



## CITY OF GREGORY

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In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Gregory will conduct a Videoconference meeting 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).

The Meeting was held on October 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Gregory City Hall located at 206 W. Fourth St.

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**The public was permitted to offer public comments Videoconference as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Written questions or comments may be submitted to City Secretary [norma.garcia@gregorytx.com](mailto:norma.garcia@gregorytx.com) up to two hours before the meeting. There was none. A recording of the Videoconference meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Alderman Pablo Martinez

Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.

Alderman Christopher Flores

### **Executive Session**

Meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m. to enter into Executive Session

- a.) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney to seek legal advice in connection with the resignations of Celestino Zambrano and Kristina Zambrano related to requirements for special called election, constitutional hold over provisions and related matters.

**Executive Session** was closed at 6:33 p.m.

City Council reconvene in Regular Session at 6:36 p.m.

**Public Comments** – None

**Public Hearings** – None



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### Presentations

a.) **Ms. Michelle Cavazos Superintendent with Gregory-Portland ISD – Presentation of upcoming G-PISD Bond Election information and answer questions** - Ms. Cavazos gave members a power point presentation and explained the purpose of the bond election to be held November 3, 2020. She told them of how the proceeds were to be spent and used. Presented the impact on the taxpayers and how by 2023/2024 the M&O would fall down to .88534 and I & S would be .28000 bringing tax rate to \$1.16534 per 100 value to residents. Currently this bond would be funded 88% by industry and 12% by residents. Total Bond would be \$107,740,000 this would be divided for renovations and technology equipment. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes asked why it had changed from \$89,000,000 to \$107,000,000 and was told this was due to other added expansion of practice facility. Alderman Flores asked about the Ag farm and was told land was purchased for this purpose behind the High School.

b) **Presentation by Municipal Court Clerk Crystal Lopez as an update of progress within the Municipal Court System** – Ms. Lopez told members that Judge Delos Santos had been by to work Saturday and had done 153 judgements, made arrangements with Linebarger to assist in entering cases for collection and had scheduled their first Zoom meeting for October 16, 2020 at 10 a.m. She was already given standing orders.

**Comments – Mrs. Anita Vela 310 Ave D-** told member about her problem with drainage. When they build the sidewalks they were build higher that her property. This has created a problem with standing water in her property and will not drain. She said she has spoken with TXDOT, City, city inspectors and previous mayors. She was told that proper drainage pipes were never installed.

### Consent Agenda –

a. **Approval of minutes for September 21, 2020** – Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes requested to have this item moved as an action item because she was not able to hear the reports portion of the meeting.

b. **Approve Resolution 2020-10-03 a Resolution Regarding Civil Rights for Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant 20-0650114-C313 from the Texas General Land Office** - Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes to approve Resolution.

### Action Items

Minutes of September 21, 2020 - Alderman Martinez made correction under reports that he stated he had been approached by a gentleman about the splash pad but he did not get back with him. Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve minutes as corrected and seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.



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a.) **Letters of Resignation by Mayor Celestino A. Zambrano and Alderwoman Kristina Zambrano;** Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve resignations effective October 2, 2020 and was seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

b.) **Contract proposal with KCS Public Relations** – Ms. Kara Rivas told members this would be a Third year proposal. Service can be changed to not to exceed and cap it to a certain amount. She could create a one-year contract with no retainer fee and Alderman Martinez requested for her to give them a quote before a charge is incurred on hourly rate. Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve contract with KCS and seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 nay Alderman Lopez.

c.) **Resolution 2020-10-01:** A Resolution accepting a volunteer annexation petition from Solis Enterprises, Inc. – Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve Resolution 2020-10-01 to accept petition for annexation. Motion was seconded by Alderman Flores and motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 nay Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes.

d.) **Resolution 2020-10-02: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gregory and Solis Enterprises Ernest V. Solis and authorizing Mayor of the City of Gregory to enter into said Annexation Agreement with Solis Enterprises Inc., Ernest V. Solis for the City of Gregory** – Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to table any further discussion and was seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

**Old Business** – None

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Closed Session:** Closed Session; City Council will recess it open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session at 7:41 p.m.

a.) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – for consultation with the City Attorney and Special Counsel, to receive legal advice regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, to include the following matters:

1. Somerset Development Agreement;
2. Request for Zoning and SUP Permit related to Solis Annexation Petition
3. City Hall Complex Project and related contracts and agreements

**Closed Session Closed** at 9:06 p.m.

Regular session reconvened 9:06 p.m.



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### Reports

1. **City Staff** – City Secretary told members of project taking place, vector control, sewer main line being worked on by city crew etc... Chief Cano told them department has been busy, nothing major, had tracer training. Alderman Lopez asked patrolling along US 181 construction traffic, was told that port police are responsible for that.
2. **Volunteer Fire Dept.** – none
3. **Mayor and Council Members** – Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes told member 4B will be holding meeting October 13, 2020 and will be reporting back.

**Future Agenda Items** – Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes would like to find a way to recruit members for the boards and commissions.

There being no further discussion motion was made by Alderman Martinez at 9:16 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS

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Odilia Reyes, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary