

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**August 8, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas 78606**

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.**

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Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the governing body of the City of Blanco will be held on August 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas 78606.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

1. Roll Call/Establish a quorum:  
Mayor Mike Arnold (Present/Absent)  
Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Thrailkill (Present/Absent)  
Council Member Keith J. McClellan (Present/Absent)  
Council Member Ryan Moses (Present/Absent)  
Council Member Mike Smith (Present/Absent)  
Council Member Laura Swinson (Present/Absent)

**INVOCATION (Pastor Phil Thompson) & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. Announcements (No Action May Be Taken)
3. Public Comments: The City Council welcomes public comments at this point. Speakers must sign up before the meeting begins and indicate the subject the speaker wishes to address. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each, which cannot be donated from one speaker to another. The Council cannot respond to matters not listed on the agenda until a future meeting.

**Proclamations:**

1. Constitution Week Proclamation.
2. Founder's Day Proclamation.

**Staff Presentations:**

3. City Hall (Warren Escovy)
4. Police Department, (Chief Rubin) July Monthly Report

**Consent Agenda:** *The following items may be acted upon in one motion.* No separate discussion or action is necessary unless requested by the Mayor or a Councilmember, in which those items will be pulled for separate consideration.

1. Approval of Minutes from the July 11, 2023, Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop.
2. Approval of Minutes from the July 19, 2023, Special Meeting.

**Old Business: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on the following:**

1. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action Regarding US Highway 281, Inclusive of Possible Relief Route(s), and Related Committees (Council Member Mike Smith).
2. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Formation and Composition of Committee for Financial Transparency and Security, including Approval of Nominees Submitted to Date, and Setting Related Timelines.

**New Business: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on the following:**

1. Consideration, discussion, and Take Possible Action on Review of Costs to Provide Public Information Requests.
2. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action to Adopt/Reaffirm Resolution 2023-R-011 Civil Rights Policies and Procedures, to include the HUD Section 3 Presentation, for the TxCDBG City of Blanco Contract CDV21-0456 (JD Merritt, Langford).
3. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Hiring City Planner (Council Member Swinson).
4. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on US 281 Overlay Backbone Code (Council Member Swinson).
5. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Repeal of the Ordinance Allowing Two Members of Council to Request an Agenda Item (Council Member Moses).
6. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Approval of Dirt Works to Replace the Force Main From the Water Plant, and Upgrade to a 4" Pipe (Warren Escovy, City Administrator).
7. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on City Water Agreements with Texas Water Company (Warren Escovy, City Administrator).
8. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Proposed Tax Rate Needed to Support the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.
9. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Amendment to Ordinance 2022-O-005 Short Term Rentals.

**Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code:** in accordance with the authority contained in the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074.

1. Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; Confer with City Attorney regarding Vapor Genius dba The Hill Country Vape & Smoke Appeal of Administrative Denial of Exterior Signage Plan.
2. Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; Consultation with City Attorney regarding Economic Development Project.
3. Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; Confer with City Attorney regarding City Water Agreements with Texas Water Company

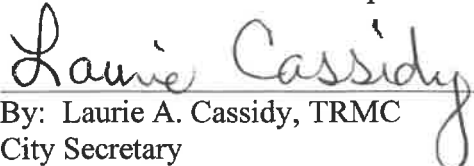
4. Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; Confer with City Attorney regarding US Highway 281, Inclusive of Possible Relief Route(s), and Related Committees.
5. Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; Confer with City Attorney regarding Amendment to Ordinance 2022-O-005 Short Term Rentals.
6. Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney), 551.072 (Real Estate) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; Confer with City Attorney regarding Pharr Paradise Utility Easement Agreement.
7. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Confer with City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with the Water Treatment Plant Project; Bids, Contract. Award, and Notice to Proceed.
8. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Confer with City Attorney regarding Pending Legal Matters.

**Take any action as a result of the Executive Session.**

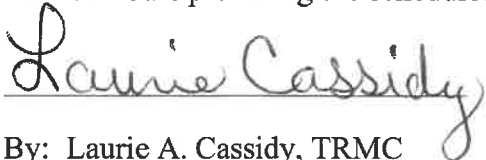
**Adjournment**

*This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City of Blanco, Texas' 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 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.*

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items set out in this agenda. The City Council for the City of Blanco has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any matter authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with Attorney), Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Real Estate), and Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters). The City Council for the City of Blanco may discuss, consider and/or act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.

  
By: Laurie A. Cassidy, TRMC  
City Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Blanco is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice in the window in the City Hall of said City of Blanco, Texas at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 before 5:00 pm and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting.



By: Laurie A. Cassidy, TRMC  
City Secretary