

**SPECIAL MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021, 3:00 pm**

A special meeting and budget workshop of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on July 20, 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by Mayor Rachel Lumpee, followed by roll call (Laurie Cassidy) announcing a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lumpee. Council members present: Mayor Lumpee, Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo (arrived late), Councilmembers Divine, Barron, Smith and McClellan.

City staff present: Kelly Kuenstler, Laurie Cassidy, Zach Dorris, Linda Coones, Sergeant Thornhill, and Chief Rubin.

Mayor Lumpee had no announcements.

Public Comments:

- Susan Moore, Planning & Zoning Chair, spoke about the changes to the 2014 zoning map and provided copies of the proposed 2021 zoning map.
- Retta Martin, member Streetscape Committee and Keep Blanco Beautiful (KBB). Gave an update on the Streetscape Committee and said that the committee has received two RFQ's for the Streetscape Master Planner, which they are reviewing at this time.

Consent Agenda: None

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

1. Discussion and possible action on contract negotiations with Kelly Kuenstler as interim City Administrator (Councilmember Smith). Councilmember Smith verified City Attorney; Brad Bullock had reviewed the contract agreement. Councilmember Smith is concerned about the buyout termination, item 16, since this is interim position take out paragraph 16. Verified this contract does not go through City Hall Essentials. Benefits are usually around 25%, Ms. Kuenstler is asking to waive those benefits and be compensated instead. Councilmember Barron questioned item #11 regarding city issued vehicle, only for city trips or accept mileage reimbursement. Mayor Lumpee expressed concern with annual base salary. Councilmember Smith asked if she would accept a lower salary of \$150,000 which is more in line with the salary survey, she said no but will make a recommendation (Joe Salvaggio).

A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to enter into employment contract agreement for Interim City Administrator with Kelly Kuenstler as amended, remove paragraph 16, #11 mileage allowance not to exceed \$500 per month or use of City provided vehicle, use of City issued phone, seconded by Councilmember Smith, all in favor, motion passed. (Sauceda absent for vote)

2. Discussion and possible action on the adoption of the City of Blanco personnel policy (Interim City Administrator, Kelly Kuenstler). Ms. Kuenstler presented PowerPoint presentation with new comments from Public Works department and Police Department. Discussion was made between Councilmembers. **A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve the Personnel Policy, City of Blanco Texas, July 13 format with changes presented by Kelly Kuenstler on July 20, seconded by Councilmember Barron, 4 in favor (Sauceda opposed), motion passed.**

Budget Workshop

1. Budget Workshop #1 – No Action Taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember McClellan, all in favor.

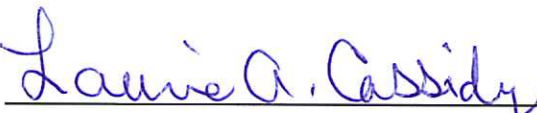
Meeting was adjourned a 5:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 10 day of August, 2021.

