

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, July 17th, 2017 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 Troy T. Brimage
Councilman Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Brooks Bass
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff:

Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Billywayne Shoemaker, Building Department

Visitors:

Ruth Renobato	Ruben Renobato
Angie L. Williams	Edmeryl Williams
Sabrina Brimage	Sam Reyna
Mingo Marquez	Melanie Oldham
Jennifer Hawkins	Christina Travis
Ida Ranniger	Larry Fansher
Diana Hester	

Call to order.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Diana Hester has lived in Freeport since 1970 and has a rent house on 200 North Ave. D. Every time the heavy rains come, it floods and has sewage problems. She came before City Council last year with the same problem of flooding. She asked how many engineer firms were needed to fix the flooding problems. Mr. Pynes advised her that a lot of improvements have been made and have increased the pipe sizes going into the main canal, clearing ditches is a constant project.

Announcement: Signing of the new energy utility contract with Engie Resources LLC.

City Manager Jeff Pynes announced the signing of a new contract with Engie Resources LLC that will save the City \$179,000.00 over the next three years.

Consideration of approving the July 3, 2017 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the July 3, 2017 Council Minutes.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 747, Lot 1, known as 1424 N. Ave. Q, Velasco Townsite, Tx. Id. 8110-3446-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles to decline the sale, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council declined selling the City's interest on Block 747, Lot 1, known as 1424 N. Ave. Q, Velasco Townsite, Tx. Id. 8110-3446-000. Councilman Yates opposed.

Discuss and consider approving an amendment to Veolia Water R & M budget for improvements in the alley from West 2nd Street to West 8th Street to replace the city's sanitary sewer main after the completion of the Lift Station.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved an amendment to Veolia Water R & M budget for improvements in the alley from West 2nd Street to West 8th Street to replace the city's sanitary sewer main after the completion of the Lift Station.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest a non-exclusive license granting to the BASF Corporation the right to use the utility easement of a portion of the Second Street described therein for the purpose of installing and maintaining a fiber optic communication cable connecting its ammonia terminal project at or near Port Freeport with its plant site located at 602 Copper Road.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye" Council unanimously approved the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest a non-exclusive license granting to the BASF Corporation the right to use the utility easement of a portion of the Second Street described therein for the purpose of installing and maintaining a

fiber optic communication cable connecting its ammonia terminal project at or near Port Freeport with its plant site located at 602 Copper Road.

Consideration of approving Baker & Lawson proposal for professional services to assist in providing engineering services for the City of Freeport-Velasco Boulevard Flooding Issues.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Baker & Lawson proposal for professional services to assist in providing engineering services for the City of Freeport-Velasco Boulevard Flooding Issues.

Consideration of the approval of any action items discussed in the Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Restrictive Covenant. Councilwoman Mireles abstained from voting.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the Golf Course Lease Agreement. Councilwoman Mireles abstained from voting.

Work Session:

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward A.

Councilman McDonald attended a Planning Commission meeting that they recommended having a minimum of 1,300 square feet to build home, waiting on the drainage on 6th, 7th and 8th Street. He met with an investor looking for property to build 200-300 rooftops.

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward B.

Councilman Bass will be attending a Charter Review meeting tomorrow at City Hall, all are invited. He suggested Council schedule a rental inspection workshop to receive comments/input from our landlords in the City. He asked on the status of the Freeport Community House on 2nd Street.

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward C.

Councilwoman Mireles commented on the good job done in the alley between G & H. She walked on it and kicked it around, very pleased with the work done.

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward D.

Councilman Yates’ main thought is getting a Master Plan going and building up the population. He asked about recycling plastic. Mr. Pynes stated that Waste Connections will erect a box at the Service Center at no cost. Residents will be able to drop of plastic, paper, aluminum and cardboard between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He asked about the plans for rezoning on the river. Councilman Yates suggested getting a template that works from other cities on the

rental inspections. There is no need on paying attorneys. He expressed his concern on detention ponds being a waste of commercial property.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage and the City Manager have been meeting with Department Heads' budget request. A budget workshop will be scheduled at a later date.

New procedures for City Wide Cleanup.

Mr. Pynes announced that the Citywide Cleanup is coming to your house, free service. Place your items at the curb Friday, July 21st thru Sunday July 23rd. The items will be picked up between July 24th -August 28th, 2017.

Demonstration on City's WebQA.

Mr. Pynes reviewed the City's WebQA.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

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:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Restrictive Covenant
- Golf Course Lease Agreement

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened the Formal Session for a motion on the Executive Session items.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas