

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
EMERGENCY MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code allows for an Emergency Meeting when an emergency or public necessity exists due to an imminent threat to public health – COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in an Emergency Meeting at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-Tem Glenn Starkey; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Joel Castro, Brad Richards, Keith Thompson and Martin Vela.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; Michael Higgins, Chief Financial Officer; Ron Schmitz, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; Robert E. Lee, Police Chief; and Dr. Syed Kazmi, Public Health Officer.

Update from the City's Public Health Officer on the COVID-19 virus and direction on Mayor's Declaration of Disaster for the City of Alvin.

Dr. Kazmi, the City of Alvin's Public Health Officer gave an update on the rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus throughout the United States and the world. The CDC is urging the public to not gather in groups larger than 50, such as community gatherings or events, to help reduce the possibility of exposure to and the transmission of COVID-19. He expressed his concern on the potential burden that will be placed on hospitals and health care workers if the spread of this virus is not contained. Discussion continued on what is recommended by the CDC and what actions must be implemented at the local level.

Mayor Horn will issue a Declaration of Local Disaster tomorrow, along with an Order prohibiting public or private gatherings of no more than 50 persons. This order will be in effect for 7 days. If the Order is amended or extended, this will require City Council authorization.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 16th day of April 2020.

Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary