

MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2021
10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in a Special Workshop Session at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers at Alvin City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-Tem Martin Vela; Councilmember's: Gabe Adame, Joel Castro, Richard Garivey, Keko Moore, Glenn Starkey, and Chris Vaughn. Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; and Josh Dearing, Economic Development Coordinator.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP ITEM:

Discuss Special Use Districts and Policies – Sue Darcy, Marsh Darcy Partners, Inc.

Mayor Horn called the meeting to order and introduced Sue Darcy with Marsh Darcy Partners (MDP), a multi-disciplinary planning firm composed professionals with diverse backgrounds in urban planning, land use policy creation, economic development, fiscal impact analysis, implementation strategies, land use and regulatory compliance.

Ms. Darcy reviewed the challenges and opportunities of municipal governance, the role economic development plays, and the use of Special Districts in economic development.

Discuss the Livable Center Study - Josh Dearing, Economic Development Coordinator

A working lunch was had. Mr. Dearing reviewed the H-GAC Livable Centers Study. This program is to help reimagine auto-focused infrastructure and to help create quality, walkable, mixed-use places with various travel choices that reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and transportation safety, promote economic development and housing choice. Mr. Dearing presented the possibility of the City's participation in either the Full Livable Centers Study or the Focused Livable Centers Study. He reviewed the eligibility requirements which include a 10% match by the City and explained that such studies typically cost between \$150,000-\$200,000, so a 10% match would cost the City approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. The notice of intent to apply is due by May 27th with the application due by July 29th. The H-GAC board will review and approve applications on September 21st. No vote was taken, but there were no objections heard in moving forward with the submission of an application.

Review of the Texas Open Meetings and the Texas Public Information Act – Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney.

Ms. Hanneman reviewed the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act with members of City Council and staff members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 1st day of July 2021.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary