

CITY OF ALVARADO
104 W. COLLEGE
December 20, 2010
6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

The City Council of the City of Alvarado will meet in a Regular Session on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Up to the first thirty minutes of the meeting will be a public work session for staff briefing of the Council on agenda items listed below.

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CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call	
INVOCATION	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
PROCLAMATION	1
Alvarado Indians Football	
PUBLIC HEARING	
1. Request for a variance from Chapter 30, entitled "Signs" of the City of Alvarado Code of Ordinances pertaining to the height of the sign on Lot 2 of the Fundamental Baptist Church Addition located at 902 Church Street.	2
CONSENT AGENDA:	
A. Minutes, Regular Meeting November 15, 2010.	6
OLD BUSINESS	
2. Consideration and action regarding Amendment to Chapter 42 of the Alvarado Code of Ordinances, the City's Zoning Regulations, pertaining to: (a) masonry and parking requirements (b) approved masonry-type products (c) residential construction requirements (d) carport construction (e) driveway requirements (f) fencing (g) commercial parking lot construction	10

NEW BUSINESS

3. Consideration and action regarding request for a variance from Chapter 30, entitled “Signs” of the City of Alvarado Code of Ordinances pertaining to the height of the sign on Lot 2 of the Fundamental Baptist Church Addition located at 902 Church Street. 19
4. Consideration and action regarding an ordinance of the City of Alvarado, Texas, closing and abandoning a portion of West Shelton Street of the Original Town Addition, Alvarado, Johnson County, Texas and authorizing its conveyance to the adjacent property owners. 20
5. Consideration and action regarding continuation of membership with Sister Cities International. 24
6. Consideration and action regarding an ordinance altering the prima facie speed limits established for vehicles under the provisions of the Transportation Code, Chapter 545, Section 545.356, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation upon certain streets and highways, or parts thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Alvarado as set out in the ordinance and providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for violation of this ordinance. 29

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.

a. §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 provision of Chapter 551, including the following items:

1. Any posted agenda item.
- 2.

b. §551.074 Deliberation regarding Personnel Matter. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

1. Chief of Police.
2. City Manager.

c. §551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate an offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect meeting this description.

1. Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 2.

7. Consider possible action resulting from items posted and legally discussed in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic.

Unless the item is specifically noted on this agenda, the City Council is required under the Texas Open Meetings Act to limit its response to one of the following:

- * **Responding with a statement of specific factual information or reciting the City's existing policy on that issue; or**
- * **Directing the person making the inquiry to visit with City Staff about the issue. (No Council deliberation is permitted.)**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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.

8. Adjourn

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

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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: thomasd@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. 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 December 17, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Debbie Thomas, TRMC
City Secretary