

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UVALDE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE; AMENDING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, APPOINTMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Uvalde desires to establish a strategic planning committee to promote efficient governmental operations and involvement of citizens in community issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UVALDE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact.

Section 2. Committee Established. The Strategic Planning Committee of the City of Uvalde is hereby created:

Section 3. Duties.

- (a) General Duties. The committee shall function in an advisory capacity only to the Council, and in such advisory capacity shall have the responsibilities and duties set forth in Section 3(b), as well as any other functions and duties assigned by Council. The committee shall report to the Council once each quarter following the committee's quarterly meeting.
- (b) Specific Duties. The committee shall have the responsibilities and duties to study and recommend options for strategic planning and goal-setting; to assist in coordinating efforts to implementing City goals; and to recommend issues for in-depth study by the other committees.

Section 4. Membership and Appointments; Term of Office and Vacancy.

- (a) Membership and Appointment. Each committee shall be composed of one City Council member (the "Council committee member") and six (6) residents of the City (the "citizen members"), with one citizen member chosen from each single member voting district and one citizen member chosen from the City at large (the "citizen members"). The Mayor shall appoint the members of the committee with the confirmation of the Council. The Chairperson of each committee shall recommend citizen members to the Mayor, with consultation from a City staff liaison from the department that performs duties most similar to that of the committee. In making citizen member appointments, preference shall be given to persons who do not already serve on one of the committees or another City board or commission.
- (b) Citizen Members' Terms and Vacancy. The citizen members of each Committee shall serve for a two (2) year term; provided that the citizen members appointed to the odd-numbered

places in 2013 shall serve until May 31, 2015. The places occupied by the citizen members of each Committee shall be identified by Place Numbers One (1) through Six (6). The citizen members from District 2, District 4, and the City at large shall hold Place Number 2, Place Number 4, and Place Number 6, respectively. The term of the odd-numbered places shall expire on May 31 of odd-numbered years; the term of the even-numbered places shall expire on May 31 of even-numbered years, provided that the citizen members appointed to the even-numbered places in 2013 shall serve until May 31, 2016. Citizen members may be appointed to succeed themselves; provided that citizen members shall be limited to serving two consecutive terms on the committee. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms by appointment by the Mayor with the confirmation of the Council in accordance with Section 4(a), but no member shall be appointed for a term in excess of two years. Newly appointed members shall be installed at the first regular committee meeting after their appointment. Members shall be eligible for re-appointment at any time following the termination of their two (2) year term, subject to term limitations.

- (c) Council Committee Members' Terms and Vacancies. The place occupied by the Council committee member shall be identified as Place Number Seven (7). The City Council shall assign Council committee members to any vacant places in June of each year; provided that the initial appointments may be made at anytime after the effective date of this Ordinance. Council committee member's term shall expire upon the expiration of the member's term on the City Council. Council committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms by appointment by the City Council. Newly appointed members shall be installed at the first regular committee meeting after their appointment.
- (d) Continued Service. When the term of office for a member expires, the member shall continue to serve until a new member is appointed to the member's place.
- (e) Compensation. Committee members shall serve without compensation.
- (f) Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Council committee member shall serve as the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
- (g) Dismissal of Members. The Council shall have the authority to dismiss members with or without cause or to abolish any committee with or without cause.

Section 5. Committee Meetings.

- (a) Regular Meetings. Each committee shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting each quarter and shall prescribe by rule regular meeting dates at a regular meeting place. The Chairperson shall prepare an agenda of each meeting and shall post a copy of the agenda in the City Hall for a period of at least 72 hours prior to the time of the meeting.
- (b) Special Meetings. The committees may hold special meetings upon the request of the Chairperson, the Mayor, the City Administrator, City Attorney, or upon the written request of

three (3) committee members.

(c) Quorum. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members. A motion to approve any matter before a committee or to recommend approval of any request requiring City Council action shall require a majority vote of the quorum members present.

(d) Voting. Voting shall be by role call vote, and the Chairperson shall be entitled to vote on any matter before the committee.

Section 6. Removal Upon Excessive Unexcused Absences From Meetings or Moving Outside City Limits.

(a) Unexcused Absences. If a member of a committee is absent for three regular consecutive meetings, the member's office is considered vacant unless the member is sick or has first obtained a leave of absence at a regular meeting. The committee in question shall be the judge of whether the member has had three such consecutive unexcused absences.

(b) Moving Outside City Limits. Membership on a committee is automatically terminated if a member moves outside the City limits.

Section 7. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Article I, Ordinance Number 461 are hereby repealed. All ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance as adopted and amended herein, are hereby amended to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the City, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 8. Open Meetings. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapt. 551, Loc. Gov't. Code.

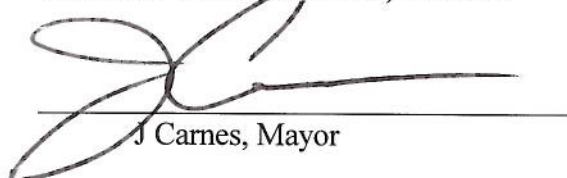
PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12 day of November, 2013.

FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12 day of November, 2013.

ATTEST:


Susan M. Conley, City Secretary

THE CITY OF UVALDE, TEXAS


J. Carnes, Mayor