



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD AT CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON DECEMBER 2, 2025 BEGINNING AT 6:15 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

ABSENT

JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN
---------------	------------

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES	CITY MANAGER
SARA ROBINSON	ASST. CITY MANAGER
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY
ANGELA SMITH	CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:15 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY. – Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow addressed council and stated that the prior adopted social media policy has been in place for several years. However with the rise of social media issues, staff is submitting minor updates to the policy to include actionable outcomes in the event information including (but not limited to) things of a confidential nature, discriminatory nature, or egregious violations of policy are posted without prior authorization. This item is on the council meeting agenda for approval by resolution.
2. PRESENTATION PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE CITY OF DEER PARK'S 2024-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN.– Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow spoke of the five-year Strategic Plan that pertains to strategies within six areas of emphasis where key staff have been assigned to present goals to report to Council. Council adopted the strategies back in April 2024. City staff provide an update each December on the progress of the items. Staff members will provide a brief overview of each section and the intent is to keep the presentation to under an hour.

Ms. Costlow recognized Assistant to the City Manager’s Office Cristina Gossett for her hard work in coordinating the responses from staff and creating the presentation of the Strategic Plan updates for Council.

Team facilitators and other staff members presented the strategies for each area of emphasis along with the goals that outlined the plans that will help achieve the vision for the City’s growth. (Exhibit A)

Area of Emphasis 1: Leadership and Governance – Two items were discussed in more detail: Adult Student Government Day and Charter Amendments. Mr. Stokes asked council if they wanted to go deeper into the creation of the Adult Student Government Day and it was a consensus of council for this to occur. Mr. Stokes also addressed charter amendments and provided a timeline for a possible May 2027 election. He will bring additional information back to Council in January 2026.

Area of Emphasis 2: Quality of Life

Area of Emphasis 3: Comprehensive Planning

Area of Emphasis 4: Economic Development

Area of Emphasis 5: Public Safety - Facilitators

Area of Emphasis 6: Organizational Excellence

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor