Village of Salado, Texas
Strategic Planning Workshop Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
Minutes
8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2016
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen Chambers

Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Amber Dankert, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman David Williams.

Others Present: Kim Foutz, Village Administrator; Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary.

I. Call to Order.

1. Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. He opened the meeting with prayer.

   There was general discussion about the positive and negative aspects about the Village and its government, how to work as a group, and how to best handle criticism. The Board discussed the need to streamline processes and create more transparency.

2. Community challenges: prioritizes and brainstorm solutions

3. 2015-2016 Program of Work (adopted with budget) and 2016-20187 Program of Work.

4. Preliminary FY 2016-2017 budget discussion and priorities

   The Board combined items 2, 3 and 4 into one discussion about priorities.

   The Board set priorities for the next eight months to two years:
   a. Working for a more positive relationship with builders and developers
   b. Simplification of ordinances: remove burdensome processes, create checklists and process sheets. Create flow: Ordinance Committee to BOA workshop to P&Z/BOA for action. New ordinances would not go to the Ordinance Committee.
   c. Review and retool the inspection and planning review processes; compare alternatives (assigned to Annexation Committee).
   d. Updating the Master Plans.
   e. Annexation: focus on desirable properties (commercial, high-value residential)
      1. Enticements, incentives
      2. ETJ negotiations
      3. Mayor ETJ letters
      4. Road annexations: FM 2268, FM 2484, FM 2483
      5. Utility annexations
      6. Focus on properties near sewer

7. Economic Development – shovel-ready/good properties

f. Development on the west side (assigned to Economic Development and Annexation/ESTJ committees)

g. Better flooding/drainage management: tap into experts, enforcement, purchase signs with message that it is a violation to go around a barricade. (Assigned to Environmental Committee to review and make recommendation)

h. Grants: a need for a professional grant writer; to be discussed through Budget process

i. Preservation and definition of the Historical District (Mayor Pro Tem Brown will meet with Historical Society and for guidance)

j. Downtown

k. Wastewater capital improvements
   1. Need scheduled updated and how process works (approvals and bottlenecks, perhaps a "chat sheet" of agency processes)
   2. Ask Rick Kasberg to give monthly updates at BOA meetings
   3. Main Street/Royal Street maps and right-of-way

l. Follow-up on recent development projects: Stagecoach, Sanctuary

m. Streamline BOA workshops: Mayor and Administrator both bring forth recommendations

n. Capital improvement projects: Budget workshops, drainage or street maintenance fee to be addressed during the Budget process

o. Advertising (blue informational signs on Interstate)

p. Police Department
   1. Staffing levels
   2. Fleet
   3. Reporting/Chain of Command
   4. Consistency of message/information given out
   5. 24-hour coverage
   6. Ramp up the drug program
   7. Public relations/education programs

There was discussion about staff evaluations. It was decided that the BOA will conduct the evaluation of the Chief of Police during the June 16, 2016, meeting and the evaluation of the Village Administrator at the July 7, 2016, meeting.

Mayor Blancett adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Skip Blancett, Mayor

Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary