

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**  
**216 W. SEALY STREET**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY JANUARY 20, 2022**  
**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 Regular at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Paul A. Horn; Mayor Pro-Tem Martin Vela; Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Keko Moore, Joel Castro, Glenn Starkey, Richard Garivey, and Chris Vaughn.

**Staff members present:** Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary; and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Gary Coffman with Alvin Church of Christ gave the invocation. Council member Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council member Garivey led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Horn moved Public Comment after the Executive Session, but it is recorded here to maintain the integrity of the outline of the agenda.

Erendira Mutina, Ken Moore, Rachel Pait, Brittney Darbonne, Kay Mitchell, Lela Hoffmann, and Ashley Leenerts all made public comment in support of proposed Ordinance 22-A outlawing Abortion, declaring Alvin a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

**CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Consider approval of the January 6, 2022, City Council meeting minutes.

Call a public hearing for Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment regarding an application to conduct taxicab services in the City of Alvin by Alvin Express Taxi, LLC.

*The City's Code of Ordinances requires that a new taxi service submit a Taxi Service Application to the City Secretary's Office. This application is reviewed and then forwarded to the Chief of Police and the City's Health Inspector for vetting. Once completed, a public hearing is required before City Council. A notice of public hearing will be advertised in the Alvin Sun and posted on the City's website.*

*Alvin Express Taxi, LLC submitted the required application for the operation of one taxicab. All information has been vetted by the City's Inspections and Police Department. This will be a formal public hearing to provide members of the public the opportunity to offer comments before City Council regarding the company's potential service.*

*After the public hearing is held, the application will be on the next City Council agenda for consideration of final approval. If approved, all vehicles will be inspected by the City and the application process will be finalized.*

Consider Resolution 22-R-01, confirming and ratifying the appointment of Cathy Fontenot to Position #5 to the Board of Directors for the City of Alvin Reinvestment Zone Number Two, and the Kendall Lakes TIRZ Redevelopment Authority Board for a term of two (2) years.

*The Kendall Lakes Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) was created in 2005 to assist in the development of Kendall Lakes, a residential, commercial, and industrial area on the north side of the City of Alvin. There is a tax increment that is used for providing the needed infrastructure for the site through the ability of using bond proceeds. The TIRZ Authority and Board have the responsibility to develop policies that ensure good quality development for this site. TIRZ board members serve staggered even and odd year terms. Cathy Fontenot was appointed in December 2020 to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2021. Position #5's reappointment was inadvertently left off the annual appointment resolution adopted by City Council on December 16, 2021. This is the formal resolution needed for said appointment. Staff recommended approval of Resolution 22-R-01 ratifying the appointment of Ms. Fontenot to Position #5 of the Board of Directors for a term of two years, through December 31, 2023.*

Item B, calling the public hearing for Alvin Taxi was removed from the Consent Agenda by Council member Starkey. Council member Starkey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion to approve carried with all members present voting Aye.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Item removed from the consent agenda by Council member Starkey: Call a public hearing for Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment regarding an application to conduct taxicab services in the City of Alvin by Alvin Express Taxi, LLC.

Item removed from Consent Agenda by Council member Starkey. Starkey stated that he wishes to revise the ordinance regarding this process so that in the future these types of businesses do not have to come before City Council to complete the process.

Council member Starkey moved to call a public hearing for Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Alvin City Hall, 216 West Sealy, Alvin Texas to receive public comment regarding an application to conduct taxicab services in the City of Alvin by Alvin Express Taxi, LLC. Seconded by Council member Adame; motion to approve carried with all members present voting Aye.

Consider Ordinance 22-A, requested by City Council member Castro and City Council member Garivey, outlawing Abortion, declaring Alvin a Sanctuary City for the Unborn, making various provisions and findings, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.

*This ordinance drafted by Texas Right to Life was placed on the agenda for consideration at the request of City Council member Castro and Council member Garivey.*

Mayor Horn called for Executive Session on this item under Chapter 551.071 of Texas Local Government Code at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Horn reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m., Council heard public comments pertaining to this item as noted in the Public Comments section of said minutes.

Council member Castro moved to approve Ordinance 22-A requested by City Council member Castro and City Council member Garivey, outlawing Abortion, declaring Alvin a Sanctuary City for the Unborn, making various provisions and findings, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. Seconded by Council member Starkey; motion failed with all members present voting No and Council member Castro voting Yes.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

Items of Community Interest and review preliminary list of items for next Council meeting. Mr. Junru Roland announced items of community interest.

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Council members, and City staff, for which no action will be discussed or taken.

Council member Vela gave kudos to Texas Pride for their service. He recounted watching a Texas Pride employee recover a knocked over trash can and was appreciative of their efforts. He also extended kudos to Alvin Police Department and Alvin Fire Department for their communications during a fire call this past week for a business.

Council member Vaughn expressed appreciation to Council member Castro for bringing Ordinance 22-A to council, although not in the way it was presented. He explained that although he is Pro Life, he does not think this Ordinance, as it is written, is representative of all the voices of Alvin.

Council member Moore stated that Ordinance 22-A as presented this evening preempts state law and that it is not in the best interest of the City of Alvin.

Council member Castro expressed disappointment that Ordinance 22-A did not pass. He acknowledged that each Council member are Godly men and Pro Life. He acknowledged that they have differences, and he appreciates them.

Council member Adame explained that after receiving guidance from the City Attorney he could not support Ordinance 22-A as it was written. He thanked everyone for speaking and for the Law Enforcement officers present.

Council member Starkey explained that Ordinance 22-A has been a difficult issue and appreciates everyone's involvement. He encouraged everyone to request a copy of the Ordinance and read it so that they may understand why they voted against it. He stated that they all believe in the sanctity of life and its need for protection.

Mayor Horn also encouraged everyone to go online to City website and read Ordinance 22-A.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 3rd day of February 2022.

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Paul A. Horn, Mayor

ATTEST: 

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Dixie Roberts, City Secretary