

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Strategic Planning Workshop duly open for the transaction of business at 7:30 A.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry David Lynch, Don Mueller, and Karen Schulz.

Councilmember absent was: Jeff Gubbels and Russell Machann.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, City Attorney Paul Webb, Public Works Director Carter Miska, P.E., Building Official Ronnie Bollom, Police Chief Tim Guin, Fire Chief Anthony Abbott, EMS Director John Kowalik, Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Cooper, Community Development Director Jo Beth Knezek, Facilities/Park Maintenance Director Bob Baker, Wharton Economic Development Director David Schroeder, Assistant to City Manager Jackie Jansky, and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Director Ron Sanders, Bradley C. Loehr with BEFCO Engineering, Inc., Carlos Cotton, P.E. with Jones and Carter, Inc., and Lou Fox, Special Assistant to the President of the University of the Incarnate Word.

I. Presentations were made by Department Heads:

A. Finance Department – Joan Andel, Director.

B. Public Works/Utility Department – Carter Miska, P.E., Director.

C. Code Enforcement Department – Ronnie Bollom, Building Official.

D. Public Safety Departments:

1) Police – Tim Guin, Chief.

2) Fire – Anthony Abbott, Chief.

3) Emergency Medical Service (EMS) – John Kowalik, Director.

4) Emergency Management – Jim Cooper, Coordinator.

E. Public Facilities:

a. Community Development – Jo Beth Knezek, Director.

b. Facilities/Park Maintenance – Bob Baker, Director.

c. Wharton Regional Airport – Joan Andel, Finance Director

F. Economic Development - David Schroeder, Director - Wharton Economic Development Corporation.

G. Legal - Paul Webb, City Attorney.

II. Group Discussions – Mr. Lou Fox., Facilitator, lead the group discussion on the question, “What specifically should we, the City organization do during the next five to ten years to improve and promote the quality of life in Wharton and provide effective services to our citizens?” The group then listed the responses. Each person then ranked the response and the results were tabulated. No action was taken.

After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary