

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS  
216 W. SEALY STREET  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED that, on the above date, the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, met in Workshop Session at 6:00 PM in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall, with the following members present: Mayor Gabe Adame; Mayor Pro-Tem Meagan DeKeyzer; Council members: Ashley Davis, Richard Garivey, Keko Moore, Scott Salter, Chris Vaughn and Martin Vela.

Staff members present: Junru Roland, City Manager; Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney; Dixie Roberts, Assistant City Manager/City Secretary; Brandon Moody, Public Services Director; Lisa Sullivan, Code Supervisor; Dan Kelinske, Parks and Recreation Director; and Robert E. Lee, Police Chief.

**WORKSHOP BUSINESS**

Discussion of issues related to shopping carts within the City of Alvin.

During the meeting, Mayor Adame moved the discussion of this item to after discussion of Chapter 17 1/2 Signs, but it is recorded in its original order on the agenda to maintain the integrity of the outline.

Council Member Salter introduced the proposed shopping cart ordinance by outlining concerns regarding shopping carts becoming a nuisance in City of Alvin roadways, drainage ditches, and vacant properties. He presented photographs and reports from local businesses and other governmental agencies to illustrate the issue. Council Member Salter also met with local retailers to discuss potential solutions, including the use of geofencing technology.

He identified three primary areas of concern: requirements for new businesses, addressing existing carts, and establishing clear direction for staff in handling abandoned carts. He provided a summary of measures adopted by other communities to address similar issues. Council Member Salter proposed that new businesses operating more than 16 shopping carts be required to submit a cart containment plan outlining procedures for securing carts after business hours. For currently abandoned carts, he recommended reclassifying off-premises carts as “debris, trash, or rubbish” to authorize staff to remove and dispose of them as appropriate. Discussion continued.

The Council discussed establishing a compliance timeframe for retailers should new standards be adopted, as well as the possibility of offering incentives to existing businesses that proactively implement cart containment systems. Brandon Moody, Director of Public Services, further explained the distinction between addressing carts located on private property and those abandoned within public rights-of-way.

Council Member Salter emphasized that the intent of the proposed regulations is to improve community appearance and safety without placing an undue burden on small retailers. The Council also discussed potential public transportation considerations, acknowledging that some residents may use shopping carts to transport groceries due to limited transportation options.

Staff was directed to draft an ordinance for future Council consideration requiring a cart containment plan for applicable businesses, along with language reclassifying abandoned shopping carts as debris or rubbish to facilitate enforcement and removal.

Discuss amending Chapter 17 ½ Signs of the Alvin Code of Ordinances relating to signs along SH35 during the SH99 expansion project.

Council Member Salter presented the item to the Council with explanation. He proposed allowing businesses along the Bypass expanded use of additional or temporary signage during the upcoming Grand Parkway construction. He noted that entrances and exits may be blocked or rerouted, and construction equipment may obstruct visibility to these businesses. As a result, he suggested granting limited flexibility in sign regulations to help offset reduced exposure during the construction period. He further recommended considering similar accommodations for businesses surrounding City Hall in anticipation of pending construction in that area.

Council discussed previous instances in which sign regulations were temporarily suspended during emergencies and considered whether a similar approach could be implemented for construction-related disruptions. Members also discussed the importance of clearly defining guidelines to ensure specificity regarding permitted and prohibited signage. The possibility of issuing temporary permits as a long-term solution for similar situations was also discussed for future consideration. It was suggested that a special program be established specifically for businesses impacted by the construction. The proposed guidelines would limit any special permits to roadways currently under construction, rather than extending the program citywide, and would restrict the duration of such accommodations to the applicable construction phases. It was further suggested that limitations be placed on the number of signs a business may erect, including consideration of consolidated signage for multi-tenant shopping centers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Adame adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED the the 19th of February 2026.

ATTEST:

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Gabe Adame, Mayor

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Dixie Roberts, City Secretary