

## **RESOLUTION 19-R-02**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND PRIORITIES FOR THE 86<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2018, Texas state legislators began filing legislation that could potentially impact City operations, finances, and our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning January 8, 2019, the Texas legislature will convene for a 140-day session to consider legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, many significant decisions affecting Texas cities are made by the Texas Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2017 session, more than 2,000 bills were filed that could have affected Texas cities in some substantial way; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to establish priorities and positions on various issues pertaining to local governments, and to communicate them to the legislature.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** The City seeks to preserve its current authority to govern the City and its citizens in accordance with the City's strategic goals and interests.

#### **I. PRESERVE BASIC HOME RULE AUTHORITY**

The City **supports** legislation that promotes the:

1. principles of local control;
2. City's existing charter or local ordinances,
3. authority of the City to regulate in order to protect the public's health, safety and well-being; and
4. ability of the City to communicate or advocate with the legislature.

#### **II. PRESERVE LOCAL FINANCES**

a. The City **supports** legislation that either creates local options to finance or increases state funding for:

1. transportation projects;
2. water projects;
3. flood control projects;
4. public parks, recreation, trails; and

5. general improvements to the City's ability to provide desired public services.
- b. The City supports transparency and legislation that simplifies the property tax adoption process or accurately notifies taxpayers of the property tax rate.
- c. The City opposes legislation that:
  1. reduces the property or sales tax collections;
  2. impairs the City's ability to issue debt;
  3. creates unfunded mandates;
  4. requires the City to generate revenues on behalf of the State; and
  5. causes property to be appraised for less than market value, or creates a tax-exemption that shifts the tax burden to other taxpayers.
- d. The City opposes legislation that lowers the rollback rate or otherwise caps the City's revenue; because a lower rollback cap may not reduce property taxes but could potentially prevent the City from delivering public safety and community services.

### **III. PRESERVE LOCAL REGULATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The City **supports** legislation that promotes the City's ability to:

- a. utilize economic development tools including tourism programs;
- b. attract business, recruit or retain employers, or compete for new businesses that grow the local and state economy;
- c. manage the development of land including the City's authority over any special purpose districts formed inside the City or the ETJ;
- d. finance infrastructure; and
- e. manage public rights-of-way including receiving fair market compensation for the use of the public's rights-of-way.

**Section 2.** The City will monitor legislation that impacts the following:

- a. Emergency Service Districts;
- b. Special purpose districts (such as Municipal Management Districts or Municipal Utility Districts) created within the City's limits or ETJ; and
- c. Regional mobility efforts associated with the Grand Parkway, in particular Section B (from I-45 South (the Gulf Freeway) toward SH 35 in Alvin and on to SH 288).

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and it is accordingly so resolved and that the City's authorized agents may act on it accordingly.

**Section 4.** Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**

**ATTEST**

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

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