

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**  
**216 W. SEALY STREET**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY AUGUST 19, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in *Special Workshop Session* at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Droege and Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Scott Reed, Brad Richards, Roger Stuksa, and Keith Thompson. Also present: Junru Roland, Interim City Manager and Dixie Roberts, City Clerk.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Horn gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Droege led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PETITIONS OR REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no petitions from the public.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Horn asked that the order of the agenda be rearranged:

**Discuss the contract with Progressive Waste Solutions for city refuse collection and disposal services.**

Mayor Horn stated that this was put on the agenda at the request of a few council members. There have been concerns and confusion by members of council and residents as to when and how heavy trash is picked up, what type of containers may be used, and what can and can't be picked up. Residents are being told conflicting stories; causing frustration. Citizens need to be informed somehow, some way. Council felt that any trash placed at the curb by residents should be picked up.

Michael Costello, District Manager for Progressive Waste Solutions stated that heavy trash is picked up one time per week. Clippings must not be over 50 lbs., no longer than 48 inches, must be cut, bundled and tied up. Citizens may also call and schedule an additional pickup for an additional fee. Two items may be placed at the curb for heavy trash pickup on their regular trash day. Trash bags should be placed at the curb or in the receptacles provided by Progressive. Boxes should be in bags or containers for pickup. Residents are asked not to use receptacles for fear they will be overstuffed, making them too heavy. The private containers can't be lifted manually by the truck; and must be lifted by employees. The receptacles provided by Progressive Waste can be lifted by the truck are durable and not easily damaged. Mike Wilson, Assistant District Manager, Progressive Waste Solutions in Alvin stated that they currently have three employees out on injury incurred from heavy lifting.

Discussion continued on the discontent with the services provided by Progressive Waste.

Mr. Costello apologized and asked council what the company might do to help rectify the concerns held by members of council and residents. He stated that he is willing to work with the city to make the situation better. He is open to finding amicable solutions and to amending the current contract.

Mayor Horn recommended that a subcommittee meet to discuss the specifics within the contract and what can be done to rectify the issues at hand. Council concurred with this recommendation. Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Arendell will meet with representatives of Progressive Waste along with Mr. Roland, Joyce Kubeczka and any other essential members of staff.

Discuss the establishment of railroad quiet zones through the city.

Michelle Segovia stated that in 2009 City Council authorized HDR, Inc. to do a quiet zone study and preliminary engineering to establish a quiet zone that would run from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street crossing through the Tovrea crossing including Business 35 in between. Once the study had been completed it was presented to council on what the study found and options available. Council was asked if the preliminary engineering should be completed in order to draft preliminary plans to establish a quiet zone using the median barrier method. Council voted at that time to continue with the engineering. In 2010 HDR brought back preliminary 90% plans with the median barriers. In order to establish the quiet zone with the median barriers it would roughly cost \$30,000 to make the improvements.

Staff recently contacted HDR to get a price estimate as to what it would cost to finish out the plans to final status in order to obtain permits needed for project completion. The estimated price was \$8,000.

Discussion was had on the types of barriers used within the quiet zones and the cost associated with such.

Council asked that a formal proposal from HDR be submitted and placed on a future council agenda for consideration.

Review and discuss the proposed 2014-15 FY Budget

Discussion was had on the structure of the Human Resources Department in the proposed budget. Council voted in May, 2014 to create the position of Human Resources Director and to fund this position out of the FY 2014-2015 budget. The funding recommendation was noted in the agenda commentary of April 24, 2014 submitted to City Council former City Manager Terri Lucas. An ordinance creating the position was adopted on May 1, 2014.

On motion by Councilmember Droege to amend the proposed budget to reflect the structure of the Human Resources Department as approved on May 1, 2014 and move forward with the hiring of a Human Resources Director mid-year 2015 after a City Manager has been hired. Seconded by Councilmember Richards. A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Thompson	Yes	Councilmember Droege	Yes
Councilmember Reed	No	Councilmember Adame	No
Councilmember Arendell	Yes	Councilmember Stuksa	No
Councilmember Richards	Yes		

Motion passed with a vote of 4 Ayes and 3 Noes.

Discussion was had on the proposed EMS budget with no recommended changes.

Discussion was had on the item in the proposed budget to reclassify all department heads within the same pay grade (18). This transition would cost the city approximately \$30,000, including, taxes, insurance and TMRS benefits. Council felt that this item should not be implemented in this years proposed budget; but should be considered again in FY 15-16. Council suggested that a salary survey be conducted within the near future.

On motion by Councilmember Droege to remove the reclassification of department heads into one pay grade as submitted in the FY 14-15 proposed budget. Seconded by Councilmember Thompson; a roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Thompson	Yes	Councilmember Droege	Yes
Councilmember Reed	Yes	Councilmember Adame	Yes
Councilmember Arendell	No	Councilmember Stuksa	Yes
Councilmember Richards	No		

Motion passed with a vote of 4 Ayes and 2 Noes.

Discussion was had on the funding increase to Keep Alvin Beautiful discussed and agreed upon by members of Council in the last budget workshop. Discussion continued regarding the increase in funds; what the funds would be used for and the accountability of such.

Council discussed the possibility of regaining membership in the Brazoria County Economic Development Alliance at an annual cost of \$10,000. This membership would allow for the city to receive economic development studies free of charge and would also give the City of Alvin a seat on this board. Council felt that this membership would help attain the goals set forth in the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

On motion by Councilmember Droege to fund the Brazoria County Economic Development Alliance annual membership in the amount of \$10,000 in the proposed FY 14-15 budget. Seconded by Councilmember Thompson; motion carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

Mr. Roland stated that changes to the proposed budget will need to be finalized at the next budget workshop scheduled for Thursday September 28, 2014. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading to adopt the budget will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be at a special meeting scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION**

Councilmember Arendell moved to approve Resolution No. OMA-R-14-08-19, a resolution confirming compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilmember Richards; motion to approve carried on a vote of 7 Ayes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Droege moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Reed; motion to adjourn carried on a vote of 7Ayes.

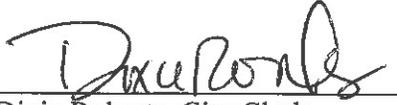
PASSED and APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.



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Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Dixie Roberts, City Clerk