

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS  
216 W. SEALY STREET  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
THURSDAY APRIL 7, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

**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 5:32 P.M. in the Downstairs Conference Room at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-tem Adam Arendell; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Terry Droege, Roger Stuksa, Keith Thompson, Scott Reed and Brad Richards.

**Staff members present:** Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Junru Roland, Assistant City Manager/CFO; Bobbi Kacz, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, City Clerk; Robert E. Lee, Chief of Police.

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

Discuss Form Based Codes

David Olson, Attorney, Olson and Olson asked Council to clearly define staff expectations as to whether or not Council would be in favor of moving toward the use of zoning. Zoning is used as a long-term tool to protect certain areas of development, not as a way to address code enforcement issues. Does Council want their focus to be on extending the infrastructure in place before going out and land grabbing?

The implementation of zoning will not reduce the amount of variance requests.

Because of the recent Master Plan update, the updating of the subdivision ordinance has been identified as a top priority and will be revised.

Scott Polikov, President of Gateway Planning presented information on various city planning and development tools. Lengthy discussion followed.

The revitalization of downtown was discussed and the work done by the downtown revitalization committee.

Ms. Breland stated that zoning has been brought up on several occasions and she feared not to have clear direction as to whether or not Council wanted staff to focus on just zoning. Her concern was that staff was looking at a tool that Council did not necessarily need or want. Ms. Breland wanted to ensure that Council had all options before pulling the trigger on a public vote for the use of zoning.

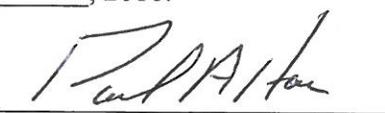
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this 21 day of April, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk

  
Paul A. Horn, Mayor