

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 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 Gabe Adame; Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Vaughn; Councilmembers: Martin Vela, Keko Moore, Glenn Starkey, Richard Garivey and Meagan DeKeyser.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary; Michael Higgins, Director of Administrative Services; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; and Todd Arendell, Police Captain.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discuss Downtown Revitalization.

Josh Dearing, Economic Development Coordinator, presented this item before City Council with explanation. Mr. Dearing began by summarizing the Downtown Study completed in 2016 by the Downtown Alvin Revitalization Taskforce (DART), through consultation with Huitt-Zollars Inc. He also reviewed the Downtown Grant Program and how it facilitates Downtown revitalization. Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary, provided a list of specified business types that this grant program is intended to prioritize. Mr. Dearing also explained the guidelines and application process to receive this grant funding. He further explained how the Engineering department is a part of this process to ensure the applicant is aware of all the potential requirements. Mr. Dearing then gave a brief synopsis of the current Economic Development Policy and the potential incentives of creating an Economic Development Corporation. Discussion was had on the structure of funding for an Economic Development Corporation. Discussion was had on Zoning and Special Districts and Mr. Dearing explained the requirements of each and planning for possible implementation. Further clarification was discussed regarding the guidelines for the Downtown Grant Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 3rd of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

Gabe Adame, Mayor

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary