

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

**Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2024**

A special meeting and public hearing of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on September 27, 2024, at 4:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung, followed by roll call announcing a quorum was present. Council members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung and Council Members Swinson, Moses, Moore and Cargill. Mayor Arnold was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung.

City staff present: Warren Escovy, City Administrator, Dana Bundick, Interim Finance Director, and Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung announced the Mayor is absent today to attend his son's wedding and therefore he will be presiding over the meeting.

Public Comments:

- None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARINGS (Opened at 4:04 and Closed at 4:04 pm, No Public Comments)

1. Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Municipal Budget. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$256,380 which is an 18% increase in revenue from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$25,811.
2. Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed 2024 ad valorem tax rate and levy at the proposed rate of \$0.3978 of all taxable property within the corporate city limits of the City of Blanco, Texas.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

1. Approval of City of Blanco Holiday Schedule 2025.
2. Approval of City of Blanco Organizational Chart.

The Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung pulled Item #2 Organizational Chart from the Consent Agenda to be reviewed at the October 8, 2024 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Swinson to approve Item #1, Holiday Schedule 2025 with the addition of the June 19, Juneteenth Holiday, seconded by Council Member Moore, all in favor motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on the following:

1. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of funding public works projects at \$1,500,000 and adjusting the I&S taxes to fund such projects. The Council discussed projects to be included in the Series 2024A certificates of obligation which would increase the I&S tax to \$0.2394 and could including Filter to Waste completion at the water treatment plant (\$462,000), sewer installation from 15th Street to near the City limits on northside (\$600,000), VFD's (\$30,000), replacement of 10 fire hydrants (\$100,000), and retaining wall at Town Creek (\$150,000). **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung to approve funding public works projects at \$1,500,000 and adjusting the I&S taxes to fund such projects, seconded by Council Member Cargill, motion carried 3-1-1 with Council Member Moses opposed and Council Member Moore abstained.**
2. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of Ordinance 2024-O-008 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the Municipal Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; Funding Municipal Purposes; Authorizing Expenditures; Providing for: Findings of Fact; Enactment; Filing of Budget; Repealer; Severability; Effective Date; and Proper Notice and Meeting. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack McClung to approve the budget as amended in item one, Ordinance 2024-O-008 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the Municipal Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; Funding Municipal Purposes; Authorizing Expenditures; Providing for: Findings of Fact; Enactment; Filing of Budget; Repealer; Severability; Effective Date; and Proper Notice and Meeting, seconded by Council Member Moore. The vote was 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung, Council Members Swinson, Cargill, and Moore voting for and Council Member Moses voting no. Motion carried.**
3. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on approval of Resolution 2024-R-016 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Ratifying expenditures; filing of budget; repealer; severability; effective the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; funding municipal purposes; authorizing date; and proper notice. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack McClung to approve Resolution 2024-R-016 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Ratifying expenditures; filing of budget; repealer; severability; effective the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; funding municipal purposes; authorizing date; and proper notice, seconded by Council Member Swinson. The vote was 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung, Council Members Swinson, Cargill, and Moore voting for and Council Member Moses voting no. Motion carried.**
4. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on Approval of the 2024 maintenance and operating tax rate at the proposed rate of \$0.1780 to fund the 2024-2025 Budget. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung to approve the 2024 maintenance and operating tax rate at the rate of \$0.1700, seconded by Council Member Moore, motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Moses opposed.**
5. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of the 2024 debt tax rate at the proposed rate of \$0.239442 to fund the 2024-2025 debt obligation. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung to approve the 2024 debt tax rate at the rate of \$0.2394 to fund the 2024-2025 debt obligation, seconded by Council Member Swinson, motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Moses opposed.**
6. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on the approval of Ordinance 2024-O-009 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the 2024 ad valorem tax rate and levy at the proposed rate of \$0.3978 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate city limits of the City of Blanco, Texas.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.4094, which is effectively a 19% increase in the tax rate, seconded by Council Member Swinson. The vote was 4-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung, Council Members Swinson, Cargill, and Moore voting for and Council Member Moses voting no. Motion carried.

7. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Annual Hotel Occupancy Tax funds request in the amount of \$154,237.00 for Blanco Chamber of Commerce. **A motion was made by Council Member Moses to approve the annual Hotel Occupancy Tax funds request in the \$154,237.00 for the Blanco Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Council Member Cargill, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
8. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on approval of request for HOT Funds in the amount of \$42,007.00 for Christmas Lights for Blanco Chamber of Commerce. **A motion was made by Council Member Cargill to “Make Blanco Christmas again” approve request for HOT funds in the amount of \$42,007 for Christmas Lights for Blanco Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Council Member, Moses, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote Confirmation

City Secretary, Laurie Cassidy provided the Roll Call Vote Confirmation for agenda items 2, 3, and 6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung expressed his appreciation in keeping this meeting to within an hour after the long five plus hour regular meeting from September 10, 2024.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Council Member Moses to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Moore, all in favor.

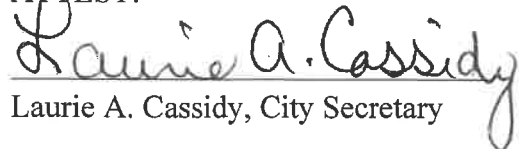
The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobby Mack-McClung, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 8 day of October, 2024.

