated technology and worn out vehicles will bring the capabilities of the City of Palacios to a point where the need for assistance will be eliminated. the technology will be at a point where it will be compatible with that on hand and replace vehicles that are not only very costly to maintain but also provides much greater economically and environmentally friendly equipment

Target Group :

The primary target to benefit is the citizens of the City of Palacios and Matagorda County, Texas. the replacement program proposed by the City is to meet the ever increasing demands placed on Law Enforcement. The acquisition of technology only enhances the ability and reliability of the personnel to be proactive in providing protection on the streets, in the inland Port and the highway that is a direct route to the Texas Mexico border. The technology will provide to the integrity of stored and maintained data that is now required to secure the protection of not only the Law Enforcement personnel, but integrity of evidence gathered and provided to the Judicial System. The replacement of the outdated and worn out equipment for greater cost effective use of strained funds.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The City of Palacios has continued to provide service to the citizens of the City of Palacios and Matagorda County with equipment that is less than cost effective and at risk of failing the obligations to provide and protect date that is mandated by State and Federal laws. Much of the equipment was replaced if not repaired with used equipment. Though the economy has risen, it is slow to catch up to the demands of the City to provide safe streets and healthy living conditions. Assistance from state and Federal agencies is very rare due to the rural location of Palacios, therefore leaving the greatest burden on the city.

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Project Activities Information

Introduction

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Law Enforcement	100.00	Final phase of updating the outdated and worn out equipment utilized for day to day operations of the Palacios Police Department. Integrating the body worn cameras with In-Car Video system allowing a much more efficient capture of required evidence and racial profiling material. The vehicle will place the Police Department in a position to follow through with purchases in the future with City of Palacios revenue.

CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Equipment or technology: Individuals/operators equipped	15
General Law Enforcement or Public Safety: Arrests resulting from grant.	
Targeted Investigation: Criminal cases resulting in arrest.	0
Targeted Investigation: Grant-funded investigations carried out by the unit/division	0
Training or professional development: Individuals provided	0
Training or professional development: Individuals received	0
Training, professional development, or technical assistance: Hours provided	0
Training, professional development, or technical assistance: Hours received	0

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Equipment	Police / Sheriff Department Vehicle (from a single vendor with law enforcement equipment installed)	1 2021 Dodge Charger Police rated vehicle Black in color to include V8 engine drivers side spotlight with emergency lighting on top, front and rear strobes prisoner separation long gun and shotgun securing device. With In-car video recording front and rear. Center console switch control box to be installed by the dealer or dealer contractor. With Police graphics and insignia and Radio to be supplied for installation by the Department when vehicle is delivered	\$42,438.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,438.87	1
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Specialized Audio-Visual System and Accessories (\$5,000 or less per unit)	15 Body Camera units @ \$755.00 each a total of \$11,325. With 15 wired interface kits @ \$140,00 each total of \$2100.00 with	\$18,658.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,658.50	0

		Docking stations for each patrol vehicle @ \$825.00 along with mounting kits and software to interface in-car video and body cameras and shipping and handling bringing total cost to \$18,658.50					
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Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a [resolution](#) that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the [approved](#) resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** sub-tab located in the **Summary** tab.

Contract Compliance

Will PSO grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No
 N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

10/1/2019

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

9/30/2020

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

27659580

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended:

33224534

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

9/30/2013

Equal Employment Opportunity Plan

Compliance

Review the information below to determine which section of the federal [EEOC Certification Form](#) applies to your organization. The EEOC certification information must be submitted to the Office of Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs through their on-line [EEOC Reporting Tool](#). For more information and guidance on how to complete and submit the federal EEOC certification information, please visit the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs website at <https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>.

Type I Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- the applicant has less than 50 employees;
- the applicant is a non-profit organization;
- the applicant is a medical institution;
- the applicant is an Indian tribe;
- the applicant is an educational institution, or
- the applicant is receiving a single award of less than \$25,000.

Requirements

- The applicant is exempt from the EEOC requirements required to prepare an EEOC because it is a Type I Entity as defined above, pursuant to 28 CFR 42, subpart E;
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services; and
- the applicant must complete **Section A** of the EEOC Certification Form and send it to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to claim the exemption from developing an EEOC.

Type II Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets the following criteria:

- the applicant has 50 or more employees, and
- the applicant is receiving a single award of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

Requirements

- The applicant agency is required to formulate an EEOC in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, subpart E;
- the EEOC is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEOC is available for review by the public and employees or for review or audit by officials of OOG, OOG's designee, or the Office of Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, as required by relevant laws and regulations;
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services;
- the applicant must complete **Section B** of the EEOC Certification Form and send it to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to claim the exemption from submitting an EEOC to OCR; and
- the EEOC is required to be on file with the applicant agency.

Enter the name of the person responsible for the EEOC and the address of the office where the EEOC is filed:

Type III Entity

Defined as an applicant that is NOT a Type I or Type II Entity.

Requirements

- The EEOC is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEOC has been submitted to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice and has been approved by the OCR, or it will be submitted to the OCR for approval upon award of the grant, as required by relevant laws and regulations; and
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services; and
- the applicant must complete **Section C** of the EEOC Certification Form and send it to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Certification

Based on the definitions and requirements above, the applicant agency certifies to the following entity type:

- Type I Entity
- Type II Entity
- Type III Entity

Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

FFATA Certification

Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (CJD) to report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) of each sub recipient organization for the most recently completed fiscal year preceding the year in which the grant is awarded if the subrecipient answers **YES** to the **FIRST** statement but **NO** to the **SECOND** statement listed below.

In the sub recipient's preceding completed fiscal year, did the sub recipient receive: (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements; AND (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives through periodic reports filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered **YES** to the **FIRST** statement and **NO** to the **SECOND** statement, please provide the name and total compensation amount of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) within your agency for the current calendar year. If you answered NO to the first statement you are NOT required to provide the name and compensation amounts. NOTE: "Total compensation" means the complete pay package of each of the sub recipient's compensated officers, including all forms of money, benefits, services, and in-kind payments (see SEC Regulations: 17 CCR 229.402).

Position 1 - Name:

Position 1 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 2 - Name:

Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 3 - Name:

Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 4 - Name:

Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 5 - Name:

Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):

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- GLEN SMITH – Mayor
- JOHNNY TRAN – Councilmember Place 1
- DONNA HARVEY SCHULMAN – Councilmember Place 2
- MARY CROCKER – Councilmember Place 3
- TROY LEWIS – Councilmember Place 4
- WAYNE DODD – Councilmember Place 5
- STEPHEN MCGOVERN – Councilmember Place 6

**CITY OF PALACIOS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7PM

- CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Glen Smith at 7 pm
- INVOCATION** – Councilmember Lewis
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Schulman
- PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG** – Councilmember Schulman
- PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG** – Councilmember Schulman

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM

Chip Woolf stated that he appreciates the City Manager, David Kocurek, assisting him with getting the store front damage on Main Street repaired
 Mike Ferdinand with PEDC announced that the Oyster Research Facility lease has been executed

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Election Update – Early Voting begins April 20, 2020
2. City Manager’s Report – January 2020
3. City By the Sea Museum Soup & Salad is Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm
4. Matagorda Bay Birdfest is March 28, 2020 at the Pavilion
5. Spring Clean Up Day is April 25, 2020, 8 am to 1pm
6. Day on the Bay Festival is May 1-2, 2020 at the Pavilion

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and consider approving a lease with Palacios Community Coalition at 205 4th St, Palacios.
 Councilmember Dodd motioned to approve a lease with Palacios Community Coalition at 205 4th St., Palacios
 Councilmember Crocker seconded
 Councilmember Lewis abstained from voting
 Councilmember Schulman voted Nay
 The motion carried

2. Discuss and consider approving a letter of approval for an Application for Tax Exemption for the Sanford Community Center located at 907 8th Street, Palacios submitted to the Matagorda County Appraisal District
Councilmember Schulman motioned to approve a letter of approval for an Application for Tax Exemption for the Sanford Community Center located at 907 8th St, Palacios submitted to the MCAD.
Councilmember Crocker seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
3. Discuss and consider approving an agreement with Sample Engineering, Inc. DBA John D. Mercer & Associates, for the CDBG-DR (Hurricane Harvey) Grant to make street and drainage repairs.
Mayor Glen Smith motioned to approve an agreement with Sample Engineering , Inc. DBA John D. Mercer & Associates, for the CDBG-DR (Hurricane Harvey) Grant to make street and drainage repairs.
Councilmember Lewis seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
4. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:
Minutes of the February 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
Excuse the absence of Mayor Smith and Councilmember Dodd from the February 25, 2020 Council Meeting
Councilmember Lewis motioned to approve the consent agenda items
Councilmember Dodd seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council adjourned at 7:35 pm for Executive Session

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, (Open Meetings Law) the Council May go into Executive (closed) session in order to:
Consult with its attorney (551.071)
Discuss Real Estate transaction (551.072)
Deliberation regarding prospective gifts or donation (551.073)
Discuss personnel matters (551.074) -
Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)
Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087) – Discuss potential development on Airport property with Mike Ferdinand from MCEDC

Council reconvened in regular session at 8pm

ADJOURN

Councilmember Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm

Councilmember Dodd seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

Glen Smith, Mayor

Clissa Mills, City Secretary



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**CITY OF PALACIOS
 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
 MARCH 26, 2020**

VIDEO CONFERENCE OPEN SPECIAL MEETING 7PM

Notice is hereby given in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Palacios will conduct a Special Called Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, located in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 311 Henderson Avenue, Palacios, TX, by 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 <https://cityofpalacios.org>

The web site to participate in the video conference meeting hosted through Zoom is: <https://zoom.us/j/715350841> Meeting ID 715350841

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

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Glen Smith at 7 pm
INVOCATION – Councilmember Schulman
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Dodd
PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Dodd
PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Dodd

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM

Mayor Glen Smith read the following comments submitted by Patricia Loving:

Patricia Loving 201 E Texas Ave Public Comment: As PISD has moved elections to Nov. I recommend City also do this as we do joint elections. I also recommend extending the Mayor's Proclamation indefinitely instead of a shorter period of time - that way only need to do it once.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and consider extending the City of Palacios, Texas Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency declared by Mayor Glen Smith on March 19, 2020 for an additional seven (7) days until Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Councilmember McGovern motioned to amend and extend the City of Palacios, Texas Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency declared by Mayor Glen Smith on March 19, 2020 until Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Councilmember Lewis seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

2. Discuss and consider postponing the City of Palacios General Election scheduled to be held on May 2, 2020 to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date as authorized by the State.

Councilmember Dodd motioned to postpone the City of Palacios General Election scheduled to be held on May 2, 2020 to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date as authorized by the State

Councilmember McGovern seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION - There was no executive session

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Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)

Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087)

ADJOURN

Mayor Glen Smith adjourned the special meeting at 7:28 pm.

Glen Smith, Mayor

Clissa Mills, City Secretary