



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  
 May 12, 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, May 12, 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/85098176852>

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 7pm.  
 INVOCATION – Councilmember Crocker  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Schulman  
 PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Schulman  
 PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Schulman

**VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM** – Michael Dotson told Council that he is available to step in for Position 6 if they need him since Stephen McGovern moved out of town.

**PROCLAMATION** – Mayor Smith proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** – Mayor Glen Smith recognized Leonard Lamar for his service to Palacios as a former Mayor and to other organizations.

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

1. Discuss and consider accepting the Annual Financial Audit for the year ending September 30, 2019 for the City of Palacios.  
 Councilmember Dodd motioned to accept the Annual Financial Audit for the year ending September 30, 2019 for the City of Palacios  
 Councilmember Lewis seconded  
 There was no opposition  
 With no opposition, the motion carried
2. Discuss and consider action to accept the City of Palacios Budget Calendar Fiscal Year 2020-2021  
 Mayor Smith motioned to accept the City of Palacios Budget Calendar Fiscal Year 2020-2021  
 Councilmember Crocker seconded  
 There was no opposition  
 With no opposition, the motion carried


3. 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 Thursday, June 11, 2020.  
Councilmember Schulman motioned to extend the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency declared by Mayor Glen Smith on March 12, 2020 until Thursday, June 11, 2020 with an amendment to Section 4 to remove the items that are in bullets.  
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 April 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting  
Excuse the absence of Councilmember McGovern from the April 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting  
Mayor Smith motioned to approve the consent agenda items  
Councilmember Crocker 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 7:30 pm  
Councilmember Dodd seconded  
There was no opposition  
With no opposition, the motion carried



Glen Smith, Mayor



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 June 11, 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.

**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 12th day of May, 2020.**

  
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 Glen Smith, Mayor  
 City of Palacios, Texas