

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in Workshop Session at 6:00 PM in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-Tem Gabe Adame; Councilmembers: Martin Vela, Keko Moore, Glenn Starkey, and Chris Vaughn.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Sara Cruz, Deputy City Secretary; Michael Higgins, Director of Administrative Services; Christine Turner, Controller; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; Brandon Moody, Director of Public Services and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Visioning and goalsetting for the Capital Improvement Program and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and possibly include discussion on future development, city operations, and policymaking. No formal action will be taken by City Council during this workshop.

Mr. Roland began by reviewing the upcoming budget calendar and explaining the purpose of the SWOT Analysis that was sent out to Council members. Mr. Roland explained the importance of City Council providing input during the budget process in order to provide direction. He also went on to review the departmental goals that were set based on the adopted strategic plan. He highlighted the City's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for positive progression. Mr. Roland began discussing the city's current tax rate and how it is appropriated along with the sales use tax. Mr. Roland explained the difference between an Economic Development Department and an Economic Development Corporation. Further discussion was had on how an Economic Development Corporation is used, its benefits, and other cities that have adopted such corporations. There was discussion on the aesthetics of Alvin and how improving landscaping and other visual features might help improve perception. Council member Adame asked if grants are available to fund these types of beautification projects; discussion was had on other funding options. Michelle Segovia, City Engineer, suggested the amendment of the Tree Preservation Ordinance to allow those funds to be utilized for broader landscaping options beyond planting trees. The pros and cons of zoning were discussed. Streamlining of the board and commission appointment process was discussed along with the possibility of implementing term limits for board and commission members. Increasing fines or the introduction of a progression scale for City Ordinance violations, possible occupancy and inspection fees and the investment of the downtown area was discussed. Capital Improvement Projects for each department were reviewed. Ms. Segovia summarized current projects and upcoming phases for the Engineering Department and Streets Projects. Mr. Kelinske highlighted the Parks Projects, updating equipment, lighting, and structures of park facilities. Mr. Moody gave an update on Water and Wastewater Projects, and lift stations they will be able to eliminate, lowering maintenance and utility fees.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 20th of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary