

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
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 DeKeyzer.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary; Chris Thomas, Director of Administrative Services; Brandon Moody, Director of Public Services and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discuss Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages of the City of Alvin Code of Ordinances.

Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney, presented this item before City Council with explanation. Ms. Hanneman provided Council and Staff with proposed changes to Chapter 3 of the City of Alvin Code of Ordinances, related to Alcoholic Beverages. Many of her proposed edits involved grammar and/or updating wording, including consolidating scattered definitions throughout the chapter into one location in Chapter 3 for centralized information. She also listed the allowable licenses and permits within the City of Alvin, mirroring the terminology and verbiage used by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. In the event that a Local Election Option is placed on the ballot and passes a vote of the people, this section can be amended to accommodate the results of said election. Ms. Hanneman summarized the location restrictions related to where an establishment can be located with respect to other buildings (schools, daycares, dwellings, churches, etc.) and those distance requirements. She explained that per Section 109.57 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, municipalities can impose a more strict distance requirement if a business earns 75 percent or more of its gross revenue from on-premise alcohol sales, leading to the past implementation of a 500-foot restriction for the placement of bars near residential dwellings. Discussion was had on the distance requirements and how they apply to different types of businesses. Ms. Hanneman also reviewed the addition of a variance process to this Chapter and the guidelines for reviewing variance requests. Further discussion addressed how the Code of Ordinances customizes regulations for the community's needs, while TABC standards ensure compliance with state laws. The consensus of City Council members regarding the distance requirement was to remove the 500-foot distance requirement, leaving the state mandated 300 foot distance requirement for schools, daycares, etc. and adding "dwellings" to that described list. The ordinance with City Council's requested amendments will be brought back at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 21st of March 2024.

ATTEST:

Gabe Adame, Mayor

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary