

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 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 Keko Moore; Councilmembers: Martin Vela, Chris Vaughn, Joel Castro, 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; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director, and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discussion on the development of the property adjacent to 222 West Willis Street, otherwise known as the "Ugly Corner."

Junru Roland, City Manager, presented this item before City Council with a detailed explanation. Mr. Roland outlined a variety of potential beautification projects, aimed at enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the city. Among the proposed projects were the installation of the donated caboose, construction of a gazebo, new signage, expansion of greenspaces, and the introduction of Park Art with accompanying landscaping. Mr. Roland shared examples from other Texas cities where interactive Park Art had been successfully implemented, providing inspiration and practical insights. Discussion was had on the options presented and possible variations. Council reached a consensus to move forward with planning the Park Art project, emphasizing the inclusion of an "ALVIN" sign and greenspace with professional landscaping, pending approval from BNSF. If the lettering project is not approved, the consensus is to leave the area as greenspace. Additionally, the idea of placing the caboose on the east side of the Train Depot, adjacent to the park, received favorable consideration. Mr. Roland further recommended the formal adoption of these plans to ensure continuous progress and prevent any potential delays or setbacks in the project's development. He emphasized the importance of having a structured plan in place to facilitate smooth execution and timely completion of the beautification initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 18th of July 2024.

ATTEST:

Gabe Adame, Mayor

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary