

THE CITY OF
BALCH SPRINGS
GROWING COMMUNITY

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL CALLED AND WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS
JANUARY 26, 2021
6:00 PM
CITY HALL
13503 ALEXANDER ROAD
BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS 75181**

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING: In accordance with Governor Abbott's executive orders temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act that require a quorum of the City Council and the public to gather at a single location, in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while preserving government transparency and maintaining government operations, the Special Called and Workshop Meeting of the City Council scheduled on January 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM will be conducted by videoconference.

There will be no public access to the location specified above. Less than a quorum of council members will be physically present at the location, however, a quorum will participate in the teleconference meeting.

Members of the public may participate by joining at:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86366207429?pwd=Qmp1M25YRnJmNmxDmFA5Zk83T25MZz09>

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Call to order.

Identification of quorum.

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.

To continue to allow the public the ability to address the City Council on matters listed on the agenda during the temporary suspension of in-person meetings, the following alternate method should be used to submit public comments to the Council:

Email comment(s) regarding any item on the agenda to the **City Secretary at cgross@cityofbalchsprings.com by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 26, 2021**. Prior to the meeting, the emails received by the time indicated will be provided to the council members. Please make sure to include your name, address, phone number, and comment in the body of the email.

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).

SPECIAL MEETING:

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will recess in Executive session to discuss the following:

Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074; Consultation with the attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or 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 the Texas Open Meetings Act; and deliberation regarding the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, re: (i) City Manager, City Secretary, Police Chief and Appointment of Interim Fire Chief.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

2. Take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

WORKSHOP MEETING:

3. **Executive Level Staff:**
 - A. **Executive Level Staff Performance Objectives**
 - B. **Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

4. **City Council Work Session:**
 - A. **2021 City Council Performance Indicators**
 - B. **City Council Retreat**
 - C. **Water Utilities Process**

5. **Adjourn.**

I, Cindy Gross, City Secretary of the City of Balch Springs, Texas, do hereby certify that the above notice of the Special Called Meeting and Workshop of the Balch Springs City Council was posted on the City's website and City Hall, 13503 Alexander Road, Balch Springs, Texas, on the 22nd day of January, 2021, at 3:00 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 972-286-447744 ext. 210 and ask for Cindy Gross, City Secretary.