

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00 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:

Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Raymond Garivey, Chief of Police
Chris Motley, Fire Chief
Billywayne Shoemaker, Building Inspector
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corporation
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Kim Townsend, Park Supervisor
LeAnn Strahan, Administrative Assistant

Visitors:

Manning Rollerson	Sam Reyna
Melanie Oldham	Larry Fansher
James Pirrung	Christina Travis
LeAnn Strahan	Sabrina Brimage
Jerry Meeks	Douglas Domingues
Roy Schroeder	Kyle Hammonds
Michelle Backman	Bill Morris
Edward T. Garcia	Gloria Millsap
Edmeryl Williams	Angie L. Williams
Keith Stumbaugh	Margaret McMahan
James Barnett	Sandra Barnett
Ana Silbas	Amy Carrales
Darlene Weir	Moby Burrridge
Evelyn Burrridge	

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Roy Schroeder of Corporate Hair, 1714 Brazosport Boulevard is concerned about drainage and stated that his building was compromised. Presently there is a hotel being built behind their business and his concern is the drainage. Billywayne Shoemaker, Building Inspector has been in contact with the contractors and the grade is good for the existing culvert to work. The contractor will build a concrete ditch to have the water flow to the retention pond. Mayor Troy T. Brimage assures Mr. Schroeder that it will be taken care of.

Edward T. Garcia of 1924 North Ave. G, served on Council from 1990 to 1998, and knows that it is not an easy job and congratulated the Mayor and Council. He commended Mayor Troy T. Brimage and Council for serving the City and making decisions that are difficult but in the best interest of the City. He applauded Councilwoman Nicole Mireles for her actions on his ward.

Manning Rollerson of 537 E. 2nd Street observed survey lines 5 feet into his property when he was mowing. He called the City to inquire as to who had permits to get on his property. He called 811 and was told that a fire hydrant was being installed on 2nd and Terminal.

Michelle Backman of Pinky's Daiquiri's, 307 South Gulf Boulevard addressed Council on her investment and assured Councilwoman Mireles that she is following all the rules and regulations, maintaining her property, paying taxes, acquired all required permits and has complied with all the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission rules. She wanted Council to know that she is obeying the law and has not had any complaints during her events.

Consideration of approving the October 16, October 24, and October 30, 2017 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the October 16, October 24, and October 30, 2017 Council Minutes.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2017- 2142 amending the Code of Ordinances of said city to add thereto a new section, to be known as Section 71.07 prohibiting the operation of a vehicle at any point on the levee surrounding the old Brazos River Channel or on any point on the river bank thereof, from the Velasco Boulevard Bridge westward to the state right of way line of State Highway 288.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2017-2142 amending the Code of

Ordinances of said city to add thereto a new section, to be known as Section 71.07 prohibiting the operation of a vehicle at any point on the levee surrounding the old Brazos River Channel or on any point on the river bank thereof, from the Velasco Boulevard Bridge westward to the state right of way line of State Highway 288.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 8, Lot 19, Velasco Townsite, known as 111 S. Ave. C, Tax Id No. 8110-0097-000 (89%).

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 8, Lot 19, Velasco Townsite, known as 111 S. Ave. C, Tax Id No. 8110-0097-000 (89%).

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 8, Lot 19, Velasco Townsite, known as 111 S. Ave. C, Tax Id No. 8110-0097-110 (11%).

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 8, Lot 19, Velasco Townsite, known as 111 S. Ave. C, Tax Id No. 8110-0097-110 (11%).

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

Mayor Troy T. Brimage reconvened the Formal Session at 7:59 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council voted to terminate the employment of Jeff Pynes as City Manager of the City of Freeport, effective immediately ."

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved appointing Bob Welch as Acting City Manager.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved appointing Councilman McDonald as liaison to the Freeport Historical Museum.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage opened the Work Session at 6:27 p.m.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage attended a SPCA Board meeting and announced that it will cost the city roughly around \$150,000.00 a year to operate the SPCA facility. In 2015-2016; 827 animals were picked up and 921 in 2016-2017. A huge increase in cats being picked up and taken to the SPCA shelter.

Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.

No comments

Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments.

Councilman Bass reported tires are being thrown out at Velasco Boulevard to Loop Road. He advised that you call the Police Department if any one sees illegal dumping. He commended the Parks Department for the mowing the entry way and park. The Charter Review has scheduled another meeting.

Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.

Councilman Mireles saw the Street Department cleaning manholes; she appreciates the department being proactive.

Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments.

LeAnn Strahan announced that the City has started a pilot program for recycling at the Service Center. A bin is erected at the Service Center and broke down into 3 categories (plastic, cardboard, aluminum). The secretary at the Service Center will buzz you in. The hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Councilman Yates stated that it was good to see the City be environmental friendly.

Discuss using a mobile application to accept payment for court and water.

Mansur Plumber from Adcomp systems Group discussed a mobile application that allows residents to receive text notifications and pop up reminders on water and citations on their cell phones. Councilman Bass asked for the cost. Mr. Plumber stated “nothing to the City”. A credit card convenient fee to anyone using the card. City recovers 100% of the money.

Update by Jennifer Hawkins EDC Director on the proposed master plan.

Jennifer Hawkins EDC reviewed the progress plan on the proposed master plan with Council. The first meeting was on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 with Freeport Economic Development, Port Freeport and the City Council, followed by a community tour.

The next meeting will be tomorrow; Joint Workshop (1), Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Department Council Room. The workshop topic will consist on getting input on Issues and Needs Discussion with the City Council, Freeport Economic Development, Planning Commission and Port Freeport. The meeting is intended to last no more than one hour. They will review ways in which Freeport is the same/different since 10 years ago. Listed major community accomplishments over the last 10 years.

The next meeting will be December 6, 2017. A Town Hall meeting is planned for January 16, 2018.

Updates on current infrastructure.

No comments.

Discuss proposals for contract engineering services for next council meeting.

No comments.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:47 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:

- Industrial District Agreement
 - Freeport Historical Museum
- Motion done in open session

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:

- City Manager
- Motion done in open session

Mayor Troy T. Brimage reconvened the Formal Session for a motion at 7:59 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage

City Secretary Delia Munoz

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