

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2017 6:00 P.M.
FREEPORT MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
430 NORTH BRAZOSPORT BOULEVARD
FREEPORT, TEXAS

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Attending citizens and their business.
Members of the public are allowed to address the City Council at this time. Note, specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to an inquiry made, but any deliberation, discussion, or decision with respect to any subject about which the inquiry was made shall be limited to a proposal to place such subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting for which notice is provided in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act unless said notice appears herein. The public is reminded that there is a (4) minute time limit as approved by City Council on June 21, 2010.
5. Consideration of approving the November 6 & 7, 2017 Council Meeting. Pg. 783-789
6. Consideration of approving a commercial tax abatement application for a new motel for Digant Patel Properties, LLC, 1701 North Ave. K, Freeport Texas and setting a public hearing date to consider designating the following described property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners there of granting a tax abatement on Block I Lot Reserve A, (unrestricted) Sairam S/D acres .6457. Pg. 790-804
7. Consideration of a request from Will J. Brooks, Parade Co-Chairman of the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee (MLKCC), permission to close portions of the following streets during the parade to be held on Monday, January 15, 2018. The parade will start at 11: 00 a.m. at East Park and Fourth Street and continue through the Rally at the Freeport Municipal Park until 4:00 p.m. Pg. 805

8. Consideration of accepting the Charter Review final report and determine which proposed amendment(s) are to be included in the Charter Amendment Election on May 5, 2018.

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- (1) Amend the first sentence of Section 3.02 Qualifications to read respectively as follows:
“The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall be a registered voter and a resident of the City of Freeport for at least twelve (12) consecutive months and in the case of members of the City Council other than the Mayor, a resident of the Ward sought to be represented for at least six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding his or her application to have his or her name placed on the official ballot and the filing of proof of his or her qualifications are required by law”.
- (2) Amend Section 4.04A Multiple Duties to read as follows:
“The duties of the City Manager, City Secretary, Tax Assessor and Collector and Director of Finance may be performed by the same individual for not more than six (6) consecutive months”.
- (3) Add to Section 11. General Provisions the following new section:
Section 11.15 Gender Neutral Provision
“Whenever in this Charter the pronoun he, him or his are used, such pronouns shall be construed to mean he or she, him or her and his or hers”.

9. Consideration of authorizing publication of the final report of the Charter Review Amendments for May 5, 2018 Elections.

10. Consideration of taking action on any item discussed in Executive Session.

Work Session:

- A. Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.
- B. Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.
- C. Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments.
- D. Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.
- E. Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

1. Discuss and possible action regarding claims asserted by Jeff Pynes in connections with the termination of his employment with the City.
2. Discuss and possible action to engage Olson & Olson, LLP, to provide legal services to the City in connection with legal issues and claims arising out of the termination from employment of Jeff Pynes.
3. Discuss and possible action to engage Belt Harris to provide forensic accounting services to the City regarding the financial records of the Freeport Museum Foundation and certain financial transactions of the City of Freeport.

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning 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, to wit:

1. Discuss and possible action to appoint an acting City Manager to serve until a City Manager is appointed.

Adjourn

Items not necessarily discussed in the order they appear on the agenda. The Council at its discretion may take action on any or all of the items as listed. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act. (Chapter 551, Government Code).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Freeport will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council Meetings. Request should be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Secretary office at 979-233-3526. I, Delia Munoz City Secretary for the City of Freeport, Texas certify that this agenda was posted in the official glass case at the rear door of the City Hall, with 24 hours a day public access, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport Texas, November 16, 2017 at or before 5:00 p.m.

Delia Munoz, City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas