



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 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

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)

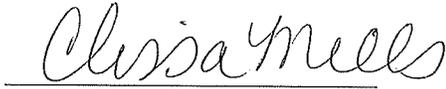
Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)

Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087)

**ADJOURN**

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

  
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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 6, 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 shall be extended beyond the original seven (7) days and shall remain in effect until April 14, 2020.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** That this extended declaration urges the citizens of Palacios follow the provisions of the Governor of Texas Executive Order declared on March 19, 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 or massage parlors 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 5.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 6. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 26th day of March, 2020.



  
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Glen Smith, Mayor  
City of Palacios, Texas