

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023
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 Chris Vaughn; Councilmembers: Martin Vela, Keko Moore, Joel Castro, Glenn Starkey, Richard Garivey and Meagan DeKeyzer.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; Michael Medwedeff, Assistant City Engineer; Brandon Moody, Director of Public Services and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discuss Local Option Election Process.

Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary, presented this item before council with explanation. Ms. Roberts described the process by which Local Option Elections must adhere to by state law. Chapter 501 of the Election Code dictates that this is a petition-driven election, involving several steps. Before an application is filed for a petition, circulators must publish a notice in the paper of their intent to pursue a petition for stated cause (specific language required in the election code). After publication, at least 10 qualified voters of the city can file an application for a petition for their local option cause (also specific language required by law, including proof of their publication). The City Secretary must verify the application then issue the circulators a petition. Circulators have 60 days to obtain signatures from the required 35% of registered voters, which would currently be equal to 1,267 required signatures. Once the petition is submitted, the City Secretary must certify the petition for accuracy and votes, then inform City Council of the outcome. If the petition is valid, City Council must order an election for the next Uniform Election Day (either in May or November) for such cause.

Discuss amending Chapter 21, Subdivisions and Property Development, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alvin, Texas.

Michelle Segovia, City Engineer, summarized the differences between the city's Subdivision and Planned Unit Development requirements and the reasons for those differences. In an effort to encourage larger lot sizes, City Council was amenable to go with the recommendation of the Planning Commission that was presented in ordinance form at the last council meeting. Council discussed allowing the pool with restrooms and clubhouse to be an optional amenity that could be used to meet the PUD Park requirement and that the number of amenities required be left at three as currently written versus two as was proposed. City Council will consider these changes in ordinance form at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 7th of December 2023.

ATTEST:

Gabe Adame, Mayor

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary

