

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS  
216 W. SEALY STREET  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY AUGUST 8, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in a Workshop Session at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room at City Hall, with the following members present: Paul A. Horn, Mayor; Glenn Starkey, Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilmembers: Gabe Adame, Adam Arendell, Joel Castro, Brad Richards, and Martin Vela.

**Staff members present:** Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Michael Higgins, Chief Financial Officer; Dixie Roberts, City Secretary; Dan Kelinske, Parks Director; Michelle Segovia, City Engineer; Rex Klesel, Fire Chief; Ron Schmitz, EMS Director/Emergency Management Coordinator; Brian Smith, Public Services Director; Priya Bhakta; CVB Director and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

Discuss FY 19-20 Proposed Budget

Mr. Roland reviewed a list of items that were considered to be contract services: utilities, insurance, building/ground maintenance, machinery & equipment maintenance, auditor advertising fees, election, legal services, communications, medical services/pre-employee screenings, 380 agreements, Appraisal District fees, workers compensation, etc. He also reviewed the fixed/low income discounts on water rates that was discussed at the last budget workshop meeting. Council asked staff to look into this to see if other cities had similar programs. Mr. Roland stated that there were no other cities within the State that he could find that had a program like this. He presented similar programs found in Washington State. The consensus of members of City Council present was to not move forward with this discount at this time.

Mr. Roland reviewed I&I projects. Mr. Smith reviewed the process of the vehicle replacement program. Mr. Kelinske and Ms. Bhakta reviewed the promotional ideas for the promotion of the new disc golf course. Mr. Schmitz reviewed EMS operations and the proposed EMS utility fee to be added to residential/commercial utilities in FY19-20.

Council member Arendell stated that he would like to see funding included in this budget to provide for a new police officer position added to each shift. The proposed budget provides for one new officer. He stated that he would like staff to look into adding funding for three additional police officers to this budget, which will provide four new police officers in FY19-20. Discussion was had on two new police vehicles that would have to be added to the fleet in order to cover these new positions. Mr. Smith stated that these new vehicles would have to be ordered within the next few weeks in order for them to make the production cut off date. The manufacturer of these police vehicles will not be generating new vehicles in 2020. Mr. Roland stated that as it stands the proposed budget is balanced, he stated that he will have to alter expenditures in order to fit this into the budget. Discussion continued.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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Paul A. Horn, Mayor

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