



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  
 July 28, 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, July 28, 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/81235069933>

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 Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
 INVOCATION – Councilmember Lewis  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Schulman  
 PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Schulman  
 PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Schulman

**VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM –**

1. Edith Gower gave a presentation to Council for the work of the new Racial Justice Group.
2. Patricia Loving requested that the '8 can't wait' or the NAACP policy demands be addressed in writing by the current Police Chief and in any future revised policies/procedures.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. City Manager's Report for June 2020

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

1. Discuss and consider extending the contract with Baker, Stogner, and Associates for one year for an Annual Financial Audit for the year ending September 30, 2020 for the City of Palacios.  
 Councilmember Tran motioned to extend the contract with Baker, Stogner and Associates for one year  
 Councilmember Lewis seconded  
 There was no opposition  
 With no opposition, the motion carried
2. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-24 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Fund and authorizing the Mayor and City

Manager to act as the City's authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program  
Councilmember Schulman motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-R-24

Councilmember Tran seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

3. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-25 determining the Historic Commercial District contains conditions which are detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community and constitutes a blighted area.

Mayor Smith motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-R-25

Councilmember Lewis seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

4. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-27 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2020 Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck Fund and authorizing the mayor to act as City's executive officer and signatory.

Councilmember Lewis motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-R-27

Councilmember Tran seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

5. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2020-R-28 authorizing professional service provider selection for CDBG-MIT programs through the Texas GLO.

Mayor Smith tabled Resolution 2020-R-28

6. Discuss and consider approving the updates to the agreement between Matagorda County and the City of Palacios for operation of the Emergency Operation Center as authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Tex. Gov't Code

Councilmember Dodd motioned to approve the update to the agreement between

Matagorda County and the City of Palacios for operation of the EOC

Mayor Smith seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

7. Discuss and consider accepting Mayor Smith's recommendation to appoint Cheryl Dodd and Vicki Jane Mosier to the Housing Authority Commission

Councilmember Tran motioned to accept Mayor Smith's recommendation to appoint

Cheryl Dodd and Vicki Jane Mosier to the Housing Authority Commission

Councilmember Schulman seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

8. Discuss and consider action to approve the City of Palacios Quarterly Investment Report as of June 30, 2020

Councilmember Schulman motioned to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as of June

30, 2020

Councilmember Dodd seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

9. Discuss and consider action to approve the City of Palacios Quarterly Financial Statement as of June 30, 2020

Councilmember Tran motioned to approve the Quarterly Financial Statement as of June 30,

2020

Councilmember Dodd seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

10. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:

Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular 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** - Council adjourned for executive session at 7:23 pm

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) -

1. City Manager's annual evaluation
2. Discuss and consider appointing a commissioner to the Seawall Commission to serve out the 6 year unexpired term ending on December 31, 2022.

Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)

Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087)

Council reconvened at 7:39 pm

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. City Manager's annual evaluation – City Council approved the City Manager's annual evaluation
2. Appointment of commissioner to the Seawall Commission to serve out the 6 year expired term ending on December 31, 2022.- City Council appointed Michael Murray to the Seawall Commission

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Dodd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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

