

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – R-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, RELATED TO THE BASTROP VISION TASK FORCE; FORMALIZING THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE VISION TASK FORCE; RECOGNIZING THE VISION TASK FORCE AS AN ENTITY OF THE CITY; PROVIDING CERTAIN PROCEDURES, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SAME; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, on or about November 20, 2015, the City Council of the City of Bastrop requested that Council Member Kay McAnally organize and oversee a group of volunteers who would act as an ‘informal advisory group’ of individuals, who would meet, periodically, to discuss and develop creative concepts for enhancing the lives of citizens in the community, encouraging local businesses in town, and facilitating communication and cooperation between local entities, groups, organizations, and non-profits for the benefit of the community, and that group would be referred to as the ‘Vision Task Force’ of Bastrop, and it would periodically report ideas, projects and visions to the City Council, related to its work on such matters; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, under the leadership and promotion of Council Member Kay McAnally, the Vision Task Force has been a vibrant, engaged and energetic body of citizen volunteers who have actively participated in the work done by the Task Force and the City identifying and promoting projects that promote a vision for the future of the City that encourages collaboration, and enhances to community and the unique character and history of the City, and

**WHEREAS**, the work done by the Vision Task Force has brought interested stakeholders together to share ideas about the City’s future, with the City Council staff and consultants, and has helped the City identify areas of priority for future focus, to ensure that the City is thinking creatively about opportunities and prospects as it moves forward with growth, opportunity, and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that the Vision Task Force would benefit from being more formally recognized by the City as an organization that provides a creative and welcoming environment for its citizens, stakeholders and volunteers, and interfaces with the Council to enhance to work done by the City on various projects and events and, thus, the Council desires to formally act, publically recognize and organize the Vision Task Force, as set forth herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Part 1:** The Vision Task Force is hereby recognized as a formal advisory body of the City of Bastrop, Texas, with the stated mission as follows:

The Vision Task Force Exists to Foster a Vision for Bastrop’s Future that -

- Safeguards Bastrop's unique character and honors its distinguished history
- Nurtures a vibrant business climate
- Enhances the quality of life for its citizens, and
- Facilitate collaboration and optimization of initiatives and resources among local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and the business community.

**Part 2:** The Vision Task Force is organized and will operate pursuant to the policies and rules utilized by other City boards and commissions, in that it shall follow the Open Meetings and Public Information laws of the State, and the City's Code of Ethics, as they apply to all City board and commission members. The work of the Vision Task Force will be considered by the City Council annually on or about October of each year, at which time the City Council and the Task Force will review, discuss and consider the goals and objectives of the Vision Task Force for the upcoming year.

**Part 3:** The City will provide a staff liaison to assist the Vision Task Force with its organizational work, in the future.

**Part 4:** The meetings of the Vision Task Force will take place at the City Hall, unless it determines that a particular meeting should be held in an alternate location, which shall be noticed and open to the public as set forth in accord with the Open Meets Act.

**Part 5:** With regard to membership, the Vision Task Force shall have no fewer than 7 members and no more than 9 members, with all members serving for one (1) year terms, ending on May 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. In addition to the appointed membership, the Vision Task Force may seek and have the participation of City Directors and Staff, by requesting same through the City Manager. However, the Directors' and staff's participation in the work of the Vision Task Force shall be limited to their availability given their normal work schedule and ongoing work load.

**Part 6:** The procedure to be used for filling any vacancies that occur on the Vision Task Force will be as follows: (1) the current members of the Vision Task Force will provide to the City Secretary a list of name(s) of individuals that the members recommend for consideration for appointment to fill the vacancy, (2) the City Secretary will provide the list from the Vision Task Force to the Mayor and Council Members, (3) that the Mayor will make an appointment from the names provided by the Vision Task Force, who will be the appointee upon confirmation by the Council.

**Part 7:** During the transition period from the effective date of this Resolution until May 31, 2016, the following individuals are hereby recognized and formally thanked for their past contribution and are appointed as members of the Vision Task Force:

1. Kay McAnally, Council Representative
2. Dick Smith
3. John Landwehr
4. Becki Womble
5. Martha Harns
6. Nancy Wood

**Part 8:** If any section or part of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that holding shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution or Code of Ordinances, City of Bastrop, Texas.

**Part 9:** This Resolution supersedes and repeals all Resolution or parts of Resolution, if any, in conflict herewith; however, such present Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until the effective date of this Resolution.

**Part 10:** This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of final passage noted below.

READ and ADOPTED on the 8th day of December, 2015.

**APPROVED:**



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**Ken Kesselus**  
Mayor


**ATTEST:**



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**Ann Franklin**  
City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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**Jo-Christy Brown, City Attorney**