

Village of Salado, Texas
Special Called Workshop Meeting Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2015
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road

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; Leah Hayes, Village Attorney; Robert Sulaski, Sanctuary chief executive officer; Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Public Hearing – Proposed Tax Rate of .3395/\$100 for FY 2016

Administrator Foutz reviewed the proposed tax rate.

Mayor Blancett opened the first of two public hearings on the tax rate at 6:36 p.m. He called twice for speakers.

Linda Reynolds, 507 Santa Rosa, approached on the second call. She said that while many Salado citizens are not affected by the tax increase because of exemptions, young families are affected. One young family has already moved from her neighborhood, and others may make the same decision.

The mayor made the third call for speakers at 6:38 p.m. No additional speakers approached; he closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

III. Workshop

The mayor opened the workshop at 6:39 p.m. and introduced Leah Hayes, Village Attorney, and Robert Sulaski, Sanctuary CEO.

Alderman Williams reviewed several documents provided by the Sanctuary team and said that it would be prudent for the Village to have an alternate plan.

The mayor turned the floor over to Mr. Sulaski at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Sulaski addressed the 13 points that were included in a motion made by Alderman Coachman at the Board's September 3, 2015, meeting. He surrendered the floor at 8:36 p.m.

The mayor called for a 5-minute recess at 8:37 p.m. He brought the Board back into workshop at 8:44 p.m.

There was discussion about Mr. Sulaski's presentation with particular attention to the wastewater permit and land donation; annexation; the proposed Public Improvement District; and timeframe. Attorney Hayes said she would forward the Board's concerns and changes to the Sanctuary attorney with intent of writing an actionable item for the Board's called meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

The mayor opened the floor for citizen comments.

Pat Broecker, 1417 Elizabeth, expressed support for Sanctuary and dissatisfaction with Village administration.

Jill Shipman, 711 College Hill, expressed support for Sanctuary and her fear that Salado will suffer without the development.

Johnny Shipman, 711 College Hill, expressed a desire for Sanctuary and the Village to find a way to work together for the wastewater plant and proposed development.

IV. Adjourn

Alderman Williams made the motion to adjourn; Alderman McDougal seconded. The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.



Skip Blancetti, Mayor



Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary