



**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021  
7:00 PM  
CITY HALL  
13503 ALEXANDER ROAD  
BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS 75181**

**AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council and Planning Zoning Commission of the City of Balch Springs, Texas will hold a SPECIAL JOINT MEETING at the above-named date, time and location for the purpose of discussion, consideration and action on all items listed below.

**Members of the public may attend in-person or listen by joining at:**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82318993850?pwd=ZGJ6Rjlsb1MyVXJza2lsOEVKSmMyQT09>

**Meeting ID: 823 1899 3850**

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**Call meeting to order.**

**Identification of a quorum of both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES**

This portion of the agenda is the public's opportunity to address the Council about a matter listed on the meeting agenda, except public hearings included on the agenda. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to six (6) minutes, in accordance with applicable law.

Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. Items suggested for action may be placed on a future agenda, at the Council's sole discretion.

Under Sec. 22.01 of the Texas Penal Code, it is a felony of the third degree for a person to intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cause bodily injury to a public servant who is lawfully discharging an official duty, or to do so in retaliation or on account of an exercise of official power or performance of an official duty as public servant.

Further, attendees shall not use profanity, make negative/offensive gestures, or act in a hostile, harassing, or threatening manner. The Mayor or her designee has the authority to instruct any person conducting themselves in such manner to leave the meeting. Failure to promptly comply may result in law enforcement escorting the person from the property. (Texas Penal Code 42.05 Disrupting Meeting or Procession. (a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, the person obstructs or interferes with the meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance; (b) an offense under this section is a Class B Misdemeanor).

1. **Discussion with City Attorney covering the following topics:**
  - a. **Zoning 101; Roberts Rules of Order - How to Conduct a Meeting; Role of Board Liaison.**

### **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2. **In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will recess in Executive Session to discuss the following, pursuant to:**

**Section 551.071(2): Consultation with Attorney 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 re: zoning text amendments regulating coin operated amusement devices; legality of gaming machines under Texas law.**

### **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

3. **Take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.**
4. **Adjourn both Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.**

I Cindy Gross, City Secretary, of the City of Balch Springs do hereby certify that the above notice of Special Joint Meeting of the Balch Springs City Council was posted on the City's website and at the City Hall, 13503 Alexander Rd., Balch Springs, Texas on the 10th day of September, 2021 at 2:30 PM.

**Cindy Gross  
City Secretary**

This building is wheelchair accessible. Any requests for interpretive signing Services must be named 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. To make arrangements please call 972-557-6066 and ask for Cindy Gross, City Secretary.

\*NOTE: The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including §551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the City); §551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property); §551.074 (personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); §551.076 (deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices); and §551.087 (economic development negotiations). Any decision held on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.