



**ALVARADO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
SPECIAL - MAY 12, 2026 - 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 104 W COLLEGE AVE.
ALVARADO, TEXAS 76009**

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC INPUT

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the convened City Council of this meeting on any matter. The presiding officer may ask for the citizen to hold his or her comment on an agenda item until that agenda item is reached. Any response from a member of the convened City Council to comments related to items not on the agenda is limited to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or direction to staff to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Citizens may obtain a form to speak by requesting it from the City Secretary or the City Marshal prior to the start of the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pursuant to LGC Section 551.0415, City Council Members may make a report about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body without having given notice of the report. Items of community interest include:

- Expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;
- Information regarding holiday schedules;
- An honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of the person's public office of public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
- A reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
- Information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; and
- Announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Certification to the Mayor and Council of the Official Returns for the May 2, 2026, City of Alvarado General Election.
2. Ordinance 2026-0008; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alvarado, Texas, Certifying the Election Results for the May 2, 2026, General City Elections. (Taylor)
3. Ordinance 2026-0009; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alvarado, Texas, Ordering a Runoff Election for the Office of City Council Ward 2 Place 5, to be held on June 13, 2026. (Taylor)

PRESENTATIONS

4. Issue Certification of Election, Statement of Elected Official, and Issue the Oath of Office to City Councilmember Ward 3, Place 6, Joshua Rendon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate regarding the following matters: 1. § 551.071. Consultation with Attorney. The City Council may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items:

- A. Any item listed on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall of the City of Alvarado, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Agenda was posted on May 6, 2026, and remained so posted continuously for three (3) business days prior to the date of the meeting.



Bobbie Jo Taylor, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary

If, during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a Closed or Executive Session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters; Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Section 551.073 - deliberation regarding a prospective gift; Section 551.074 - personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; Section 551.076 - implementation of security personnel or devices; Section 551.087 - deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Section 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code.

If a Closed or Executive Session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session in order to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Alvarado City Hall and Council Chamber are wheelchair accessible. The exit and parking ramps are located in the front of the building. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at 817-790-3351, FAX: 817-783-7925, e-mail: taylorb@cityofalvarado.org. Please call at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT The City of Alvarado does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in the employment or the provision of services.



CERTIFICATION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Official Returns for the May 2, 2026, Alvarado General Election

Mayor and Council,

You have received tabulation of the official returns for the Elections held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing City Council Members for Ward 2 Place 5, and Ward 3 Place 6.

In this election, 112 valid and legal votes were cast, of which 28 were cast early, and 84 were cast on Election Day.

The certified cumulative returns are reported as follows:

City Council Ward 2 Place 5

Cherry Bryant	25	47.17%
Barron Blakeney	17	32.08%
David M. Garay	11	20.75%

City Council Ward 3 Place 6

Betty Ann Neilan	24	40.68%
Joshua Rendon	35	59.32%

As a result of the election, THE FOLLOWING ARE HEREBY DECLARED ELECTED (2026-2028):

Joshua Rendon, City Council Ward 3 Place 6

A Runoff Election will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2026, for City Council Ward 2 Place 5. The following candidates will be placed on the ballot:

Cherry Bryant
Barron Blakeney

This certifies that the City Council has received certification of these official returns for the election held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, and approves that they be filed with the City Secretary's Office.

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary



Date of Certification:
May 12, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-0008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, CERTIFYING THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE MAY 2, 2026, GENERAL CITY ELECTIONS; DECLARING THE RESULTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article X1, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alvarado called and ordered that a General Election be held on May 2, 2026, in the City of Alvarado for the purpose of electing City Council Member Ward 2, Place 5, and Ward 3, Place 6; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2026, such date being within the time prescribed by law for canvassing the election results at an election called by a municipality, the City Council canvassed the results of the General Election for the purpose of Council Member Ward 2, Place 5, and Ward 3, Place 6, of the City of Alvarado, Texas: such election having been duly ordered by the City Council under the authority of the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that the election officials of the voting districts of the City have, in compliance with the law, made returns to the City Council in the time and manner required; and the City Council, having canvassed the votes from each of those wards, does find the total number of votes cast for each candidate was as follows:

Candidate	Absentee	Early	Election Day	Total Votes	Percentage of Votes
Ward 2 Place 5					
Cherry Bryant		8	17	25	47.17%
Barron Blakeney		4	13	17	32.08%
David M. Garay		5	6	11	20.75%
Ward 3 Place 6					
Betty Ann Neilan	2	5	17	24	40.68%
Joshua Rendon		4	31	35	59.32%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1
Publication and Posting**

The General Election was duly called: that notice of said elections was given in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas: and that the canvass of the votes cast in said elections and returns thereof were made in accordance with the State Law.

**SECTION 2
Majority of Votes**

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code, Texas Election Code, and the City of Alvarado, Texas, Home-Rule Charter, the City Council officially finds and determines and declares the majority of votes cast resulted in the following of said elections:

1. A runoff election shall be ordered for Council Member Ward 2, Place 5. The candidates for the runoff election shall be Cherry Bryant and Barron Blakeney, who received the highest and second-highest number of votes at the May 2, 2026, General Election.
2. Joshua Rendon is elected City Council Member, Ward 3, Place 6, to a three (3) year term of office by the majority votes of the voters.

**SECTION 3
Posting of Canvass**

The City Secretary of the City of Alvarado, having posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the said meeting. A copy of the returns of said post shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be made as part hereof for all intents and purposes.

**SECTION 4
Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval, and it is so ordained.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, on the 12th OF MAY 2026.

Jacob Wheat, Mayor

Attest:

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-0009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL WARD 2 PLACE 5 TO BE HELD ON JUNE 13, 2026; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE RUNOFF ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Alvarado is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City held a general election on May 2, 2026, at which no candidate for City Council Ward 2 Place 5 received a majority of votes, requiring a runoff election to be held on June 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has issued to the City Secretary a certification of the names of the candidates to be placed on the general election runoff ballot pursuant to Texas Election Code section 2.027; and

WHEREAS, the runoff election will be held as an election conducted under the authority of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council to designate a polling place for the runoff election and to appoint the necessary election officers to establish and set forth procedures for conducting the runoff election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1
ELECTION ORDER FOR RUNOFF ELECTION**

At the general election held on May 2, 2026, no candidate for the office of City Council Ward 2 Place 5 received a majority of votes, requiring a runoff election to be held. Pursuant to the Texas Election Code, the City Council hereby orders that a runoff election to fill the place of City Council Ward 2 Place 5 shall be held in the City of Alvarado (“runoff election”) on June 13, 2026.

**SECTION 2
POLLING PLACE**

The polling place for the runoff election shall be as follows:

Alvarado City Hall
City Council Chambers

**SECTION 3
EARLY VOTING**

- a. **Early voting by personal appearance.** Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on June 1, June 2, June 3, June 4, June 5, June 8, and June 9, 2026, at the Alvarado City Hall, City Council Chambers, 104 W. College St., Alvarado, Texas 76009, at the following times from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

- b. **Early Voting by mail.** The City Secretary or his/her successor, acting pursuant to Texas Government Code §601.002 (“Election Administrator”), is hereby designated as Early Voting Clerk for the election. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered not later than the close of business on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, to the Election Administrator in any of the following ways: via mail to City of Alvarado, Texas, Elections Administrator, 104 W. College St., Alvarado, Texas 76009, via fax 817-783-7925, or by email taylorb@cityofalvarado.org. If an application for Ballot by Mail is submitted by fax or e-mail, the original application must also be mailed and received by the Early Voting Clerk no later than the 4th business day after receipt of the faxed or emailed copy.

**SECTION 4
NOTICE AND PUBLICATION**

Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council at least fifteen (15) days before the runoff election. Notice shall be published in the newspaper in accordance with state law.

**SECTION 5
ELECTION OFFICIALS**

The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge shall be appointed by the Early Voting Clerk.

**SECTION 6
METHOD OF VOTING**

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary supplies to conduct the runoff election in accordance with this ordinance and the Texas Election Code. Voting at this location will utilize paper ballots. Expenditures necessary to conduct the election, including the purchase of materials and the employment of all election officials, are hereby authorized and shall be made in accordance with the Texas Elections Code.

**SECTION 7
NECESSARY ACTIONS**

The Mayor and the City Secretary, in consultation with the City Attorney, are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, the City Charter, and the City Code in carrying out and conducting the runoff election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

**SECTION 8
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval, and it is so ordained.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVARADO, TEXAS, on the 12th DAY OF MAY 2026.

Jacob Wheat, Mayor

Attest:

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary



In the name and by the authority of

THE STATE OF TEXAS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at a
General Election held on May 2, 2026

Joshua Rendon

was duly elected as

**City Council Member Ward 3 Place 5
In the City of Alvarado, Texas**

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
signed my name and caused the Seal of the
City of Alvarado to be affixed this 12th day of
May 2026.

Jacob Wheat
Mayor



STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JOHNSON §
CITY OF ALVARADO §

ELECTED OFFICIAL STATEMENT

I, JOSHUA RENDON, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment, for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be so help me God.

**POSITION TO WHICH ELECTED:
CITY COUNCIL WARD 3 PLACE 6**

SIGNATURE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATH

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

[SEAL]



STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JOHNSON §
CITY OF ALVARADO §

ELECTED OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

I, JOSHUA RENDON, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of CITY COUNCIL WARD 3 PLACE 6 of the City of Alvarado, of the State of Texas and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and the Charter and ordinances of this city, so help me God.

SIGNATURE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATH

[SEAL]

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE



**PUBLIC ACCESS OPTION FORM
CONSENT FOR DISCLOSURE
OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**
TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 552.024

<i>State law allows current and former employees and public officials to elect to keep certain personal information confidential. Unless you choose "NO" (at right), the following information may be subject to release if requested under the Texas Public Information Act.</i> INDICATE WHETHER YOU WISH TO ALLOW PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:	YES, I Choose to Allow Public Access	NO, I Choose to Deny Public Access
Home Address (if yes, please list): _____		
Home Telephone Number (if yes, please list): _____		
Cellular Telephone Number (if yes, please list): _____		
Information that reveals whether you have family members (and/or a domestic partner)		
Social Security Number (DO NOT LIST HERE)		
Emergency Contact Information		

This form should be completed by any employee/public official no later than the 14th day after instatement or termination/resignation. **Until this form is filed with the City Secretary's Office your information is an open record, and will be made available upon request, to the public.** Once notification is on file to close public access, further written notice would be required before the information could be released to the public.

Candidates and officeholders should note that **all information contained within your APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT and/or CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILINGS is considered public** (regardless of your elections here). If you desire to keep your home address, phone number, and/or email address private, it is recommended that you consider obtaining a remote mail delivery service (e.g., P.O. Box) and a dedicated phone number and/or email address for use in conjunction with your candidacy/service. If elected, a City email address will be provided along with an office mailbox in City Hall. Members of the Council are not provided with office or cell phones. The Mayor will have an office extension.

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE