

**MINUTES
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS
216 W. SEALY STREET
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 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, and Richard Garivey.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; Dan Kelinske, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS

Discuss Property Tax Exemptions.

City Manager, Junru Roland, presented information regarding the Homestead Tax Exemptions for single-family residential properties. Mr. Roland summarized the current optional Homestead Exemption requirements and percentages. Mr. Roland recommended the maximum homestead exemption of 20% for residential property owners, which would result in a \$1.6 Million reduction in tax revenue for the City of Alvin. He explained that in order for this to be effective for this year's taxes, an ordinance would have to be voted on at the next Council meeting set for June 15th. Any changes in exemptions must be reported to Brazoria County by July 1st, 2023 to benefit 2023 property taxes. Council discussion was had. An ordinance will be presented at the June 15th City Council meeting for consideration.

Discuss handicap parking in the downtown area.

Michelle Segovia, City Engineer, presented several options for adding handicap parking spaces around the downtown area. Ms. Segovia explained that any changes made to handicap spaces will have to be ADA-compliant. Both proposed locations near National Oak Park involve combining two-three current regular parking spaces into one (1) ADA handicap van unloading space with a five (5)-foot clearance with one also including a ramp. One option near City Hall is to combine three (3) regular parking spaces into one (1) ADA standard parking space with a five (5)-foot access path. Across the street from City Hall, two (2) spaces can be combined to provide one (1) ADA parallel handicap parking space at the corner of Hood and Sealy Street and another one at the corner of Hardie and Sealy Street. Ms. Segovia also explained that businesses with only on-street parking are not required to have handicap parking, so the City would incur the cost for these changes. Given that the need for these additional spaces seems to primarily be during a special event, the consensus was to forego making any changes to the existing spaces. Discussion was had on possibly adding a requirement for permitted special events to designate a loading and unloading zone, facilitated by the Parks and Recreation Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 15th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Gabe Adame, Mayor

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary