



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  
 April 14, 2020**

**VIDEO CONFERENCE OPEN REGULAR 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 Regular Council Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 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/749585843> Meeting ID 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING 7PM**

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 7pm to review performance and obtain comments regarding its 2017 Texas CDBG Program Community Development Contract (Downtown Revitalization Grant 7217172). There were no public comments. Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING 7:15 PM**

Mayor Smith opened a public hearing at 7:07pm to review performance and obtain comments regarding its 2018 Texas CDBG Program Community Development Contract (Community Enhancement Grant 7218078). There were no public comments. Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

**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** – There were none.

**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.

Councilmember Tran motioned to 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, May 12, 2020.

Councilmember Dodd seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

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.

Councilmember Lewis motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R-12

Councilmember Schulman seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

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.

Councilmember Tran motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-R-13 and appoint the City Secretary as the Fair Housing Coordinator

Councilmember Crocker seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

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.

Councilmember Dodd motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-R-7

Councilmember Crocker seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

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.

Councilmember Tran motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-R-15

Councilmember Schulman seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

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

Councilmember Dodd motioned to approve the consent agenda items

Councilmember Lewis seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - There was no 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)

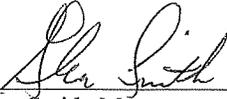
**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm

Councilmember Tran seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

  
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Glen Smith, Mayor

  
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Clissa Mills, City Secretary



**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.



  
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Glen Smith, Mayor  
City of Palacios, Texas