



**WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 26, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY AUDITORIUM IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Joe Baker  
Cindy Saenz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1  
Johnny Rodriguez, District 2  
Christopher Parker, District 3  
James Douglas, District 4  
Saundra Schultz, District 5

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**CITY PRESENT:**

William Linn, City Manager  
Judy Murphy, Accounting Dept.

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**Opening Agenda**

**1. Call Workshop of the City Council meeting to order.**

The Workshop of the City of Kenedy Council was called to order by Mayor Baker at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in the City Auditorium in the Ruhman C. Franklin Municipal Building, 303 W. Main St. Kenedy, TX.

**2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.**

Mayor Baker called roll. With all members of council present, a quorum was declared.

**3. Prayer.**

Mayor Baker led the prayer.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Baker.

**5. Open workshop for the purpose of planning and discussing items related to partnering with the San Antonio Food Bank pertaining to implementing a quarterly food distribution pantry and/or permanent food pantry within the municipal limits.**

Mayor Baker welcomed Mario Obledo, Jr. with the San Antonio Food Bank who is the Chief of Government & Public Affairs division. Mr. Obledo explained what food banking is and

stated there are over 200 of them across the U. S. and 20 in Texas, which cover 29 counties. He explained

the Food Bank partners with businesses such as HEB, Costco, TDCJ and many others, and they work hand in hand with the Red Cross. They also assist with “pop-up” programs and culinary education. Councilman Douglas said he supports the idea especially since Kenedy has a large low-to-moderate income population. He stated that the current distribution done by the County is not enough. Mayor Baker agreed that there is a great need due to the socio/economic status of our citizens. He questioned if there are other cities in the program that are similar to Kenedy. Mr. Obledo said yes, they work with the City of Charlotte, Poteet, Dilley and Pearsall to name a few. Councilmember Rodriquez inquired about the costs involved in providing the service. City Manager responded the annual cost would be \$10,000. Mayor Baker asked about the venison processing that the food bank does. Councilmember Schultz asked if the food bank also processed feral hogs. Mr. Obledo responded no to the feral hogs due to extra red tape involved. Councilmember Saenz asked what does it take to start and what does the City need to do to move forward. Locations for the distribution was discussed with possible locations being at the City Hall Auditorium, convention center on Escondido and possibly Craig Street. Mayor Baker mentioned the cost of \$2500 per quarter would feed approximately 100 families. Possible dates of the distribution were discussed so as to not conflict with the County distribution. City Manager Linn stated he would contact Mr. Obledo the next day to get the process started.

6. **Close Workshop.**

Mayor Baker asked if there was any further discussion or questions. Being none, he closed the workshop.

7. **Adjourn Workshop.**

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Joe Baker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
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William Linn, City Manager