

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON  
THURSDAY - MARCH 25, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.  
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Members of the public may attend the Workshop by registering in advance. Click here to register:**

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**WORKSHOP AGENDA**

1. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
  2. ROLL CALL
  3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
    - 3.A. Clarification Of Consent And Regular City Council Agenda Items - This Is An Opportunity For City Council To Ask Questions Of Staff On Consent And Regular Agenda Items (20 Minutes)
    - 3.B. Discussion Of Lessons Learned From Winter Storm 2021 (Brown - 30 Minutes)
    - 3.C. Discussion Of The Mardi Gras Contract (B. Maxwell - 15 Minutes)
    - 3.D. Discussion Of Refurbishing The Fourth Trolley (D. Smith - 15 Minutes)
    - 3.E. Discussion Of Easement Policies (Quiroga/Brown - 15 Minutes)
    - 3.F. City Updates (20 Minutes)
      1. 45th and 49th Street Projects (Quiroga/Brown)
      2. Coyote Control (Quiroga/Brown)
      3. Street Lighting (Quiroga/Brown)
      4. Police Coverage in District 6 (Robb/Quiroga)
    - 3.G. Discussion Of Golf Cart Issues On Seawall Boulevard (Quiroga/Robb - 15 Minutes)
      1. Permitting
      2. Safety issues
      3. Citations
      4. Locations drivable
    - 3.H. Discussion Of Proposed Policy Related To The Return To In Person Meetings And Associated Protocol Related To Public Attendance At City Council And City Committee Meetings (Brown – 15 Minutes)
- Documents:
- [COUNCIL GUIDANCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING THE PANDEMIC.PDF](#)
- 3.I. Report Of City Council's Park Board Representative (Collins/Brown - 10 Minutes)
  4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (30 Minutes)
    - 4.A. Pursuant To Texas Gov't Code 551.071- Consultation With Attorney, An Executive

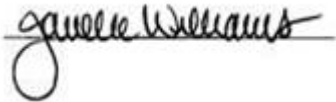
Session Will Be Conducted To Discuss And Receive Legal Advice Concerning Pending Litigation And/Or A Settlement Offer, Or On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under The Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Bar Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter, Related To The Following:

4.A.1. Texas Railway Exchange V. City Of Galveston, In County Court Of Galveston County (Condemnation Action)

4.B. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property" To Discuss The Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Real Property:

5. ADJOURNMENT

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on March 19, 2021 at 11:45 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janelle Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409-797-3510).

## **Council Guidance for the conduct of public meetings during the pandemic**

This Guidance document is being provided based on the public health situation, as we understand it today and takes effect immediately. Changes to the public health situation in the coming months will likely necessitate changes to this guidance.

City Council desires to reinstitute in-person meetings of Council, City Boards and City Committees. To that end, Council is establishing these interim guidelines. The guidance in this document is issued in accordance with Executive Order GA-34, which has the effect of state law under Section 418.012 of the Texas Government Code.

### **Public Health Considerations.**

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages, as City leaders it is our duty to do everything feasible to keep the citizens and staff safe. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps that can be taken to significantly reduce the risks to citizens, staff, elected officials, and their families.

Resumption of in-person public meetings will begin \*\*\*\*\*. Public notices will be posted at least 72 hours in advance of any public meeting in accordance with state law. While in person attendance will be permitted at public meetings going forward, certain requirements and limitations have been established.

All public meetings of council, or any city committee or board must be conducted in accordance with the attendance requirements detailed below:

### **Attendance**

Given the public health situation, council, staff and the public may continue to attend scheduled meetings in a virtual setting. However, city staff, elected officials, and members of the public must comply with the following requirements within City facilities:

- Upon entering a City facility elected officials, staff, and members of the public are required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms are listed at the end of this document. The self-screening will include a temperature check. Wrist scanners located at each entrance must be utilized for this test. Any individual triggering a temperature alarm will be excluded from entering the City facility
- Every individual shall wear a mask over the nose and mouth when inside a City facility, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this mask requirement does not apply to the following:
  - i) Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask;
  - ii) Any person while giving a speech or presentation of less than 15 minutes for a broadcast or to an audience while maintaining a minimum of 6 ft social distancing

- iii) Any person who has submitted to and has received a negative result via a rapid test upon entering a city facility for attendance at a public meeting.
- Excluding the exceptions noted above all attendees at a public meeting will be required to wear masks covering the nose and mouth for the duration of the meeting.
- Any attendee unable or unwilling to wear a mask can volunteer for a rapid Covid-19 test and once the result of the test is evident they will either be allowed to attend or will be excluded from the meeting.
- All in-person meetings will be limited to 1 hour. (CDC Guidance)
- Each posted agenda will identify (based on location) the number of seats available for the public to attend in-person.
- These seats will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis.

### **RESPOND: Practices to Respond to a Test-Confirmed Case in City Facilities**

#### *Required Actions if Individuals with Test-confirmed Cases Have Been in City Facilities*

1. Members of the public are strongly urged to contact the City to advise of any possible exposures to City workers or elected officials following a test-confirmed COVID-19 case.
2. Departments heads should notify their staff members and others that have potentially been exposed if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified within their respective area(s).

#### **Operational Considerations:**

##### *Health and Hygiene Practices: General*

1. Each City facility will be equipped with hand sanitizer at each entrance.
2. City staff, elected officials and members of the public should be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
  - It is recommended for all staff and visitors to wash hands for 20 seconds at least twice per day. All are encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
  - City staff, elected officials, and members of the public are strongly encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

### **Close Contact**

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. The definition of close contact is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- b. being within 6 feet for a total of approximately 15 minutes throughout the course of a day; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming test.