

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

**January 9, 2024**

**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 January 9, 2024, 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 Carlos Cloyd) and 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.

**Staff Presentations:**

1. City Hall (Warren Escovy, City Administrator)
2. Police Department, (Chief Scott Rubin)

**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 December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.
2. Approval of Resolution 2024-R-0XX Criminal Justice Division Grant Application For Body-Worn Camera Grant (25% City Match) (Police Department).
3. Approval of Resolution 2024-R-0XX Criminal Justice Division Grant Application For Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant (No Match Requirement) (Police Department).

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

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Recommendation to TXDOT Regarding Possible Relief Route on Hwy 281 (Council Member Swinson).
2. Consideration and Discussion (No Action) to Amend Contract between the City of Blanco and Inframark to add seventh employee dedicated to street repair and maintenance of the ROW and Discussion of Asphalt Zipper (Warren Escovy, City Administrator).
3. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on an Update to the City's Grants Affecting the 2023 Fiscal Year (Warren Escovy, City Administrator).
4. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Resolution 2024-R-0\_\_ Authorizing City of Blanco Participation and Support of the "Blanco Bike Project" (Council Member Swinson).
5. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Approval of Resolution 2024-R-001 Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation-Resilient Communities Program Project Application to the General Land Office (Warren Escovy, City Administrator).
6. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Approval of Resolution 2024-R-0\_\_ Creation of Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) Task Force (Warren Escovy).
7. Consideration and Discussion (No Action) on Possible Amendments to UDC Sections 1.13 and 5.7, Reducing the Maximum Block Size to 275 Feet and Applying the Same to all Zoning Types, subject only to Council-approved Exceptions (Council Member Swinson).

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

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Extension of City Services or Disannexation of 4.99 Acre Property at 1917 N. US Hwy 281 located in the H. Eggleston Survey No. 24, Abstract No. 0001, Blanco County, Texas.

**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 City Water Agreements with Texas Water Company
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Approval of Extension of City Services or Disannexation of 4.99 Acre Property at 1917 N. US Hwy 281 located in the H. Eggleston Survey No. 24, Abstract No. 0001, Blanco County, Texas.

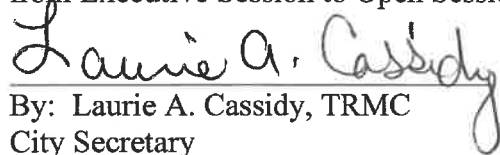
5. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Confer with City Attorney regarding TXDOT Study of Possible Relief Route on Hwy 281 and related City Transportation Planning.
6. Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Administrator.
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 Pending Legal Matters.

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

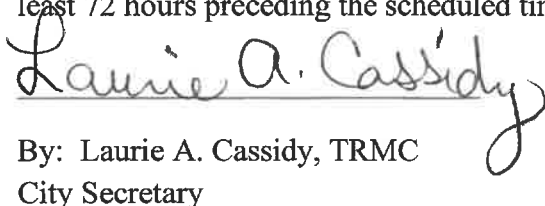
**Adjournment**

*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 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 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