

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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; Council members: 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; Chris Thomas, Director of Administrative Services; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; Michael Medwedeff, Assistant City Engineer; Brandon Moody, Director of Public Services and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discuss Chapter 21-42 of the Alvin Code of Ordinances - Sidewalks, ADA ramps, driveways and driveway approaches.

Junru Roland, City Manager, and Michelle Segovia, City Engineer, presented this item to Council with explanation. Ms. Segovia gave a brief history of how this Ordinance came about. In working with builders of Single-Family residences where the sidewalk would not be connected to any other development, it was proposed to allow the builder to pay a fee to be deposited into a Sidewalk Fund in lieu of building a sidewalk to nowhere. Ms. Segovia explained the factors considered when allowing the fee to be paid instead of building the sidewalk, such as space for right-of-way, or potential future development in the area. Council member DeKeyzer explained her concerns regarding the fee requirement, with a focus on single-family construction in the older part of town with open ditches. Suzanne Hanneman cautioned against wording any amendments to the Ordinance to address any specific set of circumstances. Discussion was had on how neighboring cities regulate sidewalk construction. Moving forward, it was proposed to amend the ordinance to provide for an exception to paying the sidewalk fee in lieu of installing the sidewalk, left to the discretion of the City Engineer and providing for an appeal process to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 4th of January 2024.

ATTEST:

Gabe Adame, Mayor

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary