

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP  
MARCH 1, 2014**

Mayor Pro Tem Don Mueller declared a Strategic Planning Workshop duly open for the transaction of business at 8:00 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 Anandel, City Attorney Paul Webb, Interim Public Works Director Phil Bush, Airport Manager David Allen, Assistant to Public Works Director Amy Kasper, Building Official Ronnie Bollom, Interim Police Chief Tim Guin, Fire Chief Anthony Abbott, EMS Director John Kowalik, Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Johnson, Community Development Director Jo Beth Knezek, Facilities/Park Maintenance Director Bob Baker, Wharton Economic Development Administrative Assistant Karen Heintschel, Assistant to City Manager Cheryl Urbanovsky, and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Director Ron Sanders, 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 Anandel, Director.

1) Personnel/HR – Paula Favors, City Secretary

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. arrives.

B. Public Works/Utility Department – Phil Bush, Interim Public Works Director.

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

D. Public Safety Departments:

- 1) Police – Tim Guin, Interim Chief.
- 2) Fire – Anthony Abbott, Chief.
- 3) Emergency Medical Service (EMS) – John Kowalik, Director.
- 4) Emergency Management – Steve Johnson, Coordinator.

E. Public Facilities:

- 1) Community Development – Jo Beth Knezek, Director.
- 2) Facilities/Park Maintenance – Bob Baker, Director.
- 3) Wharton Regional Airport – David Allen, Airport Manager.

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F. Economic Development - Karen Heintschel, Administrative Assistant - 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. 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:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary