

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 21, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-tem Gabe Adame; Council members: Adam Arendell, Scott Reed, Chris Sanger, Glenn Starkey, Keith Thompson, and Brad Richards.

Staff members present: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Bobbi Kacz, City Attorney; Junru Roland, CFO/Assistant City Manager; Larry Buehler, Director of Economic Development; Robert Lee, Police Chief; Dan Kelinske, Parks Director; Dixie Roberts, City Clerk; and Michelle Segovia, City Engineer.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Adame gave the invocation.

Boy Scout Troop 400 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Eagle Scout Recognition; Zacrie Wright and David Klewer.

Mayor Horn presented Zacrie Wright, David Klewer and with a certificate recognizing their efforts in obtaining the Eagle Scout rank.

Nelva Urick Recognition; recipient of the Keep Texas Beautiful O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Award.

Mayor Horn announced that this item will be placed on the next city council agenda.

Keep Alvin Beautiful Recognition; recipient of the Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Award.

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Presentation of the City of Alvin Municipal Court Fines and Delinquent Tax Collections Report by Mike Darlow of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Moffit, LLP.

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City Clerk Departmental Presentation.

Dixie Roberts, City Clerk gave a brief departmental update.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes of the July 7, 2016 City Council workshop.

Approve minutes of the July 7, 2016 City Council meeting.

Acknowledge receipt of the Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Improvement Projects Report and the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Report.

Acknowledge receipt of the 2015 Delinquent Tax Roll.

Consider ratifying addendum(s) to the janitorial services contract with American Janitorial Services providing services for the Alvin Animal Adoption Center and Police Department buildings through August 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$5,355.00.

Council member Adame moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council member Richards; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Consider Resolution 16-R-16; approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Alvin, Texas and Brazoria County for participation in the Scofflaw Program in accordance with Section 702.003 of the Texas Transportation Code allowing the county tax assessor-collector to deny motor vehicle registrations or re-registrations for persons with outstanding warrants for failure to appear or failure to pay a fine involving the violation of a traffic offense; authorizing its execution by the City Manager, and providing an effective date; and setting forth other provisions related thereto.

The Texas Transportation Code (TTC) defines scofflaw as a vehicle owner deemed delinquent in paying a fine, fee, or tax to a city or county. According to TTC 702.003, a county tax assessor-collector may deny registration of a motor vehicle if the county assessor-collector's office receives information from a municipality that the owner of the vehicle has an outstanding warrant from that municipality for failure to appear or failure to pay a fine on a complaint that involves the violation of a traffic law. The TTC, under this program, also allows the city council to impose a \$20 fee to any person who has an outstanding warrant and is not allowed to register or re-register a vehicle under the Scofflaw Program. The fee may only be used to reimburse the county for its expenses for providing services under the interlocal agreement.

In July, 2014, the Brazoria County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to adopt a resolution for collecting scofflaw fees. Since then, Lake Jackson, Pearland, Freeport, Clute, and West Columbia have passed resolutions to participate in the Scofflaw Program.

In an effort to collect outstanding warrants and fines, staff is recommending that City Council approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Alvin and Brazoria County to participate in the Scofflaw Program.

Mr. Roland presented the program information to Council. Mr. Mike Darlow answered a few questions had by Council.

Council member Arendell moved to approve Resolution 16-R-16; approving the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Alvin, Texas and Brazoria County for participation in the Scofflaw Program in accordance with Section 702.003 of the Texas Transportation Code allowing the county tax assessor-collector to deny motor vehicle registrations or re-registrations for persons with outstanding warrants for failure to appear or failure to pay a fine involving the violation of a traffic offense; authorizing its execution by the City Manager, and providing an effective date; and setting forth other provisions related thereto. Seconded by Council member Richards; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Receive and discuss presentation from the Downtown Improvement Task Force that includes potential projects, programs, and policies toward the revitalization of downtown Alvin.

The intent of the Downtown Improvement Task Force was to develop a vision for the revitalization of Downtown Alvin. The consultant team, the Downtown Improvement Task Force, and city staff facilitated discussions for downtown revitalization. Several meetings over six months were held and the following items were addressed:

1. *Examine case studies of successful downtown revitalization projects and make a list of things Task Force members have seen in other downtowns. This included a walk of the Alvin downtown area.*
2. *Review existing conditions of downtown Alvin that included a review of property use and ownership. This included two questions:*
 - a. *In 10 years who will be going downtown and what will they be doing?*
 - b. *How can we improve downtown, both short and long term?*
3. *Identify open spaces and pedestrian connectivity along with traffic flow and develop a vision for downtown.*
 - a. *The completed vision accepted by the Task Force is: **Downtown Alvin will be an economically sustainable center that attracts Alvin residents and people from across the region for culture, entertainment, and dining and keeps them engaged with its historic, eclectic, and friendly atmosphere.***
4. *Define a preliminary list of projects, programs, possible policies, and economic development tools to realize the vision and move the revitalization project forward.*

The presentation follows this process with recommendations and an implementation table for short and longer term items. Some items will have expenditures associated with them. The presentation will suggest funding mechanisms. Staff will bring back to Council any items that would require budgetary consideration based on the open discussion.

Mr. Chad Dudley, chairman of the Downtown Improvement Task Force presented the information gathered through the meetings of this committee.

Receive and acknowledge receipt of the Financial and Quarterly Investment reports for June 30, 2016.

Mr. Roland presented the Financial and Quarterly Investments Reports.

Council member Thompson moved to Receive and acknowledge receipt of the Financial and Quarterly Investment reports for June 30, 2016. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Acknowledge receipt of the proposed City of Alvin annual budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 (FY17), receive presentation by City Manager of a summary of the budget and schedule a public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed FY17 annual budget for the regular City Council meeting to be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Breland presented the proposed budget to City Council.

Council asked that the budget workshop be moved from August 4th at 5:00 p.m. to August 9th at 6:00 p.m.

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Discuss and consider possible revision to the City of Alvin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21 Subdivisions and Property Development and the City's Design Criteria, Chapter 34 Public Storage Facilities/Mini Warehouses, and Chapter 35 Corridor Land Use Regulations relating to sidewalk requirements.

City Council discussed the possibility of amending the sidewalk requirements. Lengthy discussion was had on providing additional alternatives for the installation of sidewalks.

Ms. Breland stated that an ordinance was brought before Council back in December that would allow for the city engineer to make a site decision regarding sidewalks without going through a variance process and would also allow for the option to pay an in lieu of fee. This fee would be placed into a sidewalk fund and be used for the installation of sidewalks needed in other areas of the city. She reiterated that a well-planned urban city should require the installation of sidewalks Ms. Breland stated that a similar ordinance could be brought back to City Council for consideration.

Council asked that staff prepare a similar ordinance for City Council to consider at the next meeting.

Discuss Mustang Road Project.

Ms. Pat Drachenberg addressed City Council asking them to reconsider the installation of the sidewalk along the Mustang Road because of safety concerns.

Lengthy discussion was had.

City Council called a workshop to discuss this project for August 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Discuss and direct staff regarding the Alvin Municipal Shooting Range.

Discussion was had on whether or not to move forward with this project.

Council member Thompson moved to do away with the Shooting Range Project; go through the legal aspects of selling the land, and use the proceeds from such sale on revitalizing the downtown area. Seconded by Council member Sanger.

Discussion was had on the land that was purchased by the city for this project and whether or not the piece of property should be sold.

Mayor Horn called for a roll call vote:

Council member Thompson	Yes	Council member Sanger	Yes
Council member Reed	No	Council member Adame	No
Council member Arendell	No	Council member Starkey	No
Council member Richards	Yes		

Motion failed on a vote of 4 No's and 3 Ayes.

Council member Starkey moved to place the Shooting Range Project on an indefinite hold and retain the land for future review. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Review preliminary list of items for next Council meeting.

Ms. Breland reviewed the preliminary list for the August 4, 2016 City Council meeting.

Items of Community Interest.

Mrs. Roberts reviewed items of community interest.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Announcements and requests from Council members.

Council member Thompson thanked Ms. Roberts for the City Clerk departmental update.

Council member Arendell urged all those playing Pokémon Go phone game to please be safe and be aware of surroundings.

Council member Sanger thanked Ms. Roberts for the departmental update. He also sent his condolences to the family of the young man who was fatally shot this week.

Council member Adame invited everyone to attend the Lion's Club 1st Annual Steak of the Arts to be held at National Oak Park on September 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. He also thanked Mr. Chad Dudley for the presentation this evening and thanked all those who served on the Downtown Improvement Task Force.

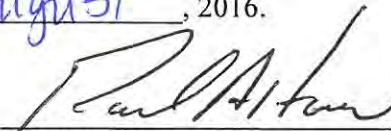
Council member Starkey thanked staff and board and commission members for the what they do for this city.

Mayor Horn thanked Ms. Breland and Mr. Roland and staff for the hard work done on the proposed budget. He stated that he is glad to hopefully consider a property tax rate decrease this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Richards moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Seconded by Council member Starkey; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

PASSED and APPROVED this 4 day of August, 2016.


Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Dixie Roberts, City Clerk