

City of George West, Texas

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M, IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 NUECES STREET, GEORGE WEST TEXAS, TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ANY LAWFUL SUBJECT WHICH MAY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING, ONLY AS IDENTIFIED IN THIS AGENDA.

BUDGET WORKSHOP/REGULAR SESSION MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

Council Chamber – City Hall

Zoom ID: 874 9158 7330

PW: 708388

REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Invocation
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas
- VI. Public Comments

Maximum 3 Minutes per Person.

Must **Complete** Form and Turn in to City Secretary Before Call to Order.

Council Cannot Discuss any Presented Items or Take any Action at this Time.

Time cannot be passed to other speakers.

- VII. Announcements and Correspondence

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the September City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.
2. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:

- a) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes 7-20-2021.**
- b) **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for July 2021.

BUSINESS:

3. **Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Deliberations about Real Property), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:**

- a) Discussion on the Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant.

4. **Consideration and Action to Reconvene**

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5. **Consideration and Action** to retain Jackson Walker L.L.P. for legal services regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

6. **Discussion on Animal Control and appropriate Chain of Command.**

7. **Discussion on 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Workshop.**

In conjunction with the Open Meetings Act, there will be No Citizen Participation during the Workshop.

8. **Consideration and Action** to set the 2021 proposed Property Tax Rate.

9. **Consideration and Action** to set the date and times for Public Hearings on Proposed FY 2021-2022 Tax Rate.

10. **Consideration and Action** to set dates and times for FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Public Hearings.

11. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of one 84" wide Hydraulic Angle Broom Attachment for Public Works from Spartan Equipment in the amount of \$6,000.00.

12. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of one 72" wide Skid Steer Mower Attachment for Public Works from Spartan Equipment in the amount of \$8,500.00.

13. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-001, November 2, 2021; a

proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for November 2, 2021 from George West Charter, ARTICLE VI. CITY MANAGER, Section 6.01 Appointment and qualifications; amending the residential requirements for the City Manager by allowing residence within a 60 mile radius of George West; correcting all pronouns to identify as gender neutral; shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the council; and lastly, not prohibiting a member of the council to serve as the City Manager only after a one year waiting period; as further described in **Exhibit GWCC-21-001**.

14. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-002, November 2, 2021; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for November 2, 2021 from George West Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, Section 3.10. (c); amending the residential requirements for the Chief of Police, by allowing residence within a 70 mile radius of George West; as further described in **Exhibit GWCC-21-002**.
15. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-003, November 2, 2021; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for November 2, 2021 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE IX. FINANCE ADMINISTRATION, Section 9.04. Contracts for city expenditures; amending the expenditure amounts for the City Manager and Department Heads, by allowing the City Manager to have the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the city council, for all expenditures not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and the Department Heads the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the city council, for all expenditures not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); and grammatical corrections; as further described in **Exhibit GWCC-21-003**.
16. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-004, November 2, 2021; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for November 2, 2021 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, Section 3.03. Compensation; amending compensation for the Mayor and Council Members by increasing compensation for the Mayor to \$50.00 per meeting; increasing compensation for Council Members to \$40.00 per meeting; allowing compensation for reasonable contracted or professional services, by the Mayor and / or Council Members, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, subject to the approval of the council; as further described in **Exhibit GWCC-21-004**.
17. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-005, November 2, 2021; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for November 2, 2021 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, by adding Section 3.10: Mayor or City Council Members may become an employee of the City immediately following their voluntary discharge as a City Council Member for the City of George West; as further described in **Exhibit GWCC-21-005**.

18. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-006, November 2, 2021; a proposed charter amendment to be placed on the City Election Ballot for November 2, 2021 from George West City Charter, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, MUNICIPAL COURT Section 3.10; amending that the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem may serve as the Municipal Judge without the requirement of appointing a successor; as further described in **Exhibit GWCC-21-006**.
19. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-007, November 2, 2021; to Legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages; to be placed on the City Election Ballot for November 2, 2021.
20. **Consideration and Action** to approve Proposition 2021-008, November 2, 2021; to explore the sale of the Natural Gas Distributing System owned by the City of George West, Texas.
21. **Consideration and Action** on Issuing Order of Election for City Election to be held on November 2, 2021.

Consideration y acción sobre la Emisión de la Orden de la Elección para convocar la elección de la ciudad el 2 de noviembre de 2021.

BRIEFINGS:

22. Interim City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for July 2021.
- b) City and Project Updates

23. Questions or Briefings at the City Council's Request:

- a) Code Enforcement
- b) Municipal Court Report
- c) Public Works
- d) Police Chief Report
- e) Animal Control

24. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The City Council for the City of George West reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact D'Ann Lane, City Secretary, at (361) 449-1556 so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 406 Nueces Street.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board, at the City of George West City Hall, Texas, in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: August 13, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D'Ann Lane", written over a horizontal line.

D'Ann Lane
City Secretary

Exhibit GWCC-21-001

Proposition 2021-001, November 2, 2021

GEORGE WEST CHARTER, ARTICLE VI. CITY MANAGER, Section 6.01 Appointment and Qualifications: The city council shall appoint and affix compensation of a city manager who shall be the chief administrative and executive officer of the city and shall be responsible to the council for the efficient administration of all affairs of the city. The proposition shall be advertised in appropriate publications prior to selecting the applicant. *The City Manager shall be chosen from applications submitted to the council on the basis of their executive and administrative training, experience and ability and when appointed need not be a resident of the City of George West within four (4) months from the date of their appointment, or the appointment shall be deemed forfeited. The City Manager shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the council. No member of the council shall, during the time for which he is elected or one year thereafter, be chosen as city manager.*

Exhibit GWCC-21-002

Proposition 2021-002, November 2, 2021

GEORGE WEST CHARTER, ARTICLE VIII. THE CITY COUNCIL, Section 3.10. (c): *The Chief of Police shall establish residence within a 60 mile radius of the City of George West.*

The Chief of police shall be appointed be and hold office at the pleasure of the council. The chief of police will appoint his subordinate officers and have direct supervision over these officers and shall establish residence *within a 60 mile radius* of the City of George West.

Exhibit GWCC-21-003

Proposition 2021-003, November 2, 2021

GEORGE WEST CHARTER, ARTICLE IX. FINANCE ADMINISTRATION, Section 9.04. Contracts for city expenditures: *The City Manager shall have the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the city council, for all expenditures not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and the Department Heads shall have the authority to make expenditures, without the approval of the city council, for all expenditures not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).*

(a) The city manager shall have the authority to make expenditures without the approval of the city council for all budget items not exceeding an amount must be expressly approved by city council. (b) (1) Any expenditure costing more than an amount set by ordinance shall be competitively bid, except where such improvement is authorized by the council to be executed directly by a city department in conformity with detailed plans, specifications and estimates. (2) Any such competitively bid contract and leases for more than an amount set by ordinance shall be awarded to the lowest or most responsible bidder, bidding in conformity with detailed plans and specifications approved by the city council after such public notice and competition as may be prescribed. City council shall have the power to reject any and all bids. (d) [(c)] Alterations in any contract not to exceed five percent of the total contract may be made when authorized by the council. (Ord. No. 507, § VII, 2-17-1992) Editor's note- By affirmative vote of the city electors on Proposition No. 15 at referendum held on May 9, 2009, the word "improvements" in the catch line of this section 9.04 was replaced with the word "expenditures." In addition by affirmative vote on Propositions 16,17,18 and 19, the contents of the section were deleted and replaced with the language shown. The prior section read: "Any city improvement costing more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be executed directly by a city department in conformity with detailed plans, specifications and estimates. The city manager shall have authority to make expenditures without the approval of the city council for all budgeted items not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Any expenditure involving more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) must be expressly approved by the city council. All such contracts for more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be awarded to the lowest or most responsible bidder bidding in conformity with detailed plans and specifications approved by the city council after such public notice and competition as may be prescribed, provided the city council shall have the power to reject any or all bids. Except in case of an emergency, alterations in any contract not to exceed twenty-five (25) per centum of the total contract may be made when authorized by the council."

Exhibit GWCC-21-004

Proposition 2021-004, November 2, 2021

GEORGE WEST CHARTER, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, Section 3.03.

Compensation: As compensation for their services, the Mayor of the City of George West shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting, each other Council Member shall receive (\$40.00) per meeting, except in the case of the Mayor Pro Tempore serving in the place of the Mayor, in which case he or she will receive the mayoral compensation. Council Members shall be compensated for reasonable travel expenses required on official city business, subject to approval of the Council. Furthermore, the Mayor and /or Council Members can receive compensation for reasonable contracted or professional services, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) per year, subject to the approval of the council, on a case by case basis.

As compensation for their services, the mayor of the City of George West shall receive \$50.00 per meeting, each other council member shall receive \$40.00 per meeting, except in the case of the mayor pro tempore serving in the place of the mayor, in which case he or she will receive the mayoral compensation. Councilmembers shall be compensated for reasonable travel expenses required on official city business and reasonable contract professional services needed subject to the approval of the council.

Exhibit GWCC-21-005

Proposition 2021-005, November 2, 2021

GEORGE WEST CHARTER, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, Section 3.10. *The Mayor or City Council Members may become an employee of the City immediately following their voluntary discharge as a City Council Member for the City of George West.*

Exhibit GWCC-21-006

Proposition 2021-006, November 2, 2021

GEORGE WEST CHARTER, ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL, MUNICIPAL COURT
Section 3.10; *The Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem may serve as the Municipal Judge without the requirement of appointing a successor.*

(b) The judge of said court shall be appointed by the city council, be a-qualified voter, shall establish residence within a 30-mile radius of the City of George West, hold his office at the pleasure of the city council and shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the city council. When said judge is absent disabled or unable to perform his duties for whatever cause or his office becomes vacant by reason of death, removal or resignation, the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore shall be the judge of said court, or the City Council may appoint special judge of said court who shall serve until the judge of said court returns of his duties, or a successor is appointed and qualifies.