

## RESOLUTION 20-R-03

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE MAY 2, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION IN ALVIN, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2020, there shall be elected the following officials for this City: a member to the position of Mayor and City Council District E; for a term of three (3) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Texas Election Code* is applicable to the election and this Resolution establishes procedures consistent with the Code, and designates the voting places and times for the election; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alvin, Texas (hereinafter the “City”), has made provision to contract with Brazoria County to conduct the City’s election, pursuant to *Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code*, and *Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code* (the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services, hereafter called the “Election Agreement”), and such Election Agreement provides for political subdivisions subject to the election agreement that hold elections on the same day in all or part of the same territory to hold a joint election as authorized in *Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code*;

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. General Election Ordered.** The General Election of the City shall be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, to elect members to the position of Mayor and City Council District E; for a term of three (3) years.

**Section 2. Filing Period.** Candidates at the election for the above offices shall file their application to become candidates with the City Secretary of the City at City Hall, 216 W. Sealy, Alvin, Texas 77511, beginning January 15, 2020 and continuing through February 14, 2020. Candidates shall file their applications with the City Secretary on any weekday that is not a City holiday, between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with the exception of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the *Texas Election Code*.

**Section 3. Drawing.** The order in which the names of the candidates for each office are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary as provided by the *Texas Election Code*. Such drawing will be held in the Office of the City Secretary at City Hall on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:31 p.m., for the general election.

**Section 4. Notice of Election.** Notice of the election shall be given and the election shall be held in compliance with the provisions of the *Texas Election Code*, the *Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended*, and the *City Charter* in all respects. Notice of the election shall be made by publishing the Notice of Election, in both English and Spanish, at least one time, not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than ten (10) days prior to said election, in a newspaper of general circulation published within the City; and by posting of the notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of City Council at City Hall not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day before the election, written in both English and Spanish.

**Section 5. Ballots.** The ballots for the election shall comply with the *Texas Election Code* and be in the form provided by the City to the Brazoria County Election Officer for use on the voting devices and ballots used by Brazoria County.

**Section 6. Election Procedures.** The Brazoria County Election Officer and his/her employees and appointees, and the election judges, alternate judges and clerks properly appointed for the election, shall hold and conduct the election in the manner provided by the Election Agreement and the law governing the holding of general elections by home rule cities of the State of Texas; and the official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the *Texas Election Code*, shall be prepared in both the English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as is required by law.

**Section 7. Early Voting.** Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted by the Brazoria County Election Officer, who is designated and appointed as the Early Voting Clerk, in accordance with the *Texas Election Code*. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at places and locations authorized by state law and the Brazoria County Election Officer as described in “Attachment A.” Early voting shall commence on Monday, April 20, 2020, and continue through Tuesday, April 28, 2020, and early voting polls shall remain open for the time specified by the *Texas Election Code*. Early voting shall also be held at any time and location authorized by the Brazoria County Election Officer. Early voting by City residents may be conducted at any Brazoria County early voting location and any location exclusively designated by the Brazoria County Election Officer.

**Section 8. Election Precincts and Polling Places.** The election precincts for the election shall be the election precincts established by Brazoria County, provided that each shall contain and include geographic area that is within the City. The polling place for each such election precinct shall be the polling place established by Brazoria County for such election precincts in Brazoria County and voting by residents of the City. Voting by City residents may be conducted at any Brazoria County voting location and any location exclusively designated by the Brazoria County Election Officer for City residents. The polls, found in “Attachment B,” shall remain open on the day of the election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The returns for precincts in Brazoria County will be provided by precinct and the Brazoria County Election Officer shall tabulate and provide the election returns for the election.

**Section 9. Joint Election.** The City agrees to conduct a joint election with other political subdivisions within Brazoria County, provided that such political subdivision holds an election on May 2, 2020, in all or part of the same territory as the City (the “Political Subdivisions”). The joint election shall be conducted in accordance with state law, this Resolution, and the 2020 Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County approved by the City Council.

**Section 10. Duties of City Secretary and Election Officer.** The City Secretary, or designee, is instructed to aide the Brazoria County Election Officer in the acquisition and furnishing of all election supplies and materials necessary to conduct the election as provided by the Election Agreement. The City Secretary is further authorized to give or cause to be given notices required for the election, and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct the election in compliance with the *Texas Election Code*; provided that, pursuant to the Election Agreement between Brazoria County and the City, the Brazoria County Election Officer shall have the duty and be responsible for organizing and conducting the election in compliance with the *Texas Election*

*Code*; and for providing all services specified to be provided in the Election Agreement. The Brazoria County Election Officer shall give the notices required by the *Texas Election Code* to be given for the election not required to be given by the City under the Election Agreement.

**Section 11. Election Judges.** The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks for the election shall be selected and appointed by Brazoria County and its appointees in compliance with the requirements of state law, and such judges and clerks so selected by Brazoria County and its appointees are hereby designated and appointed by the City Council as the election officers, judges and clerks, respectively, for the holding of said general election. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks shall perform the functions and duties of their respective positions that are provided by state law. The City Council will further confirm and appoint the election judges and alternate election judges that are appointed by Brazoria County for the election.

**Section 12. Official Newspaper.** It is hereby found and determined that *The Alvin Sun* is a newspaper published within the City of Alvin, Texas; is a newspaper of general circulation within the City; and is the official newspaper of the City of Alvin. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given as directed in above in Section 4. Further orders are reserved until the returns of the election are made by the duly authorized election officials and received by this body.

**Section 13. General.** The election shall be held and conducted by the Brazoria County Election Officer in compliance with the *Texas Election Code* and the Election Agreement.

**Section 14. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage on the date shown below.

**Section 15. Open Meetings Act.** It is hereby officially found and determined that this meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, *Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code*.

**AND, IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

**CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul A. Horn, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary