

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
EMERGENCY MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 19, 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; Ron Schmitz, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

Discuss and consider postponing the May 2, 2020, Special Election as called by Resolution 20-R-04 to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date because of the threat to public health and safety under the Emergency Declaration Orders issued by the Governor, County Judge, and Mayor relating to the COVID-19 virus.

The Brazoria County Elections Department has stated that they need answers from each governing body by March 20th as to whether or not they will be postponing the May 2, 2020, election to the November 3, 2020, Uniform election date as authorized by Governor Abbott due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Brazoria County Elections Department has stated that they would like to move forward with the May elections and that they will take precautionary measures to protect voters at polling locations throughout the County.

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary stated that staff felt that it was in the best interest of the citizens of Alvin to postpone this Special Election until November, because of the risks involved because with the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that the senior citizens in our community tend to have a higher voter turnout for elections and they are the demographic who typically work the elections. According to the CDC, the senior citizen population is at a much higher risk for catching this COVID-19 virus. Discussion continued.

Council member Arendell moved to postpone the May 2, 2020, Special Election as called by Resolution 20-R-04 to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date because of the threat to public health and safety under the Emergency Declaration Orders issued by the Governor, County Judge, and Mayor relating to the COVID-19 virus. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion passed with all members present voting “Aye”.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

A brief update was given on the current COVID-19 response.

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