

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Monday, September 27, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, 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  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
LeAnn Strahan, Administrative Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Chris Motley, Fire Chief & Fireman  
Kim Townsend, Park Supervisor  
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Director  
Raymond Garivey, Chief of Police  
Police Officers & Dispatchers  
Michelle Russell, Police Administrative Secretary  
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources  
Ursula Reyes, Accounts Payable  
Yvette Ruiz, Building Code Secretary  
David Hoelewyn, Street Supervisor  
Street Department Crew  
Laura Tolar, IT Specialists  
Betty Wells, Water & Court  
Emily Jimenez, Water & Court

Visitors:

Larry Fansher	Kenny Hayes
Donna Hayes	Rita Cundieff
Douglas Domingues	Ty Morrow
Sabrina Brimage	Desiree Pearson
Melanie Oldham	Jerry Meeks
James Barnett	Sandra Barnett

Call to order.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Invocation.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing:** Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage opened the Proposed Budget Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announced that Councilman Bass was running a few minutes late and would be arriving shortly due to flat tire. He asked Council, staff, and audience for any comments on the budget. Mayor Troy T. Brimage address's issues from the budget.

Councilman McDonald stated that the additional Code Department Officer and vehicle be eliminated. He doesn't see an increase in residents and businesses. Also to eliminate the paint skim on the vehicle.

Councilman McDonald can assist in lowering the price of repairs and find a contractor that can sandblast and paint the Police Department station lockers/showers.

Removing one Tahoe from the Police Department budget.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage has received calls for improving the walking trail on the levee. To lower the cost he's recommendation is to contact Vernor Material for redoing/repair the top of the levee behind the High School. He asked the Police Chief to patrol that area, keeping the cars off that side of the levee.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage approves the pay raises in the budget.

Councilman Yates commented that he will vote "yes" on the pay raises, but wants better information for next year.

Ty Morrow of 1867 Acacia Circle agrees with the pay raises especially for the Freeport Police Department.

There being no more comments from audience or staff, Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2017-2138 adopting a budget for said City for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

On a motion by Councilman Yates stating that “this budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$167,751 which is a 6.66% increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll is \$40,396”, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2017-2138 adopting a budget for said City for the Fiscal year 2017-2018 with the aforementioned exclusion discussed.

Record Vote:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Larry L. McDonald	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Brooks Bass	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Roy Yates	<u>Aye</u>

**Public Hearing:** Proposed Tax Rate Hearing for 2018 tax year.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage opened the Proposed Tax Rate Public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

He asked Council, staff, and audience for any comments on the proposed tax rate hearing.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage recommends the current tax rate of \$0.0628005.

There being no more comments from audience or staff, Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Proposed Tax Rate Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2017-2140 accepting the certified appraisal roll from the Brazoria County Appraisal District for the 2018 Tax Year; establishing a tax rate for each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property within said city for such tax year; levying all taxes for said City for such tax year; allocating such taxes for certain municipal purposes therein enumerated; ordering that such taxes be assessed and collected; containing a severance clause; and proving an effective date for this ordinance.

On a motion by Councilman Bass stating “I move to adopt a tax rate of 0.0628005 that represents 0.492570 for maintenance and operation and 0.135435 for interest and sinking”, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2017-2140 accepting the certified appraisal roll from the Brazoria County Appraisal District for the 2018 Tax Year; establishing a tax rate for each \$100.00 valuation of taxable property within said city for such tax year; levying all taxes for said City for such tax year; allocating such taxes for certain municipal purposes therein enumerated; ordering that such taxes be assessed and collected; containing a severance clause; and proving an effective date for this ordinance.

Record Vote:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Larry L. McDonald	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Brooks Bass	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Roy Yates	<u>Aye</u>

Adjourn.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Mayor Troy T. Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary Delia Munoz  
City of Freeport, Texas