



**CITY OF ALVARADO
County of Johnson
State of Texas
6/22/2026
City Council Special Meeting Minutes**

The City Council of the City of Alvarado met in a Special Called Session on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM. The following were present:

PRESENT: Mayor Jacob Wheat
Councilmember Ward II Cherry Bryant
Councilmember Ward II Lydia Moon
Mayor Pro Tem Ward III Kevin Thomas
Councilmember Ward I Carrie Keeton
Councilmember Ward III Joshua Rendon

ABSENT: Councilmember Ward I Beverly Short

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager, Paul DeBuff
City Secretary, Bobbie Jo Taylor
City Attorney, Ashley Dierker
Administrative Services Director, Donielle Suber
Chief Financial Officer, Laura Cox

Mayor Jacob Wheat called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the invocation.

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.

- Jameye Jones, Community Events

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.
- Councilmember Bryant thanked those who supported her in the 2026 General Election and Runoff.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Certification to the Mayor and Council of the Official Returns for the June 13, 2026, City of Alvarado Runoff Election. (Taylor)
2. Ordinance 2026-0039; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alvarado, Texas, Certifying the Election Results for the June 13, 2026, Runoff Election. (Taylor)

Councilmember Moon motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Issue Certification of Election, Statement of Elected Official, and Issue the Oath of Office to City Councilmember Ward 2, Place 5, Cherry Bryant. (Taylor)

Councilmember Ward 2, Place 5, Cherry Bryant, was issued the Oath of Office and Statement of Elected Official by City Secretary Bobbie Jo Taylor.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consideration and action related to the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem. (Taylor)

Councilmember Moon moved to appoint Kevin Thomas as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Bryant seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss and Receive Training from the City Attorney regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Public Information Act, City Ethics Policy, and Related Matters. (TOASE)

City Attorney Ashley Dierker conducted a training session for the City Council covering the requirements and responsibilities of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Texas Public Information Act, the City's Ethics Policy, and other legal and governance matters. The training included an overview of the purpose and application of each law and

policy, emphasizing the importance of transparency, accountability, and compliance in municipal government. Ms. Dierker discussed potential quorum issues, including circumstances that could inadvertently constitute a meeting under the Texas Open Meetings Act, and reviewed conflicts of interest at both the state and local levels, including disclosure requirements and ethical obligations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. § 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:

- Any item listed on the agenda.

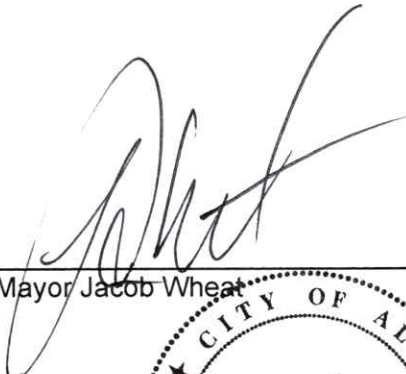
RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wheat adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.



Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary



Mayor Jacob Wheat

