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POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

# BLANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY STATISTICS 2023



January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
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Crime Statistics												YTD 2023	YTD 2022		
<b>Major Crimes</b>															
Assaults	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0				2	11	11
Sexual Offenses	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	0				0	8	4
Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0				0	4	0
<b>Burglaries</b>															
Residence	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	1
Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0				0	3	1
Business	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1	4	2
Theft	0	0	1	3	5	3	6	4	5				2	29	30
Criminal Mischief	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	1				0	11	21
Alcohol Violations	2	4	5	3	6	5	3	1	1				5	35	39
Narcotics Violations	6	3	2	7	7	1	7	3	7				6	49	51
<b>Arrests</b>															
Individuals	6	9	10	11	12	6	13	5	4				8	84	78
Adult	5	6	10	11	12	6	11	5	4				8	78	70
Juvenile	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0				0	6	8
Offenses	7	11	12	13	13	7	19	6	4				11	103	102
Felony	3	4	1	0	6	2	12	5	3				3	39	37
Misdemeanor	4	7	11	13	7	5	7	1	1				8	64	65
Emergency Detention							4	0	1				1	6	
Filed by CID	3	6	8	0	7	1	2	7	10				2	46	43
<b>Calls for Service</b>															
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	306	300	293	301	310	278	300	245	334				226	2893	3124
Assist EMS	9	7	4	7	4	7	8	8	2				2	58	132
Assist Fire	2	4	2	2	0	0	1	3	1				0	15	68
Assist Other Agency	12	12	10	23	15	17	23	21	13				20	166	262
Assist Public	4	14	13	5	18	12	14	16	20				10	126	96
Accidents	7	7	8	5	13	11	10	5	8				4	78	99
Disturbances	7	10	11	4	5	3	5	1	2				4	52	61
Suspicious Activity	32	22	27	30	29	34	23	15	19				29	260	230
Alarms	3	7	8	8	8	12	8	2	5				10	71	83
Animal Calls	7	5	3	1	6	4	4	7	5				3	45	76
City Ordinance Viol.	1	1	0	1	2	1	5	2	0				0	13	23
<b>Traffic Enforcement</b>															
Citations	64	60	109	117	135	119	158	95	128				93	1078	581
Warnings	194	155	145	221	240	210	146	214	187				144	1856	1439
Speeding	35	41	52	57	70	76	85	63	69				35	583	269
D.L. Violations	17	9	15	14	22	15	21	9	16				15	153	100
Registration	8	11	18	22	18	18	14	7	14				21	151	95
Insurance	6	5	7	6	8	5	13	6	11				8	75	51
Stop Sign/Light	0	1	4	3	1	4	4	2	8				2	29	25
Equipment	1	1	3	2	0	1	4	0	1				0	13	13
Other	9	3	16	13	16	0	17	8	9				12	103	75
<b>Other</b>															
Time Out of City	22	28	27	31	37	29	38	21	17				32	282	345
Record Requests	10	14	13	11	17	15	12	14	10				27	143	182
Golf Cart Permits	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0				0	2	2
Home Watches	150	131	118	152	63	95	110	70	157				63	1109	1107

**CONSENT**

**ITEM #1**

**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2023**

A regular meeting and public hearing of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on December 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Arnold, followed by roll call announcing a quorum was present. The Invocation was led by Council Member McClelland and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Arnold. Council members present: Mayor Arnold, Mayor Pro-Tem Thrailkill and Council Members Smith, Swinson, McClellan, and Moses.

City staff present: Warren Escovy, Laurie Cassidy, and Police Chief Scott Rubin.

Mayor Arnold made the following announcements:

- There is currently no burn ban in effect.
- The City is currently at Stage 3 water restrictions, pray for more rain.
- Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary has received the award of Hill Country Chapter, Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMCA) 2023 Clerk of the Year.
- Mayor Arnold also presented Laurie with a certificate of appreciation (and gifts) as gratitude for her dedicated service and betterment of the Blanco community.

**Public Comments:**

- Brian Faris, Blanco County resident spoke out against the Blanco relief route bypass. He had many questions, and he believes the city is putting the “cart before the horse”.
- Jay Palmer, Blanco resident at 1072 RR 165, spoke out regarding the Blanco relief route bypass. He said he has had the pleasure to work with five administrations, spoke against the bypass, worried it will run through his property, a lot of miss information being spread around. Is the city required to put up 10% of the cost of the route? No, TxDOT did away with this requirement. He is worried the narrative being promoted is the route through his property is the best route because it is the shortest, least costly route. He doesn't believe this to be true. Sunset Ridge residents are concerned about the direction of the relief route. Who will be making the final decision, he has heard TxDOT requires a Resolution issued by the city on where they would like to see the bypass go. Would like to know how this will be handled.

**Public Hearing Opened at 6:11 pm:**

1. Approval of Variance for Building Setback at 919 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Cage & Boone SB0005, NW Blk 9, 0.268 acres, Blanco, Texas 78606, (Property Owner: Michael & Patricia Pettit).
  - No comments

**The Public Hearing closed at 6:-11 pm.**

Bobby “Mack” McClung gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Master Plan Project. Zoning created? good and useful survey created. Good information, but long overdue for update/revision. Announcement, founded 150 years ago, 1938 incorporated. Important thing consensus, he will be collaborator, gather interested parties to work together, including state park and bring them into the plan. Gem of the city with walkable park and sidewalks. Shared vision, what gives Blanco our uniqueness? Shared vision at 100. Methodology, cc, Blanco ISD, parks, etc. First step, online survey to gather opinions. Community engagement, transportation, housing, etc. economic development, 2020 survey. Implementation, take away, unite now to move forward in the next 100 years. Blanco 100 Committee, **Ryan Moses, with the support of the council asked Warren to create a committee.**

#### **Staff Presentations:**

- City Hall, Warren Escovy, City Administrator, discussed the upcoming Christmas Parade on December 16, there are a record number of entries, the city offices will be closed December 25-26, 2023, the meter audit has been completed, Chip with PSI will be doing a detailed presentation later tonight regarding the cost savings and plan moving forward, the city financials are in the plus column, \$262,635 is the current savings in the general fund and \$158,067,07 savings in the enterprise fund.
- Police Department Chief Rubin discussed the November Monthly Report. No numbers this month but the good news is the system is back up and data is being restored/entered into the system. Blanco ISD received an overseas email threat, caught in time.

**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 Council Member, in which those items will be pulled for separate consideration.

1. Approval of Minutes from the November 7, 2023, Special Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes from the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill to approve the consent agenda item one as presented and pull item two from the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Moses, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing as amended on page 5 (OB #1/NB #2), seconded by Council Member Moses, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

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

1. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on Approval of Variance for Building Setback at 919 9<sup>th</sup> Street (818 Cedar Street) (Cage & Boone SB0005, NW Blk 9, 0.268 acres, Blanco, Texas 78606, (Property Owner: Michael & Patricia Pettit). Warren Escovy said this is a vacant property at the SE corner of Cedar Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, home will face Cedar Street. Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of dual building line for 15’ on Cedar Street and 10’ building line on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Preserve trees in the middle. Mr. Pettitt purchased property for the trees and wishes to preserve those trees. **A motion was made by Council Member Moses to approve building variance at 818 Cedar Street dual building line for 15’ on Cedar Street and 10’ building line on 9<sup>th</sup> Street not to include house and garage, seconded by Council Member McClellan, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Update of Lift Station Project with Option to include time extension of contract between City of Blanco and M&C Fonseca. Warren Escovy, City Administrator shared the Lift Station project began as a rehab project which turned into a larger project to move the lift station out of the floodplain. Currently have a grant in place and a construction contract with M&C Fonseca which started in January 2023 and is set to be completed by December 31, 2023. The grant for \$300,000 is tied into the original project and is set to expire on January 30, 2024. M&C Fonseca is asking for a time extension to complete the project by January 26, 2024. JD Merritt, Langford Community Management Services spoke regarding the request for a 30 day extension of the grant contract. He further explained the grant has been ongoing for 4 years (since 2019). Not extending the contract will not hurt M&C Fonseca, it will only put the TDA grant in jeopardy. The best way forward and Langford's recommendation is to extend the contract. The council discussed options. TDA does not care about the M&C Fonseca contract, they only care about Langford and the city being in compliance with their regulations. Council Member Smith wishes M&C Fonseca would be more responsive. **A motion was made by Council Member Moses to approve lift station project contract extension between the City of Blanco and M&C Fonseca for 45 days, to end February 14, 2024, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Thraillkill, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
  
3. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action to include authorizing the City Administrator to contract with Performance Services, Inc. to provide the City with work in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 302 procured through TIPS contract number # 170103 contingent upon third party auditor and legal approval. Chip Woods and Karen Ellis with Performance Services of Texas, Inc. presented the Performance Services IGA Review Workshop Presentation. The Meter Testing Results showed 85.34% accuracy with 5/8" meters, 83.90% accuracy with 1" meters, 98.02% accuracy with 1.5" meters and 94.10% accuracy with 2" meters, for a total water loss around 37%. Reviewed increased revenue summary and scope of work which includes 1) water meters w/advanced metering infrastructure (AMI). AMI reads daily (no more manual reads), 2) acoustic leak detection, 3) customer portal (customers will have access to their meter readings), 4) Palomino line fix, 5) EPA/TCEQ lead and copper survey data, and 6) owner discretionary allowance added and optional. Project cash flow: total project cost of \$1.75M, total cumulative net cash flow estimate: \$1.22M to Blanco over 20 years. Reviewed project timeline (December 12, 2023 through October 2024). Recap – Why PSI and Project Benefits: guaranteed performance, zero upfront cost, no budget dollars needed, sustainable/long-term solutions, improve operational capabilities, no change orders, warranted for the life of the meters (20 years), increased revenue for the city, real time data, and customer portal. All boxes and lids are polymer. ESPC Legislation, Title 9, LGC 302, TIPS Contract #170103. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to authorize City Administrator to contract with Performance Services, Inc. to provide the City with work in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 302 procured through TIPS contract number # 170103 contingent upon third party auditor and legal approval, seconded by Council Member Swinson, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

4. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action to Amend Contract between the City of Blanco and Inframark to add seventh employee dedicated to street repair and maintenance of the ROW (Warren Escovy, City Administrator). Inframark is requesting an amendment to their contract to have an additional employee that will be dedicated to street infrastructure, mowing, cleaning ROW's, and doing general clean-up work around City facilities which could include keeping drainageways clear. The council discussed. There were some questions as to where the funds will come from to pay for the additional employee and how this will work once the new AMI water meters are installed and manual meter reading is eliminated. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to table item to next month, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
  
5. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action to Authorize the City Administrator to Negotiate and Execute Amendments of the Existing Escrow and Option Agreements relating to existing Real Property Contracts between Winona 416 LTD and City of Blanco, to effect: 1) the Full and Final Release of \$50,000 Currently in Escrow, to be Delivered and Released to the City Unconditionally, on account of the City's Satisfaction of the Ingress/Egress Conditions related to the Real Property Contract on an 0.44 acre tract (the old lift station property) and 2) the Exercise by Winona 416 LTD's of its Option to Purchase a 0.38 acre tract adjoining the aforementioned 0.44 acre tract, and the Delivery of the related Purchase Price of an Additional \$50,000 to Escrow to be Released under Satisfaction of Certain Conditions in favor Winona 416, the City of Blanco and the State of Texas. Tim Tuggey, Attorney asked the council to table this item. He said it's a moving target with ongoing dialog with the state park, highly likely to receive funds. **A Motion was made by Council Member Swinson to table the item, seconded by Council Member Moses, all in favor, motion carried 4-0 with Council Member Smith recused from vote.**
  
6. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action relating to TXDOT Study of Possible Relief Route on Hwy 281 and related City Transportation Planning. Warren Escovy said this is a discussion only item. Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill reiterated the city has not taken a position on any particular relief route. Mr. Welch asked for an update on the meeting that was supposed to happen on Thursday. Mayor Arnold gave a brief summary, explained local business leader, branch manager at the bank, his executive was recently appointed as commissioner to TxDOT and was invited to town to meet local city official with no other agenda other than handshake, PR, welcome to Blanco. With the timing of the meeting, it was decided to invite county commissioners, transportation committee members, and city council. The goal was to keep it small and as non-political as possible. After complaints were received regarding a secret meeting (which was posted publicly), the downside if we made a bad impression was great and it was decided to cancel the meeting. Ashamed of the reaction to holding a simple meeting and the animosity it created. Warren Escovy said the Transportation Committee met November 30, 2023 and will meet again in January. We don't have all the answers yet, biggest question with Joe Muck, TxDOT area engineer, is the Give Back Program to make US 281 Main Street. What does that look like, what do we want to see, and can Blanco afford that? Lots of questions, waiting on TxDOT to announce the route (whatever that route is or is not). Separate component of subcommittee, pedestrian paths. **No action taken.**



7. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action relating to Approval of Payment of Survey Not to Exceed \$2,500.00 for Four Way Stop Sign Project at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Pecan Street to be Reimbursed by TXDOT Promise Letter. Council Member Moses said the project was not coordinated with the Streetscape Committee nor was there a request for approval and since completing, has caused flooding problems. The Historic commission issued a letter to TxDOT asking what they will do to fix problems. TxDOT said they are happy to make repairs and asked for our plan of corrective action. Two steps are needed, 1) detailed topo survey to be passed on to streetscape architect and 2) resolve and mitigate the flooding in the area. Need \$2,500 to cover cost of survey. In the future will need an additional \$2,500 to pay the architect. TxDOT has verbally agreed to reimburse the cost of the survey as well as pay for repairs. Requesting commitment letter from TxDOT, could take a year to be reimbursed. Looking for creating funding ideas. The council discussed. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to provide conditional approval of payment of survey not to exceed \$2,500 for Four Way Stop Sign Project at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Pecan Street conditional on receipt of reimbursement letter from TxDOT, seconded by Council Member Moses, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
8. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Approval to move forward with Draft Design Plan and Request for estimates on Construction of new City Hall building to include estimates for rental of current City Hall and Byars Buildings and Authorize City Administrator to look at financing terms. Warren Escovy reviewed with the council the last discussion included talk of feasibility of an engineering study (not a budgeted item and has not been completed). Also, discussed other low cost options such as looking at the current draft design, looking at estimates for construction of new city hall and also include estimates for rental of current city hall and look at design and framework of existing building. Pros/cons of existing location, tax base and various uses. The council to select realtor to assist. Two steps, 1) look at cost to rent current location and 2) feasibility study still needs to be completed. Explore the option of renting out the proposed new location. The proposal solves many issues, lack of street maintenance, sensing the public does not want to spend money on this. Warren suggested inviting Steve Perry, Financial Advisor, to come to a meeting to discuss finances further. **A motion was made by Council Member Moses to allow the City Administrator to move forward to explore options with relocation of city hall and rental of both locations with any associated costs being on a voluntary basis and any expenses coming back to City Council for approval. No Second, Council Member Moses withdrew his motion. The council is not currently in favor of moving forward on this item.**

**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. **Warren Escovy requested this item be moved to executive session.**
2. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on: 1) Approval to Complete "land-only" as-is conventional appraisal at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00 on City Surplus Property at Blanco Vista Estates, Lot 3 (9.43 Acres), and 2) Specify in Advance the Use of any Resulting Proceeds, in the Event a Sale is Authorized by Separate and Future Action of Council.

Tim Tuggey, Attorney recapped previous council discussions saying the council was looking into authorizing an appraisal of the property, but before spending the money on the appraisal wanted to discuss/decide where the proceeds of the sale would go. The council discussed it in more detail. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve to Complete "land-only" as-is conventional appraisal at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00 on City Surplus Property at Blanco Vista Estates, Lot 3 (9.43 Acres) with the following restrictions that the proceeds from the sale up to the appraised value be held in reserve for a period of five years and any surplus over that may be disposed of at council's discretion and to rescind this reserve condition would take a supermajority vote by the council, seconded by Council Member Moses, motion failed 2-3 with Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill and Council Members McClellan and Swinson opposed.**

3. Consider and Discuss Update on USACE Evaluation of Town Creek Project, and related Next Steps. (No Action) Tim Tuggey, Attorney gave an update said conference call tomorrow, Corp of Engineers will be giving an official determination in the US Government's interest in the rehabilitation of the rock wall and a complete feasibility analysis. Warren Escovy said participants on the call will include Patrick Sparks, Engineer, along with Chris Jurica, Surveyor, Retta Martin (for her historical knowledge) and Bobby McClung. **No Action Taken.**

**Closed regular meeting and convened into executive session at 8:59 pm.**

**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 TXDOT Study of Possible Relief Route on Hwy 281 and related City Transportation Planning
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 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.

**Closed executive session at 9:44 pm and convened into regular meeting.**

**No action taken as a result of the Executive Session.**

**Adjournment:**

**A motion was made by Council Member Moses to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Thrailkill, all in favor.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**CONSENT**  
**ITEM #2**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-0\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG) TO PURCHASE BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR THE BLANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas, understands the importance of enhancing critical and emergency preparedness, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award will be used to fund the purchase of Body-Worn Cameras for the Blanco Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas, agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor (OOG) funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor (OOG) in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas, hereby authorizes the City Administrator, or his designee, as the City's authorized official, to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the agreement on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the application, acceptance, and implementation of the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program award through the Office of the Governor (OOG) to purchase Body-Worn Camera for the Blanco Police Department.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorized the City Administrator, or his designee, and the City's authorized official to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the agreement on behalf of the applicant agency.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of passage and is so resolved.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS** the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2024.

THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS

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Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary



## Funding Opportunities

Name:

# Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, FY2025

**Available**  
12/11/2023

**Due Date**  
02/08/2024

### Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications from law enforcement agencies to equip peace officers with body-worn cameras.

### Available Funding:

State funds for these projects are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 35 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. The Public Safety Office (PSO) expects to make available \$10M for FY2025.

### Eligible Organizations:

Applications may be submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, municipalities, and counties that operate law enforcement agencies employing peace officers under Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

All applications submitted by local law enforcement agencies/offices must be submitted by a unit of government affiliated with the agency, including an authorizing resolution from that unit of government. For example, police departments must

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apply under their municipal government, and community supervision and corrections departments, district attorneys, and judicial districts must apply through their affiliated county government (or one of the counties, in the case of agencies that serve more than one county).

### Application Process:

Applicants must access the PSO’s eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

### Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Anouncement Release	12/11/2023
Online System Opening Date	12/11/2023
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/08/2024 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	09/01/2024

### Project Period:

Projects must begin on or after 09/01/2024 and may not exceed a 12 month project period.

### Funding Levels

Minimum: None  
Maximum: None  
Match Requirement: 25%

### Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

### Eligible Activities and Costs

Funds may be used for obtaining body-worn cameras, digital video storage, and retrieval systems or cloud based services.

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Subscriptions and/or leasing services that fall within the 12-month performance period are eligible.

## Program-Specific Requirements

**Eligible officers.** Pursuant to Sec. 1701.652, Occupations Code, grant funds may only be used to equip peace officers (as defined by Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure) who:

1. Engage in traffic or highway patrol or otherwise regularly detain or stop motor vehicles; or
2. Primary responders who respond directly to calls for assistance from the public.

**Policy.** Pursuant to Sec. 1701.655, Occupations Code, a law enforcement agency that receives a grant to provide body worn cameras to its peace officers or that otherwise operates a body worn camera program shall adopt a policy for the use of body worn cameras. The policy must ensure that a body worn camera is activated only for a law enforcement purpose and must include:

1. Guidelines for when a peace officer should activate a camera or discontinue a recording currently in progress, considering the need for privacy in certain situations and at certain locations.
2. Provisions relating to data retention, including a provision requiring the retention of video for a minimum period of 90 days.
3. Provisions relating to storage of video and audio, creation of backup copies of the video and audio, and maintenance of data security.
4. Guidelines for public access, through open records requests, to recordings that are public information.
5. Provisions entitling an officer to access any recording of an incident involving the officer before the officer is required to make a statement about the incident.
6. Procedures for supervisory or internal review.
7. The handling and documenting of equipment and malfunctions of equipment.
8. Consistent with the Federal Rules of Evidence and Texas Rules of Evidence.

The policy may not require a peace officer to keep a body worn

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**Training.** Pursuant to Sec. 1701.656, Occupations Code, a law enforcement agency must provide training to:

1. Peace officers who will wear the body worn cameras.
2. Any other personnel who will come into contact with video and audio data obtained from the use of body worn cameras.

**Reporting.** Pursuant to Sec. 1701.653, Occupations Code, a law enforcement agency shall annually report to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) regarding the costs of implementing a body worn camera program, including all known equipment costs and costs for data storage.

## Eligibility Requirements

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1. Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

2. Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

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Total Funds  
**\$10 Million**



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**CONSENT**  
**ITEM #3**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-0\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG) TO PURCHASE BULLET-RESISTANT SHIELDS FOR THE BLANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas, understands the importance of enhancing critical and emergency preparedness, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award will be used to fund the purchase of bullet-resistant shields for the Blanco Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas, agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor (OOG) funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor (OOG) in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas, hereby authorizes the City Administrator, or his designee, as the City's authorized official, to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the agreement on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the application, acceptance, and implementation of the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program award through the Office of the Governor (OOG) to purchase bullet-resistant shields for the Blanco Police Department.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorized the City Administrator, or his designee, and the City's authorized official to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the agreement on behalf of the applicant agency.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of passage and is so resolved.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS** the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2024.

THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary



## Funding Opportunities

Name:

# Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program, FY2025

Available  
12/11/2023

Due Date  
02/08/2024

### Purpose:

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The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications from law enforcement agencies to equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields.

### Available Funding:

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State funds for these projects are authorized by a Budget Execution Order proposed by the Legislative Budget Board and ratified by Governor Abbott on June 28, 2022, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 317.002 and Section 317.005(b). All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. The Public Safety Office (PSO) expects to make \$4M for FY2025.

### Eligible Organizations:

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Applications may be submitted by independent school districts, institutions of higher education, units of local government, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other educational institutions that operate law enforcement agencies employing peace officers under Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

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All applications submitted by local law enforcement agencies/offices must be submitted by a unit of government affiliated with the agency, including an authorizing resolution from that unit of government. For example, police departments must apply under their municipal government, and community supervision and corrections departments, district attorneys, and judicial districts must apply through their affiliated county government (or one of the counties, in the case of agencies that serve more than one county).

### Application Process:

Applicants must access the PSO’s eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

### Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Anouncement Release	12/11/2023
Online System Opening Date	12/11/2023
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/08/2024 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	09/01/2024

### Project Period:

Projects must begin on or after 09/01/2024 and may not exceed a 12-month project period.

### Funding Levels

- Minimum: None
- Maximum: None
- Match Requirement: None

### Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

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## Eligible Activities and Costs

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Funds may only be used for obtaining bullet-resistant shields compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Level III, III+, or IV.

Applicants are encouraged to consider the reasonable cost of their request. PSO will evaluate applications based on the number of frontline peace officers and the average cost per shield.

## Program-Specific Requirements

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**Eligible officers.** Grant funds may only be used to equip peace officers (as defined by Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure) directly employed by a law enforcement agency operated by the applicant.

**Active Shooter Policy.** All eligible organizations that apply for grant funds will ensure its law enforcement agency adopts a Critical Incidents In-Progress (Active Shooter) policy implementing, at a minimum, protocols for assessing an active threat or violent encounter and immediately responding in order to stop the killing, stop the dying, and provide rapid casualty evacuation. The policy should include procedures that address:

- Concepts and Principles
- Community/First Responder Agency Notifications
- Mutual Aid Implementation
- Solo Officer Deployment
- Officer Team Deployment
- Follow-On Responders (Rescue Task Force)
- Incident Command - Unified Command Considerations
- Incident Debriefing
- Training

**ALERRT Training.** All officers provided with a grant-funded ballistic shield must have either attended 16 hours of ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) training within the last 24 months or commit to attend within the next 24 months. ALERRT's upcoming course schedule can be found here:

<https://alerrt.org/Upcoming>.

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**Note:** Funding is available through the Public Safety Office to offset travel expenditures associated with attending ALERRT Training. Please refer to the [ALERRT Travel Assistance Funding Announcement](#) for more information on how to apply for these funds.

## Eligibility Requirements

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1. Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM #1**





# City of Blanco

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## Request to be placed on City Council Agenda:

1. Laura Swinson request to be placed on the Agenda of the City Council Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024 (insert date of meeting).

### Agenda Topic/Concern:

281 Relief Route - possible recommendation to TxDOT

### Introduction/Background:

TxDOT is building a relief route for 281. We should discuss if we want to provide a formal recommendation for its location.

### Policy Analysis/Benefit(s) To Citizens:

keep small town character, control growth, safety, maintain connectivity of town, walkability

### Long Term Financial & Budget Impact:

unknown

### Recommendation/Proposed Motion:

Recommend the relief route not be in the city limits or ETJ.

I agree that the information must be submitted to the City Secretary no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday before the meeting date.

Laura Swinson

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM #2**



# City of Blanco

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STAFF REPORT: 1/9/24

DESCRIPTION: Provide a street and infrastructure program with funding

## ANALYSIS:

Council, a street and infrastructure maintenance program would consist of three items: new employee, equipment with materials, and a funding source. Staff would like to present a "concept" and get guidance from Council. Cost and details of the program can be summarized for the pro-rated year of FY 24' and of the new year FY 25.

For a full year FY 2025

\$75,000 for employee

\$50,000 for material

\$58,000 for asphalt Zipper (\$216,000 machine financed in 5 payments to start one year after purchase at 5%) extra amount will pay for the County to do some chip seal. The Asphalt Zipper, while expensive will allow the City to provide better and more sustainable repair than simple pothole filling. 5 to 7 year fixes instead of 1 year repair.

Assume Inframark will kick in \$20,000 yearly as we are still working on that piece. Overall cost \$163,000 annually for FY 2025 which would include pot hole filling, some edge repair and overall street repair

FY 2024 pro-rated at 7 months

\$45,000 for employee (minus \$20,000)

\$30,000 for material

Asphalt zipper cost NOT factored in till the next budget year.

Initial (and unbudgeted) '24 year \$55,000

Funding sources for project:



1. Street and maintenance fee which at about 950 residential and about 150 commercial could provide fee at about \$100,000 yearly depending on how it's structured. See attachment from City of Talyor (will be emailed to you)
2. Finance Certificate of Obligation (bundle it with other items such as Brewer Sewer). SAVES THE \$58,000 annually, This wouldn't come out of the general fund but it would raise the Interest and Synching tax. Staff has talked to reached out to our Financial advisor and he has concurred that we put the purchase of the asphalt zipper on a Certificate of Obligation.

The one way that we could afford to make progress in this fiscal year is to

1. Not hire the employee till the next fiscal year October 24'
2. Buy the Asphalt zipper with the first payment due next year.
3. Split the cost of the material for this pro-rated year which gets the City at about \$15,000 in year 1.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$163,000 annual cost, tremendous benefit

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Have council review the concept and provide Staff guidance.

# Asphalt Zipper

# 420X

WITH ACCU-TRAK™ WHEEL ASSIST



Shown with optional 150-gallon Wheel Assist Mount water supply system

## **42" Cutting Width Reclaimer/Stabilizer and Utility Trencher with PATENTED ZipTec™ Enhanced Pulverizing System and Accu-Trak™ Wheel Assist**

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Packed with technology, yet surprisingly simple to operate, the 420X WA harnesses the power and productivity of much larger, self-propelled reclaimers into a very powerful, versatile, and affordable loader attachment. Powered by either a Cummins intercooled turbo-diesel **Tier 4 Final** engine or the latest Cummins intercooled turbo-diesel **Tier 4 Final Performance Series** engine, the 420X WA will pulverize up to 10-inch-thick asphalt in a single pass. The innovative upgrades and improvements throughout this new-generation Asphalt Zipper dramatically improve production in thicker asphalt, reliability and longevity of the machine, and ease of use. Full road repairs, street patches, base stabilization, and opening utility trenches in asphalt are just a few of its many uses.

# Completely re-engineered, with new features and improvements throughout



**Upgraded control panel and wireless remote** with expanded functionality

**Cummins 173 hp Tier 4 Final Performance Series or 120 hp Tier 4 Final engine** for quieter, cleaner power

**Hardox®-reinforced steel frame** with greater internal abrasion resistance, for longer life

**Asphalt Zipper**

**420X**  
173H

**Integrated ZipTec™**

with full depth range, contained grinding chamber, and an adjustable baffle for controlling material size

**Milling sled** for easier leveling

**Improved Accu-Trak™ wheel assist system** (optional) with remote-control steering, for even more precise maneuvering and fine control of milling depth, enabling use with smaller host vehicles

**150 gallon wheel assist mount water supply system** (optional) for an on-board, steady supply of water

**Hydraulically activated auto-adjusting clutch**, remote engage, and loader operator's safety stop

**Improved Z-Pro™ X cutter head** for greater production with better material gradation

**Heavier-duty planetary / gear box** for even greater durability

**Hydraulic safety-chain system** ensures secure connection to host vehicle

**Full-range depth adjustment**, independent of the loader

**Automatic hydraulic belt tensioning** that is dynamically self-adjusting and releases tension when not in use, for greater longevity

**Upgraded control box** for cab of host vehicle, with improved display

**Push cooling** for lower under-hood temperatures

**Innovative liquid cooling jacket** for up to 5x improved planetary cooling



**Quick-Load™ guiding system** on all custom trailers, for easier loading

**And much more ...**



**Custom tandem-axle trailer** (optional) with quick-load guiding system, low center of gravity, convenient working deck and built-in custom toolbox, enables the 420X WA to be hauled behind a 1-ton pickup truck.

## Specifications

Model	420X-120E WA	420X-173H WA
Engine	 Cummins <b>120 hp</b> Turbo-Diesel Tier 4 Final	 Cummins <b>173 hp</b> <b>HOT-ROD</b> Turbo-Diesel Tier 4 Final Performance Series
Torque	360 ft-lb 488 N·m	457 ft-lb 620 N·m
Weight	7050 lbs 3198 kg	7000 lbs 3175 kg
Cutting Width	42 in (30" available) 1067 mm (762 mm available)	
Cutting Depth	0 to 10 in 0 to 254 mm	

Asphalt Zipper reserves the right to change specifications at any time. U.S. Patent nos. 7036252, 7066555, 7144087, 8177456, 10086867. Other U.S. and international patents pending.

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## Standard Features

Cutter Head	<b>420X/300X</b>
Cutting Bits	Double-carbide, bullet-head
Containment System	<b>ZipTec™</b> Enhanced Pulverizing System
Planetary	Fairfield Magnum-duty
Depth Control	Hydraulic (infinitely adjustable)
Rear Baffle	5-position, adjustable
Bit Hatch	<b>EZ-Lift™</b> manually opening
Mounting System	<b>Versa-Mount™</b> hydraulic, bottom-clamping Universal Coupler
Controls and Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control Panel (on machine)</li> <li>Control Box (for host vehicle)</li> <li>Wireless Remote (for groundsmen)</li> </ul>
Transport	Tows behind 1-ton pickup on tandem-axle trailer.
Additional Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Built-in spray system</li> <li>Hydraulic belt tensioning</li> <li>Planetary cooling jacket</li> <li>Push fan under-hood cooling</li> </ul>

## Available Options

### Side Shift and Tilt

### Optional Mounting Systems:

- Quick Coupler
- Versa-Mount™ Quick Coupler

### Water Supply Systems:

- Wheel Assist Mount (150 gallon)

### Custom Trailer

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## How a Small Town Got an Asphalt Zipper® without Adding a Penny to Their Budget

The town of Walsh, Colorado (pop. 720), opted to spread the cost of purchase over 5 years through a special financing program available to municipalities. A benefit of this program is that the first payment is not due for one full year. After completing their needed road work for the season, they found that what they had saved in road repair expenses by using the Zipper more than covered their annual payment. In effect, they were able to acquire an Asphalt Zipper® without adding one cent to their budget.



Street in Walsh, Colorado, that was repaired doing Full-Depth Reclamation with their Asphalt Zipper® and then chip-sealed.



**"The Zipper has more than paid for itself. In fact, it paid for itself within the first year."**

**James Dubois**  
Superintendent  
Walsh, CO (pop. 720)

## Cost Savings Pay for the Machine

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**Production cost**

**WITH ASPHALT ZIPPER®**



**Savings**

Funds freed up to use elsewhere

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**Production cost**

## Special Municipal Program

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- ▶ Nothing down; first annual payment not due for an entire year
- ▶ Low municipal interest rate
- ▶ With less than 40 hours of use, savings most often are greater than annual payment; Zipper pays for itself



**"Our first job took us only 8 hours to 'Zip' one mile of road, incorporate an emulsion and roll it all back down, and we saved \$65,000. Even if the machine had cost twice as much, it would be worth every penny."**

**Dugan Sewell**  
Street Superintendent, Brady, TX



**"The 5-year muni program enabled us to buy an Asphalt Zipper. The Zipper is more productive than we thought, and the savings have far exceeded our annual payment. We couldn't be happier."**

**Melvin Lanier**  
Road & Bridge Supervisor, Custer County, ID

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM #3**



# City of Blanco

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STAFF REPORT: 1/9/24

DESCRIPTION: Review of Grants that were active in 2023

## ANALYSIS:

There have been a lot of interest from Blanco Residents about the number of grants applied for, cost, and the money that has been allocated to the City. A lot of communities post this information in an effort to be transparent. The City Council has instructed Administration to help create a grants committee and this is the first step. The attachment shows the grant funding or applications that were active in 2023.

The purpose of listing all the grants is to show residents and City Council what has been awarded and to also ask for guidance from both the new "grants committee" and the City Council. Staff has limited time and resources to go after grants but if we get help from citizens we should be able to provide more funding to the City for the betterment of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT: unknow but unlimited

## RECOMMENDATION:

Asking council to provide guidance on what they want to see in new grant applications.

## 2023 Current Grants

### **Certified Local Government (CLG)**

Historic/Streetscape Grant

\$41,000/50% City Match

Application submitted in November 2023/To be Awarded Jan. 2024

### **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program (SLFRF)**

**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

\$256,582.35

8/27/2021

### **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program (SLFRF)**

**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

\$257,089.44

9/26/2022

### **FEMA/TDEM-DR 4705**

Ice Storm Mara (February 2023)

Spent \$7,691

Reimbursement \$5,768.25

Received 75% reimbursement on

December 11, 2023

### **State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office**

**E-Grant #4667001**

Police Department-Bullet-Resistant Shields

\$15,449.89/\$0.00 City Match

### **Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM)**

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) #7220040**

Lift Station Project

\$300,000 awarded/City Match: \$30,000

### **Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM)**

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) DR-4485**

Water and Wastewater Facility Generators RFI

Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CDV21-0456

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR4485

\$174,682/City Match: \$17,718.00

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)**

2023 TA Call for Projects/Alternative Transportation Plan

Bicycle-pedestrian Local Federal Funding Programs

DID NOT RECEIVE GRANT

**Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**

**Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR)**

**Project Information Form (PIF) #14442**

Total TWDB Funding Request: \$3,558,739.00

**Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**

**Clear Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**

**Blanco Citywide Wastewater System Improvements and**

**Reclaimed Water System**

**Project Information Form (PIF) #14291**

OLA ID #1582252

Total TWDB Funding Request: \$21,654,291.60

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) ReConnect Program Projects

Broadband funding

DID NOT RECEIVE GRANT

## **2024 Grant Opportunities**

### **State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office**

#### **E-Grant #**

Police Department-Body-Worn Camera

### **State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office**

#### **E-Grant**

Police Department-Bullet-Resistant Shields

### **Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF)**

Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 25) grant cycle is now open!

Grant program has \$330,000 in funds available for eligible archeology, architecture, and heritage education projects across the state. Grant awards will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

### **Texas Water Development Board**

2024 SWIFT Funding Cycle

FY2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program

### **CAPCOG**

Solid Waste Grant Applications Available

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM #4**

**CITY OF BLANCO  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-0\_\_**

**BLANCO BIKE PROJECT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BLANCO ESTABLISHING THE BLANCO BIKE PROJECT,  
CITING A PUBLIC PURPOSE, LIMITING THE USE OF PUBLIC  
FUNDS, AND ANY LIABILITY FOR THE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS** the “Blanco Bike Project” operates to receive donated bicycles, donated services to refurbish the bicycles and placement of these bicycles with individuals in need of alternative transportation, all in furtherance of alternative, inexpensive and environmentally useful transportation within the City of Blanco; and

**WHEREAS** the Project serves a public purpose and the public welfare of the citizens of Blanco;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLANCO,  
TEXAS THAT:**

The City of Blanco endorses and establishes the Blanco Bike Project as described above, and the City Administrator is authorized to provide administrative support to the Project, provided that 1) all materials and services are volunteered and donated free of charge and 2) appropriate releases and waivers are obtained for any and all liability that may arise on account of the Project and the refurbishment, donation and operation of Project bicycles.

**APPROVED** this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

**CITY OF BLANCO:**

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Mike Arnold, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary



**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM #5**

**RESOLUTION 2024-R-001**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – MITIGATION-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY’S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blanco desires to develop a thriving, viable community, strengthen infrastructure, provide a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist which represent a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to apply for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program, Resilient Communities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

Section 1. That a Community Development Block Grant Program application is hereby authorized to be filed with the Texas General Land Office for funding consideration under the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation-Resilient Communities; and

Section 2. That the application be for the CDBG-MIT Resilient Communities Application program to carry out Planning Activities; and

Section 3. That the grant amount be up to the maximum allowed by the CDBG-MIT-RCP; and

Section 4. That the City Council directs and designates the Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and participation in the Community Development & Revitalization Grant Program.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary



## RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Texas General Land Office  
Community Development & Revitalization

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated up to \$100 million in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for the Resilient Communities Program (RCP). The RCP will fund the development, adoption, and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within the community can withstand future hazards.

**RCP launches June 1, 2022.**

More information and the application are available at  
[recovery.texas.gov/rcp](https://recovery.texas.gov/rcp).

Communities are encouraged to also learn about RCP's companion program, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP), which is actively accepting applications. Visit LHMPP's web page at [recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/lhmpp](https://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/lhmpp).

### Eligibility Criteria

Applications will have a maximum of \$300,000 per applicant, first-come first-served.

At least 50% must address mitigation needs in the CDBG-MIT most impacted and distressed (MID) areas identified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### Eligible Applicants

Units of local government (e.g., cities, counties, federally recognized tribes, and councils of governments) located in a CDBG-MIT eligible area. Entity must have legal authority to adopt and enforce the building code, zoning ordinance, land use plan, and/or comprehensive plan proposed in the RCP application.

### Planning Activities

Develop, update, adopt, and implement:

- **BUILDING CODES** that meet or exceed International Residential Code (IRC) edition 2012;
- **FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCES**
  - Must require new structures to be at least 2-feet above base flood elevation;
- **ZONING ORDINANCES**
  - based upon a land use plan or comprehensive plan; and
- Forward-looking **LAND USE PLANS** and/or **COMPREHENSIVE PLANS** that integrate hazard mitigation planning.

### Public Service Activities

Activities leading to an increase in community knowledge and/or the National Flood Insurance Program's voluntary Community Rating System's (CRS) incentive program.

Examples include education and outreach campaigns that alert communities and beneficiaries to mitigation opportunities and best practices.

Public Service activities must meet a HUD national objective.

### Technical Assistance

RCP staff is available to assist potential applicants with understanding how the program can best assist in meeting the needs of the community with regard to mitigation activities, such as modern building code adoption, that increase the resilience and reduce the likelihood of losses of life and property from future disasters.

 RCP Contact information: (512) 770-4900

 [rcp.glo@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:rcp.glo@recovery.texas.gov)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM #6**



# City of Blanco

P.O. Box 750 Blanco, Texas 78606  
Office 830-833-4525 Fax 830-833-4121

**STAFF REPORT: 1/9/24**

**DESCRIPTION:** Council Resolution to support the creation of a Comprehensive Plan (CMP) task force.

**ANALYSIS:**

The City Council has requested that City Administration start working on a grant to get funding for a comprehensive plan. The 2006 Comprehensive Plan (the basis for the Unified Development Code) needs to be updated or re-created. Regardless of funding, the work of creating a new Comp plan (and other land use tools) need participation from Blanco Residents. A task force committee will need a council liaison, members of the public, and members from both P&Z and Historic Commission to encompass a variety of ideas.

The CMP task force will be an invaluable tool for whoever is hired to update the Comprehensive Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** unknown

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-0\_\_**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN (CMP) TASK FORCE AND AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INITIAL DRAFT WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR AN UPDATED DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the existence and operation of the Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) provides a vision for the future of the community along with the steps that are needed to make that vision a reality for all residents of the City of Blanco;

**WHEREAS**, the City's current CMP was developed and approved in 2004 and is overdue for an update;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Blanco and its entire community and stakeholders must develop the framework and guide for accomplishing the community's aspirations and intentions and act promptly to develop goals and objectives and recommend courses of action for future growth and development of land, public facilities, and services, as expressed in an updated CMP;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BLANCO** that:

- A CMP Task Force is created to commence action to update of the current CMP;
- The Task Force shall initially be chaired by \_\_\_\_\_ and shall also be composed of other individual representatives of community stakeholders as Council may appoint;
- The Chair and Council shall provide additional recommendations for appointments to the Task Force for consideration and action in February 2023;
- The Task Force shall initially prepare a draft plan of work, together with a draft budget to accomplish the update, to be presented at a public hearing and for review, consideration, and approval by the City Council, within the next 120 days.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Arnold  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Cassidy  
City Secretary

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM #7**



# City of Blanco

P.O. Box 750 Blanco, Texas 78606  
Office 830-833-4525 Fax 830-833-4121

STAFF REPORT: 1/9/24

DESCRIPTION: Reviewing Block length and considering reduction in length

ANALYSIS:

Currently city of Blanco requires the total block length shall not exceed one-thousand-three-hundred-twenty (1,320) feet 5.7 Residential standards

Cul-de-sac Street i. Unless approved by the City Engineer, cul-de-sacs shall not exceed one thousand feet (1000') in length, measured from the centerline of the intersecting roadway to the center of the turnaround. Sec 7.2

Table 7.1 Street Requirements

Street Type	Min. Right-of-way Width (ft)*	Minimum Pavement Width (ft)*	Sidewalk Required	Parking Allowed	Bikeway Requirement
Arterial	86	42	Two sides	No	Bike Lane
Collector	60	42	One sides	Two side	Bike Lane
Local	50	30	Two side	Two side	Bike Lane
Alley	16	12	No	No	No

Local street (which is mostly what we review) is a 27' with a 6" curb if we require it (28' as we don't have a ribbon for a gutter) with a 50' ROW.

1. The request (see attachment from Council Member Swinson) is a block length of 275' which is the typical city block in Blanco.
2. Opportunity to request a double block or quadruple block could be requested much like a Special Use permit which would require P&Z review and Council approval. This type of request could allow larger developments or a box store type development.





**IMPACT:**

1. Increase connectivity
2. Control the quality of the space and is a tool to extend what is already developed in town.
3. As an extra level land use control it could impede development

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council should review information and provide Staff guidance on what they want to see at the next meeting before making a decision.

**Proposal:**

- 275' maximum block length
- Double (275' x 605') or quadruple (605' x 605') blocks allowed by council approval
- No private roads unless in the interior of a double or quadruple block
- R1 is exempt from block lengths

Current maximum block sizes are 1320ft (residential) and 1000ft (commercial).

**Comments:**

- Blanco was originally laid out with small blocks and this is in large part what gives it its small town, Hill Country feel. It has small blocks north of the river through 13th Street, and west of the river to the high school. Contrast this with newer development south of the river which has large block sizes and is more "Anywhere America" development style. If new development were to happen in Blanco, which style would you prefer it be similar to?



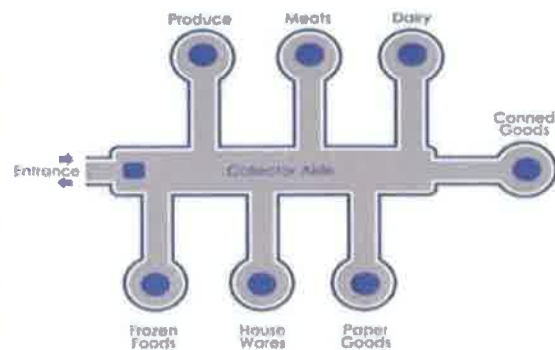
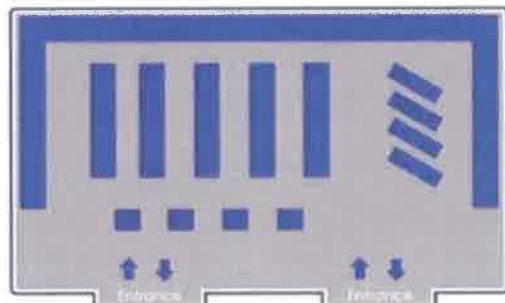
- Small blocks naturally limit the number and size of big box plazas and strip centers. For example, the HEB in Dripping Springs is on a lot that is 725' x 940'. If a big box store wanted to come to Blanco under small block sizes, they would either need to build within a 275' block or request council approval to build in a 605' x 605' block.



- Shorter blocks are better for traffic. They create more connectivity so they provide more possible routes for cars to travel. Instead of relying on a single collector, for example, there may be multiple viable routes that can get someone from where they are to where they are going. If you have a single collector and there is a wreck, everyone is waiting in traffic; there are no alternate routes to take. Consider the following images as an illustration of this.

#### Grocery Store Designed by a Traffic Engineer

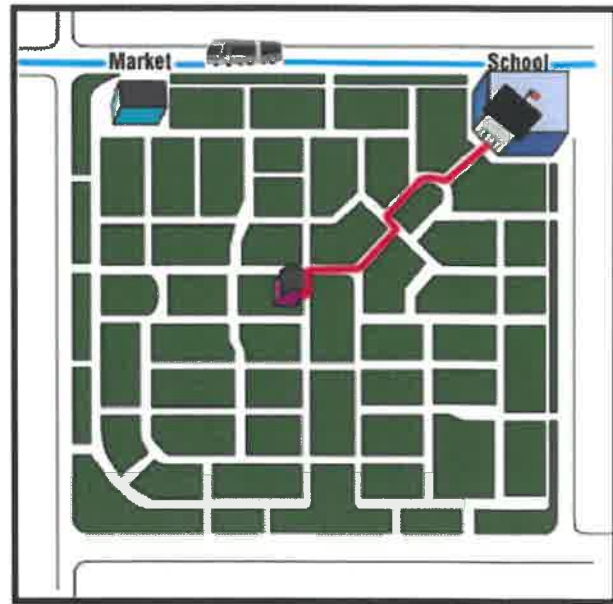
#### Typical Grocery Store Layout



- Small blocks are better for walkability because the connectivity keeps distances short.



Driving-only transportation pattern



Walkable connected transportation network

- Developers often prefer longer block lengths because 1) It's less road they have to build and building roads can be costly 2) Roads they build take up space that they could have built on, so they lose out on extra lots and therefore profit.
- Consider the impact of the maintenance required by the city on streets. Is it more because there will be more streets overall? Is it neutral because the same amount of traffic will be spread out over more roads, so each road gets less traffic and therefore needs less maintenance? Streets can be narrower when there are smaller blocks; does that 'make up' for the fact that there will be more streets?

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM #1**



# City of Blanco

P.O. Box 750 Blanco, Texas 78606  
Office 830-833-4525 Fax 830-833-4121

**STAFF REPORT: 10/10/23**

**DESCRIPTION: Request from Larry Brewer**

**ANALYSIS: Estimated cost for Engineering is \$27,980. Cost associated with actual sewer unknown at this time.**

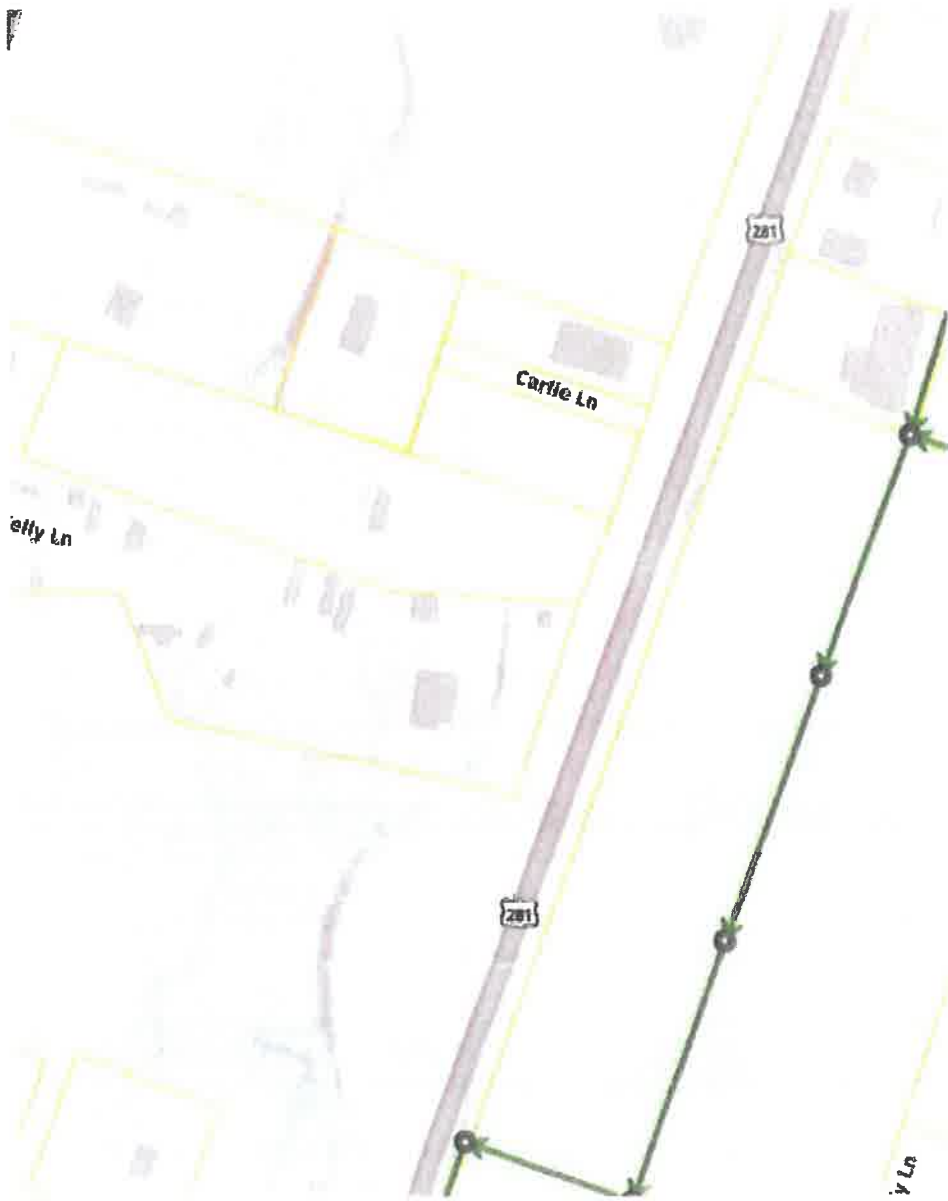
**Options:**

1. Provide sewer but require applicant to pay all costs associated with getting the sewer to said applicant.
2. Provide the sewer but require a cost sharing agreement and timeline to bring sewer service.
3. Allow applicant to De-annex property.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION: Provide guidance to City administrator to come back to requestor for an agreement on how to proceed with said request.**









October 2, 2023

Warren Escovy  
City Administrator  
City of Blanco  
300 Pecan Street  
Blanco, Texas 78606

Re: Proposal for Engineering Services  
Brewer Sewer Connection

Dear Mr. Escovy,

Ardurra is pleased to submit this not to exceed lump sum proposal for engineering services to the City of Blanco for the above referenced project.

The scope of the project will include the installation of approximately 700-linear feet of wastewater improvements across HWY 281 and tie into an existing manhole within TxDOT ROW. The tasks will include coordination with TxDOT, design, bidding, and construction phase services for the wastewater improvements. The fee does not include any environmental studies, permitting, utility adjustments, easement documents, permit fees, publishing fees, or oil and gas coordination.

Per the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Blanco and Ardurra approved on April 12, 2022, Attachment "C", Section A: Ardurra Group, Inc. Rate Schedule. Ardurra is proposing to provide the engineering services for a lump sum fee of \$27,980. Attached is a breakdown of the fee.

We look forward to working with you on this important project. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 210-822-2232.

Sincerely,  
Ardurra Group, Inc  
TBPE Firm No. 10053

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Byron Sanderfer".

Byron Sanderfer, P.E., CFM  
Regional Public Works Practice Director

Approved:

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City of Blanco

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attachment: Fee Breakdown

**ATTACHMENT A**

Item No.	FEE ESTIMATE FOR City of Blanco Brewer Sewer Connection October 2, 2023										Total Task Hours	Cost															
	No. Sheets	Senior Proj. Mgr.	Proj. Mgr.	Senior Engineer	Project Engineer	EST	Senior CAD Tech	CADD Tech	Professional Surveyor	Surveyor-in-Training			3 Man Crew	Chemical													
		\$205.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$118.00	\$110.00	\$170.00	\$303.00	\$180.00	\$70.00															
TASK		HOURS											TOTAL														
Design Phase - Brewer Sewer Connection																											
Perform Topographic Survey																									22	\$3,740	
TxDOT Permitting and Coordination																									16	\$2,200	
Develop plans and specifications																									88	\$10,800	
Develop Cost Estimate																									7	\$900	
BM Phase Services																										16	\$2,200
Coordination with Contractor, Intransit																										12	\$1,840
GAUC																										4	\$500
Construction Phase Services																										44	\$5,120
<b>Design Phase Services Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>\$27,860</b>													

**BRAUN & GRESHAM**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

August 10, 2023

*Via E-Mail: [cityadmin@cityofblancotx.gov](mailto:cityadmin@cityofblancotx.gov)*

Warren Escovy  
City Administrator  
300 Pecan Street  
Blanco, TX 78606

**Re: Utility Service at 1917 N US HWY 281, Blanco, TX 78606; Zoning Requirements; and Public Information Request**

Dear Mr. Escovy,

My firm has been retained by Tiger Car Wash, property owner of the 4.99-acre real property at 1917 N US Hwy 281, Blanco, TX 78606 (the "Property"). The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the lack of full municipal services at the Property, which was annexed into the City of Blanco (the "City") more than seventeen (17) years ago through City Annexation Ordinance No. 353 (see Exhibit "A"). In addition, the Property was rezoned on or about November 15, 2021, to R-5 residential from C-1 Commercial without statutory notice and procedures being followed. Finally, a formal public information request is being presented to the City regarding documentation concerning these matters. Accordingly, please direct all future communications regarding this matter to me.

As you are aware, Ch. 43 of the Tex. Loc. Gov't Code requires municipalities to provide a service plan to guide the integration of newly annexed areas into a municipality's jurisdiction. Section 43.056 describes a list of services that must be provided to annexed areas and establishes a timeline of four and one-half (4 ½) years for those services to be provided. To date, Tiger Car Wash has been paying municipal taxes for a very long time, but the Property remains without wastewater service, which is a required service within Section 43.056(b)(5). As result, demand is made of the City to immediately provide wastewater service to the Property or to voluntarily disannex the Property from the City's full-purpose jurisdiction. If either of these demands are not satisfied, Tiger Car Wash will seek a writ of mandamus from a court having jurisdiction in order to compel the City to act, in accordance with Tex. Loc. Gov't Code 43.056(l).

Chapter 211 of the Texas Loc. Gov't. Code requires municipalities to comply with a prescribed procedural process and to provide notice of zoning changes to affected property owners in order to provide said owners the opportunity to protest. Here, the Property was reclassified from C-1 Commercial to R-5 High Density Residential Transition without statutory notice being provided to Tiger Car Wash and requisite procedures being followed. Accordingly, Tiger Car Wash will seek declaratory judgment and injunctive relief from a court having jurisdiction unless the City rectifies the illegal rezoning of the Property on its own.

City of Blanco  
August 10, 2023  
Page 2 of 2

Finally, a formal public information request is submitted to the City through this letter. Request is made to produce the following documents:

1. Annexation Service Plan that includes the provision of services to 1917 N US Hwy 281, Blanco, TX 78606;
2. Copies of all rezoning notices provided by the City to Tiger Car Wash and copies of confirmation of delivery and/or receipt;
3. Copies of notices of the public hearings for the rezoning of the 1917 N US Hwy 281, Blanco, TX 78606; and
4. Copies of the records of the procedural process that was followed to rezone the Property, including the records of the meeting minutes from the public hearings of the planning and zoning commission and city council, and the preliminary and final reports from the zoning commission to the city council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Eric L. Gomez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Eric L. Gomez  
Attorney for Tiger Car Wash

# Exhibit "A"

ORDINANCE NO. 383

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 31.6 ACRES LOCATED WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, H. EGGLESTON SURVEY 24, ABSTRACT 1, BLANCO COUNTY, TEXAS.**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Blanco, a Type A general law municipality, authorized by the Texas Local Government Code to annex lands contiguous to the city limits and lying within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

**WHEREAS,** a 31.6 acre tract of land, more or less, more particularly described in the field notes and drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Property") is contiguous to and lies within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Blanco, Texas;

**WHEREAS,** notice was provided by first class mail to individual property owners located within the described Property and posted in a newspaper of general circulation within Blanco County, Texas, of the City of Blanco's proposed annexation of the Property;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Blanco conducted two public hearings concerning the proposed annexation of the Property;

**WHEREAS,** City-provided services are provided to or are available to individual tracts located within the described Property;

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas, finds it in the public interest and in the best interests of the future development of the Property and the surrounding area that it be annexed into the City of Blanco, Texas.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS,** that the Property described on the attached Exhibit A, totaling 31.6 acres, more or less, situated in Blanco County, Texas, is hereby annexed into the City of Blanco, Texas, and from passage of this Ordinance shall be part of the City of Blanco, Texas.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 31 day of JANUARY, 2006, by a vote of 4 FOR and 0 AGAINST with 0 ABSTENTIONS of the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas.

**THE CITY OF BLANCO**

  
Jim Rodrigue, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Bobbie Mowery, City Secretary

Description of a 31.6 acres, more or less, Annexation to the City of Blanco situated in Blanco County, Texas lying within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blanco Texas consisting of those tract as follows: (Bearings based on recorded Documents)

1. Tiger Car Wash - 4.99 acre tract recorded in Volume 228, Page 665
2. Charles and Marge Waxler - 5.0 acre tract recorded in Volume 128, page 130
3. U. S. Highway 281- 21.61 acres, from the existing City Limits on the west line of u. S. Highway 281 north to the a line across from the existing City Limits on the east side of U. s. Highway 281

Beginning at a point in the west line of U. S. Highway 281 and the east line of the Sheryl Brooks 23.89 acre tract at the northeast corner of Block 13 of the Harrison Heirs Subdivision and the north City Limits Line of the City of Blanco.

Thence in N 20° E. 723 feet, more or less, with the west line of U.S. Highway 281 to a point for the southeast corner of the Tiger Car Wash 4.99 acre tract recorded in Volume 128, Page 130 of the Official Public Records of Blanco County, Texas and the northeast corner of a 9.77 acre tract being the remainder of the Dennis Moore and Kelly Moore 14.77 acre tract.

Thence with the south line of the 4.99 acre tract and the north line of the 9.77 acre tract as follows:

N 84° 06' 51" W. 344.97 feet to an angle point.

N 70° 45' 21" W. 705.15 feet to a point for the southwest corner of the 4.99 acre tract and an interior corner of the 9.77 acre tract.

Thence N 20° 03' 59" E. 205.91 feet to a point in the south line of a 5.00 acre tract conveyed to Sherry Lynn Hawkins and recorded in Volume 312, Page 461 of the Official Public Records of Blanco County, Texas.

Thence with the north line of the 4.99 acre tract and the south line of the 5.00 acre tract as follows:

S 65° 26' 00" E. 105.74 feet to an angle point.

S 77° 16' 00" E. 294.06 feet to a point for the southwest corner of the 5.00 acre Charles Waxler tract.

Thence N 19° 30' 20" E. 336.91 feet to a ½" iron found for the northwest corner of the 5.0 acre tract.

Thence S 71° 03' 05" E. 645.00 feet with the north line of the 5.0 acre tract to a ½" iron pin found in the west line of U.S. Highway 281 for the northeast corner of this tract and being the southeast corner of the Gem of The Hill tract.

Thence N 20° E. 2552 feet, more or less, with the west line of U. S. Highway 281 to an extension of north line of the Jeff and Kimberlea Mayfield 50.67 acre tract to the west.

Thence S 70° E. across U. S. Highway 281 to the northwest corner of the 50.67 acre tract and the existing City Limits of the City of Blanco and covering 31.6 acres of land, more or less.