

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE CITY OF WALLIS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
2022-2023 ANNUAL REVITALIZATION PROJECT PLAN

The City of Wallis Development Corporation (WDC) each year produces a plan and budget for projects to be performed during the fiscal year to promote, assist and enhance economic development activities in the City of Wallis. The proposed WDC projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are intended to revitalize the commercial buildings of downtown Wallis along Hwy 36 between 1st and 8th streets; which in turn will bring more jobs, revenue and increase quality of life in the community. The listed projects are presented in no particular order of implementation. In order to assist with the costs of these projects, the WDC will be using reserves, plus pursue grants and donations. In accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Section 505.159(a) of the Texas Local Government Code, the WDC, a Type B economic development corporation, is publishing this notice of a public hearing to be held on the following projects:

- 1) Blight elimination and growth promotion: WDC has a business grant program to assist property owners in revitalizing their building. The grant amount varies per each application and is based upon at least a 50% match from the building owner. The total amount for grants in the budget is \$105,000.00
- 2) The addition of parking, lighting, and sidewalks will enhance the visitors' experience and promote customers to visit the businesses in the downtown area, plus entice businesses to open stores/restaurants/offices in the downtown area, which in turn will provide more revenue to the city. A total of \$105,000.00 is budgeted for these items.
 - a) Parking: land will be acquired in strategic locations, as well as improvements and expansions to new and existing parking areas, specifically along both sides of 1st street and 2nd streets from Commerce to Gresham
 - b) Sidewalks & Lighting: To extend and blend the various sections of downtown, sidewalks need to be continuous from at least 1st to 8th streets. As businesses are added and the evening shopping/dining becomes more prevalent, additional lighting will need to be added. A grant has been awarded to provide various sidewalks, including along the front of Commerce St. from 1st to 2nd streets, plus both sides of 1st street from Commerce to at least the alley. Lighting is included in the grant. Sidewalks and lighting beyond the grant scope may be undertaken by the EDC to allow for easy access for pedestrians to the businesses and parking areas.
 - c) Enhancements: Includes landscaping, planters, benches, and other site furnishings throughout downtown. This brings a welcoming atmosphere for people enjoy Wallis.

The Public Hearing on all of these projects will be held on September 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm at City Hall, located at 6810 Guyler St. Bldg. B, Wallis, Texas 77485. It is requested that you make your views known, either in person or by writing to the City of Wallis Development Corporation.