



**AGENDA
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020
5:45 PM**

The meeting will be held via videoconference using WEBEX.

If you wish to view-only, the meeting will be streamed "live" on our web-site at the normal location: <https://www.cowtx.org/1403/Agendas-and-Minutes>

If you wish to comment during the meeting, you may do so by registering using the form located at: <https://www.cowtx.org/comments>. You will have the option to join the virtual meeting and comment "live" at the appropriate time using a computer, Android device, iOS device and/or a phone. Or, you can provide your comments at the time of registration and they will be read into the record for you.

Notice is hereby given that a **Special City Council Meeting** of the City of Watauga, Texas will be held by Teleconference at which time the following subjects will be discussed and may be acted upon.

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Meeting Registration

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Select an upcoming meeting to register for:



[Special City Council Meeting](#)
[April 20, 2020 @ 5:45 p.m.](#)

OR



[Watauga Economic Development Corporation Meeting](#)
[April 21, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.](#)

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Special City Council - April 20, 2020 Comment Registration

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Citizens may also provide their comments in writing. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE MEETING. All written comments must comply with applicable decorum rules for comments made during a public meeting of the Watauga City Council to be read into the record. Up to three minutes shall be allotted for each written comment to be read into the record of the meeting. All timely comments will be read into the record of the meeting at the appropriate time during the meeting.

While reasonable efforts will be taken to gather comments received within the hour prior to the meeting or received during the meeting, all such comments are considered untimely and may not be recognized and read during the meeting.

First Name*

Last Name*

“Live” meeting space is limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis. If you select the “live” meeting option, the WEBEX meeting details will be emailed to you at the e-mail address you provide during registration. You will be responsible for ensuring that you are available in the WEBEX meeting at the time public testimony is requested and that you have a microphone or have called in via telephone so that your comments can be heard.

A copy of the agenda packet for this meeting may be obtained here: <https://www.cowtx.org/1403/Agendas-and-Minutes>. A recording of this meeting will be made available on-line at the city's website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC TESTIMONY Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend all public meetings of the Watauga City Council that are not closed to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. It is the desire of the City Council that citizens actively participate in the City's governance system and processes. Public input to the City Council is encouraged during the Public Testimony, Public Hearings, or Action Item sections of a meeting agenda. As authorized by the Executive Orders issued by the Texas Governor; the City is making special provisions to allow the public to comment at this meeting. ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO MAKE A COMMENT, AT THIS MEETING, WHETHER IT PERTAINS TO ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA, IT IS INTENDED TO BE MADE DURING ANY PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED AT THIS MEETING, OR OTHERWISE, MUST EITHER SEND THEIR COMMENT IN WRITING TO "comments@cowtx.org" NO LATER THAN one (1) hour prior to the meeting or ATTEND THE MEETING USING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE AND SPEAK WHEN CALLED UPON. All written comments must comply with applicable

decorum rules for comments made during a public meeting of the Watauga City Council to be read into the record. Up to three minutes shall be allotted for each written or oral comment to be read/spoken into the record of the meeting. All timely written comments will be read into the record of the meeting at the appropriate time during the meeting.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider the adoption of an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, temporarily suspending enforcement of utility late fees on past due amounts and disconnect actions under Sections 42-85, 42-88, and 12-42(e)-(f), Watauga Code of Ordinances; providing for severability; providing an effective date
Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance
Andrea Gardner, City Manager
2. Discuss and consider action on the Mayoral nominations for Council Liaisons appointments to the City Boards and Commissions
Council Member Mark Taylor
Mayor Arthur L. Miner
3. Discuss and provide direction to the Emergency Management Team regarding the closure of the parking lots to vehicular traffic at the various City parks
Mayor Arthur L. Miner
Andrea Gardner, City Manager
4. An Ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, approving an amendment to the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; approving supplemental appropriations; providing for repeal; providing for severability and providing an effective date.
Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

REPORTS

1. Provide an update on the Attorney General Ruling related to Section 11.35, Tax Code, providing a property tax exemption for certain property during a declared disaster {(Tax Code 11.35(g))
George Hyde, Legal
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Notices and Reservation of Rights

The City Council may retire to executive session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of

the Texas Government Code if the requisite information is otherwise posted; deliberation regarding real property pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pursuant to Chapter 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; and/or deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices pursuant to Chapter 551.076 of the Texas Government Code (as applicable) when determined necessary by the to address a subject matter on the agenda. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of other governmental bodies, and/or city council, boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the body, board, commission and/or committee. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a possible meeting of the other body, board, commission and/or committee, whose members may be in attendance, if such numbers constitute a quorum. The members of the city council, boards, commissions and/or committees may be permitted to participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that city council, body, board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT (817) 514-5825, OR FAX (817) 514-3625.

I, Andrea Gardner, City Secretary for the City of Watauga, hereby certify that this agenda was posted on the bulletin boards at City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas, on Friday, April 17, 2020 before 5:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Andrea Gardner

Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

