

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS  
216 W. SEALY STREET  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in Workshop Session at 6:00 PM in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Gabe Adame; Mayor Pro-Tem Meagan DeKeyzer; Council members: Ashley Davis, Richard Garivey, Scott Salter, and Martin Vela.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Sara Cruz, Deputy City Secretary; Michael Gibbs, Director of Finance; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Brandon Moody, Director of Public Services; Keith Villaloboz, Shelter Manager; Tim Hubbard, Police Captain and Robert Lee, Police Chief.

**WORKSHOP BUSINESS**

Discuss the Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) Program.

Council Member Davis provided background information leading to the proposal, including a summary of a study conducted by Galveston County and its findings following 12 years of TNR program implementation. Based on this research, Police Chief Robert Lee, Police Captain Tim Hubbard, and Shelter Manager Keith Villaloboz presented an overview of the proposed Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program, including recommended amendments to Chapter 4 of the City's Code of Ordinances to align with state law authorizing such programs. The proposed changes establish definitions for key terms such as "community cat," "feral cat," "sponsor," and "nuisance," and formally recognize TNR as a permitted population control method. Staff explained that, under the proposed ordinance revisions, feral cats that are part of a registered TNR colony would not be considered animals running at large. The amendments, based on the requirements set forth in House Bill 3660, also outline provisions for TNR program implementation, including the humane trapping, sterilization, vaccination, ear-tipping, and return of cats under the supervision of an approved sponsor. Chief Lee emphasized that the proposed amendments do not establish a City of Alvin TNR program, as no funding has been allocated to support such an initiative, but are instead intended to align the City's practices with state law while providing a structured and legally compliant framework for managing the feral cat population, reducing euthanasia where feasible, and addressing community concerns related to public health, safety, and nuisance conditions. The presentation further detailed sponsor responsibilities, including colony registration, recordkeeping, ensuring cats are properly sterilized, vaccinated, and microchipped, and adhering to regulated feeding practices. Additional provisions address restrictions on the feeding of unregistered stray cats, nuisance abatement measures, and protections for private property owners. Chief Lee reviewed enforcement authority, noting that Animal Control may intervene in cases involving public health or safety concerns, unsterilized or unvaccinated cats, or unresolved nuisance issues. The proposed ordinance also includes quarantine provisions, penalties for violations, and restrictions on releasing cats in environmentally sensitive areas. Captain Hubbard clarified this proposal allows for the differentiation between residents that abandon animals and registered TNR sponsors. Shelter Manager Villaloboz further explained that Animal Control officers will not be releasing cats, but will instead return them to registered sponsors, and noted that existing fees are already established for the services described; therefore, the proposed changes do not create any new fees. The consensus of Council was to direct staff to bring the discussed proposals forward in ordinance form at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 7th of May 2026.

ATTEST:

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Gabe Adame, Mayor

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Dixie Roberts, City Secretary