

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

June 27, 2023

4:30 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 special meeting and budget workshop of the governing body of the City of Blanco will be held on June 27, 2023, at 4:30 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

CALL SPECIAL 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)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Announcements (No Action May Be Taken)

4. 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.

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

1. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Authorization and Governance of a Committee for Financial Transparency and Security.

2. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Initiating Due Diligence and Investigation relating to Possible Sale or other Disposition of the City's Water System.

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 Authorization and Governance of a Committee for Financial Transparency and Security.

2. Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an Administrative Employee.

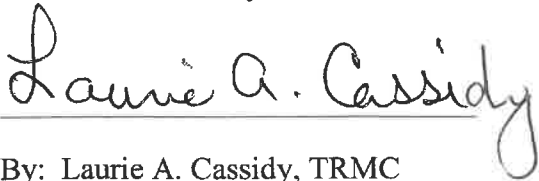
Budget Workshop:

1. Budget Discussion Workshop #2– No Action

Adjournment

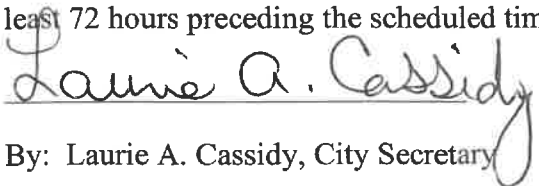
This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City of Blanco, Texas' legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that 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 the course of 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 23rd day of June 2023 before 5:00pm and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting.



By: Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

[DISCUSSION DRAFT--TO BE FORMATTED FOR ORDINANCE—DISCUSSION DRAFT]

City of Blanco

Committee for Financial Transparency and Security

Authority: It is serving the public welfare of the City of Blanco (the “city”) and its citizens, the creation of a Committee for Financial Transparency and Security (the “Committee”) is authorized.

Creation & Duration: The Committee may be created and disbanded by resolution of the governing body of the city. At creation, and from time to time, the governing body may impose specific conditions upon and charge the Committee with specific duties in addition to the general duties.

General Duties: The Committee shall review the city’s accounting policies, procedures, and records to evaluate the financial operation and condition of the city and assess and identify any related, abnormal financial activity past or present. A written evaluation and assessment including any recommendations to revise current policies, and any discovered abnormal financial activity, its quantification, cause, and consequence, shall be provided to the mayor and governing body at the end of the review.

Program of Work: Prior to the commencement of any work, the Committee shall develop for the governing body’s approval a program of work and governing rules or bylaws. The program shall be designed and implemented to reasonably accommodate the ordinary course of the city’s operations and finance functions. The Committee shall periodically inform the mayor and governing body of its progress under the work program.

Composition & Nomination:

- a. The Committee shall be composed of eight members.
- b. Members of the Committee shall be nominated by the mayor and each member of the governing body, and are subject to approval by the governing body, as follows:
 - 1) each member of the governing body shall each nominate one member of the Committee; and
 - 2) the mayor shall nominate three members of the Committee.

Removal: Any member of the Committee may be removed for any or no reason by an act of the governing body of the city.

Qualifications: All members of the Committee shall possess financial, accounting, business, non-profit, or government experience; provided, at least one member nominated by the mayor and one member nominated by the governing body shall possess significant financial or accounting experience of at least 10 years.

Staffing: The city's finance director shall serve as the Committee's primary staff liaison; provided, the mayor may appoint one additional staff co-liaison.

Ex-Officio Members: The mayor, each member of the governing body, city administrator, and city attorney shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and may participate in all Committee activities.

Open Government Requirements & Acknowledgement: All Committee proceedings, activities, records, and work product shall be conducted and held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) and Public Information Act (PIA), and any other applicable law. All records and work products of the Committee shall be property of the City and held confidential, subject to the TOMA and PIA.

At the initial meeting of the Committee, and before work commences, each member of the Committee shall acknowledge the foregoing in writing, subject only to the TOMA, PIA and any other applicable law and as determined exclusively by the City, the Texas Attorney General or a state court of competent jurisdiction. Within thirty (30) days after appointment, each Committee member shall complete the state's mandatory online open government training and obtain the related certificate. Each Committee member shall also acknowledge in writing that that they are acting by and for the city and its citizens, and not in their individual capacities, and shall use any information obtained because of Committee service solely for such public purposes.