



Participating in a Virtual City Council Meeting

The City of Temple continues to take proactive and preventive measures in alignment with recommendations from the CDC and local health officials to minimize transmission risks of COVID-19.

The City of Temple has made the decision to hold the April 16, 2020 City Council meeting via teleconference to allow members of the public to participate from the safety of their home, in alignment with Bell County's Stay Home Stay Safe directive.

Ways to Participate in Thursday's Virtual City Council Workshop and City Council Meeting

1. Via Meeting Site- *Recommended for full participation*

It is recommended that members of the public wishing to virtually attend Thursday's City Council meeting use the below links to access video and audio of the meeting.

- Residents can participate from a computer or tablet with a modern browser and an internet connection or can download the free GoToWebinar app on their smartphone.
- Residents participating in this manner will be able to fully participate in the meeting with access to audio, video, presentations, and can speak during public hearings.
- Audio can be accessed via computer (if the computer is equipped with a microphone) or by phone. Residents logging in to the meeting site will be given audio instructions, including an access code if using phone audio, once they have joined the meeting.
- It is recommended that residents log in between 5-15 minutes before the meeting start time.
- Residents are encouraged to use the GoToWebinar system check prior to the meeting to ensure their system meets the requirements to successfully participate in the meeting.
<https://joincheck.gotowebinar.com/>
- **Website for City Council Workshop (beginning at 4:00 pm):**
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/400758100918042381>
- **Website for City Council Meeting (beginning at 5:00 pm):**
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4181058297603815179>

2. Via Telephone

For residents who cannot or do not wish to participate through the meeting site, the following phone dial-in information is available. Residents wishing to participate in the meeting via telephone may call in using one of the below phone numbers. When prompted, they should enter the below conference id.

Residents participating in this manner will only have access to audio of the meeting and will not be able to view video or presentations.

Residents wishing to participate in the public hearing portion of the City Council Meeting must provide a working phone number ahead of the scheduled meeting as described below under ‘Participating in Thursday’s Virtual Public Hearings.’

- **Phone Dial-Ins for City Council Workshop:**

- + 1 (951) 384-3421
- Toll-free: +1 (877) 309-2071
- Conference ID: **334-135-016**

- **Phone Dial-Ins for City Council Meeting:**

- +1 (213) 929-4231
- Toll-free: +1 (866) 901-6455
- Conference ID: **467-124-440**

Participating in Thursday’s Virtual Public Hearings

- During a public hearing, residents who wish to speak and are participating in the meeting via the GoToWebinar meeting site or app can use the “raise your hand” feature in the meeting site.
- Residents who are participating via telephone only must send an email to publichearing@templetx.gov or call 254-298-5600 and provide their name, a phone number where they can be reached during the public hearing portion of the meeting, and which item number they wish to speak on. Request to speak may be submitted beginning on Wednesday, April 15 but should be submitted no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting on Thursday to ensure all requests to speak are received in time for the public hearings.

- Speakers participating via the meeting site/app will be called upon individually to speak during the public hearing.
- Speakers participating via telephone, and who have signed up to speak in advance, will be called at the phone number they provided.
- Speakers should state their name and address for the record before providing their comments.
- Requests to speak during a public hearing must be limited to the topic of the public hearing. The items scheduled on the April 16, 2020 regular agenda for public hearing are:
 4. Consider adopting an ordinance authorizing the voluntary annexation of 23.476 +/- acres of land, beginning approximately 183 feet west of the intersection of State Highway 95 and Barnhardt Road and continuing in a southerly direction for approximately 1,352 feet, said tract of land being situated in the Maximo Moreno Survey, Abstract No. 14, Bell County, Texas.
 5. Consider adopting a resolution amending the Community Development Block Grant 2015-19 Consolidated Plan and the 2019-20 Annual Action Plan by reallocating funds from a planned infrastructure project to a Historic Preservation Project in East Temple.

A note on general public comments during the meeting: During this time of required social distancing, Governor Abbott has lifted the requirement to have a public comment portion during each public meeting. Therefore, the City of Temple is temporarily discontinuing the public comment portion of posted agendas until normalcy is restored and the public is able to attend the meetings held for City Council or any other boards and commissions. Thank you for your understanding in the matter as we are ensuring the safety of our City's residents and Staff.