

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Friday September 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council:

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
Councilman Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff:

Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Pat Julian Taylor, Assistant City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Nat Hickey, Finance Director
Lonie Kershaw, Human Resources
Dan Pennington, Police Chief
Chris Motley, Building Department

Visitors:

Eric Hayes	Melanie Oldham
Ed Garcia	Manning Rollerson
Ruth Renobato	Ruben Renobato
Jim Barnett	Sandra Barnett
Sam Reyna	Diane Hester
Douglas Domingues	Jerry Meeks
Dennis Henderson	George Gala
Desiree Pearson	

Call to Order

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Chief Dan Pennington offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving August 15 & 24, 2016 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the August 15 & 24, 2016 Council Minutes.

Public Hearing: Proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Mayor Garcia opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Jeff Pynes presented the same budget that was presented on August 24, 2016 except for the following changes that were recommended by public input and or meetings with council members.

Deleting beach jeep \$42,000
Delete 2 employees, Code Department \$89,750
Add (1) Labor position to Street Department \$44,877
Add Sound System – Mayor & Council \$15,000
Add raise to Municipal Judges –Court Dept. \$24,000
Add increase in Attorney fees – Wallace Shaw \$50,727

Ed Garcia of 1924 N. Ave. G stated that on August 26, 2016, at an open meeting with Port Freeport and Texas Department of Transportation announced the postponing of replacing 1495 Pine Bridge till 2018. The City had budgeted 2.1 million and suggested that the money be used for infrastructure.

Eric Hayes of 1507 W. Broad complained about water in the garage and his shop at 1935 Victoria Street.

Melanie Oldham of 922 W. 5th Street, stated that the budget was not balanced and requested the 2014-2015 Annual Audit Report. The 2016-2017 budget does not have enough for the water & sewer problems that exist in the City.

Diane Hester owns 14 rental properties in Freeport and the tenants complain about the water entering the homes. She asked Council for a resolution on drainage issues.

Councilman McDonald drove the City and took over 100 photos of drainage problems. He noticed missing covers on drainage. He saw wood, weeds, glass, plastic, rock hindering the flow of drainage. He suggested the City get manpower and machinery to start clearing the ditches to get the water to the Velasco Drainage District.

Councilwoman Mireles asked if we could hire contractors to clean up the ditches while the City hires an engineer to help with the drainage issues.

Councilman Bolton agreed on drainage issues, so whatever was needed, to get it done.

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Public Hearing after no more comments from staff and audience at 6:26 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2016-2119 adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 for the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Ordinance No. 2016-2119 adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 for the City of Freeport. Councilman McDonald opposed.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2016-2507 a license to right of way of the dedicated and opened street in the Freeport Town site, within the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas known as East Brazos Boulevard, to wit: 0.180 acres out of the right of way of East Brazos Boulevard more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2016-2507 granting a license to use the right of way of the dedicated and opened street in the Freeport Town site, within the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas known as East Brazos Boulevard, to wit: 0.180 acres out of the right of way of East Brazos Boulevard more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Consideration of approving the sale of City's interest on Block 718, Lots 21-22 (undivided 1/2 interest) Velasco Townsite, known as 1217-1219 North Ave. P, Tax Id No. 8110- 3120-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved the sale of City's interest on Block 718, Lots 21-22 (undivided 1/2 interest) Velasco Townsite, known as 1217-1219 North Ave. P, Tax Id No. 8110- 3120-000. Councilwoman Barbree opposed.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas