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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

"The City of Manvel is a safe and responsible community, embracing the values of our past, present, and future citizens."

## MINUTES 11/20/2025

### Call To Order

Mayor Davis called the Planning Session to order at 8:12 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

Consultant Rox Cox

Council:

Mayor Dan Davis

Mayor Pro Tem David Lands

Councilmember Keith Bonner

Councilmember Harry Opliger

Councilmember Carmyn Robey-Robinson (Arrived at 8:54 a.m.)

Councilmember Garrett Rossi-Knox

Staff:

Dan Johnson, City Manager

Robert Gervais, City Attorney

Tammy Ball, City Secretary

Keith Traylor, Director of Public Safety

Jose Abraham, Director of Development Services

Rosa Donaire, Director of Finance

Chad Dumont, Director of Personnel

Robbie Hall, Director of Public Works

Alyssa Deaton, Assistant City Secretary

Lisette Rubio, Executive Assistant

### Agenda

Consideration and possible action on objectives of the city, as related to:

- Governance
- Strategic Goals and Priorities

Mayor Davis provided opening comments and an introduction to the purpose of the planning session.

Ron Cox also provided opening remarks.

Council participated in a facilitated discussion regarding governance and leadership, including:

Leadership qualities and expectations

Council roles and responsibilities

Overview of the Council–Manager form of government

Council expectations of one another and of City staff

City Manager expectations of Council and staff

Council then discussed the structure and operation of Planning & Zoning Commission (PD&Z) and City Council, including:

The possibility of reducing PD&Z meetings to one meeting per month

Council’s willingness to accept a slower pace to allow for more deliberate consideration

Finding a balance between efficiency and thorough review

Consideration of dedicated workshops, including the possibility of earlier start times

Mayor’s interest in being more intentional with PD&Z and MEDC appointments, including the addition of an interview process

Council discussion regarding potentially splitting PD&Z meetings into different meeting types (such as plats versus zoning cases)

Council’s desire to allow additional time and flexibility in the development review process

Council recessed for break at 9:31 a.m.

Council reconvened from break at 9:44 a.m.

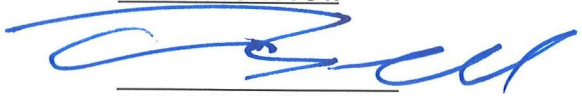
Council participated in a Strengths and Weaknesses group activity, focusing on both the community and the organization. The results of the activity were discussed and sorted into categories to inform future strategic planning efforts.

Council members provided closing comments regarding the planning session and next steps.

**Adjourn**

The planning session was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**



TAMMY BELL, CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF MANVEL, TEXAS



DAN DAVIS, MAYOR  
CITY OF MANVEL, TEXAS

