

# City of Alvin, Texas

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**ALVIN CITY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020  
6:00 P.M.  
(Council Chambers)**

**Alvin City Hall, 216 West Sealy, Alvin, Texas 77511**

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Alvin City Council will meet in an Emergency Meeting on Thursday March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Alvin City Hall, 216 West Sealy Street, Alvin Texas.

Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code allows for an Emergency Meeting when an emergency or public necessity exists due to an imminent threat to public health.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Discuss and consider postponing the May 2, 2020, Special Election as called by Resolution 20-R-04 to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date because of the threat to public health and safety under the Emergency Declaration Orders issued by the Governor, County Judge, and Mayor relating to the COVID-19 virus.
- B. Discuss COVID-19 response.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify that a copy of this notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website: [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov), in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code on THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020 at 4:45 p.m..



(SEAL)

Dixie Roberts, City Secretary

Removal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* All meetings of the City Council are open to the public, except when there is a necessity to meet in Executive Session (closed to the public) under the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Council reserves the right to convene into executive session on any of the above posted agenda items that qualify for an executive session by publicly announcing the applicable section of the Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to sections 551.071 (litigation and certain consultation with the attorney), 551.072 (acquisition of interest in real property), 551.073 (contract for gift to city), 551.074 (certain personnel deliberations), or 551.087 (qualifying economic development negotiations).**



# AGENDA COMMENTARY

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**Meeting Date:** 3/19/2020

**Department:** City Secretary

**Contact:** Dixie Roberts, Dixie Roberts

**Agenda Item:** Discuss and consider postponing the May 2, 2020, Special Election as called by Resolution 20-R-04 to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date because of the threat to public health and safety under the Emergency Declaration Orders issued by the Governor, County Judge, and Mayor relating to the COVID-19 virus.

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**Type of Item:** Ordinance Resolution Contract/Agreement Public Hearing Plat Discussion & Direction Other

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**Summary:** Resolution 20-R-04, adopted by City Council on February 6, 2020, called for a Special Election to be held on May 2, 2020, as a result of a petition and needed signatures received by Alvin resident Matthew Jrab to place a proposition on the ballot to vote for or against the “Adoption of the Fire Fighters and Police Officers civil service law, applicable to only the Police Department”.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a Proclamation that would allow for jurisdictions holding an election in May to postpone that election date until the November 3, 2020, uniform election date, because of the current COVID-19 crisis.

The City of Alvin contracts with Brazoria County to conduct the City’s elections, which we are very grateful for. Brazoria County has stated that they are willing to move forward with the May 2, 2020, election, but has left the decision to postpone up to the local governing bodies.

Emergency Management officials are predicting that this virus remains at a critical stage, and unfortunately, is more than likely to continue for several weeks and possibly months.

Early voting for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Election is scheduled to begin at the Alvin Library on April 20<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to continue through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Brazoria County libraries are currently closed until further notice. Many of the other facilities used as early voting locations are currently closed. Brazoria County Elections has stated that they would allow for the library meeting rooms to be opened to the public so that the election could be held, even though the library could still possibly be closed to the public.

The petitioner of this proposition has been notified that this election could be postponed until November.

Brazoria County has asked that a decision be made quickly as they need to know by Friday, March 20, 2020, in order to conduct programming and testing on the election equipment for the May 2, 2020, election.

The ultimate decision to postpone this election is left to our governing body. If City Council chooses to postpone, a Resolution with the required information will be considered at a future City Council meeting.

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**Funding Expected:** Revenue  Expenditure  N/A  **Budgeted Item:** Yes  No  N/A

**Funding Account:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **1295 Form Required?** Yes  No

**Legal Review Required:** N/A  Required  **Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Supporting documents attached:**

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**Recommendation:**

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Reviewed by Department Head, if applicable

Reviewed by City Attorney, if applicable

Reviewed by Chief Financial Officer, if applicable

Reviewed by City Manager