

**RESOLUTION 2019-08-14**

RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF ALPINE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ENSURING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY ALPINE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA IN ORDER TO HEAR PUBLIC INPUT AND IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH TEXAS HB 2840, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE 9-1-2019

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alpine Code of Ordinances, Section 23-22 Order of Business provides the detailed procedures and order of business for the City of Alpine City Council meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Ordinance provides the audience an opportunity to address the Council during Public Hearings and after Action items; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that it is important to ensure they hear from members of the public on the topics Council has on the agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas House Bill 2840 requires, effective 9-1-2019 that members of the public have the right to address the City Council at an open meeting of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the due to schedule constraints, the City Council will not be able to modify Ordinance 23-22 in a process defined by the City Charter by 9-1-2019;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:**


1. TAKE ACTION EFFECTIVE 9-1-2019, TO TEMPORARILY MODIFY CITY COUNCIL THE MEETING AGENDA IN ORDINANCE 23-22 TO
  - a. IN THE OPENING PARAGRAPH REPLACE: "MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS AND AFTER ACTION ITEMS." WITH "MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY AGENDA ITEM AFTER DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PROOF OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING. REMARKS WILL BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 3 MINUTES PER PERSON. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST SO THAT WE MAY CALL YOU IN ORDER."
  - b. ADD A NEW NUMBERED PARAGRAPH AFTER "DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND PROOF OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING" AS "PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL)"
  - c. IN PARAGRAPH 8 "ACTION ITEMS" DELETE THE PARAGRAPH "CITIZENS ARE ALLOWED.....IF THERE IS TIME AVAILABLE."
2. TAKE ACTION TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO IMPLEMENT A LONG TERM PLAN THAT ENSURES COMPLIANCE WITH HB 2840 AND ONCE COMPLETE, UPDATE CITY ORDINANCE 23-22 TO IMPLEMENT THAT PLAN.

**PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALPINE, TEXAS ON AUGUST 20, 2019.**



Andres "Andy" Ramos, Mayor  
City of Alpine, Texas

Attest:



Cynthia Salas, City Secretary  
City of Alpine