

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, January 22, 2018 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:

Bob Welch, Finance Director / Interim City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Ursula Reyes, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Chris Motley, Fire Chief  
Kim Townsend, Parks Supervisor  
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources  
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corporation

Visitors:

Edward Garcia	Eric Hayes
Melanie Oldham	James Pirrung
Desiree Pearson	Edmeryl Williams
Angela Williams	Ronnie Cantu
Sabrina Brimage	Christina Travis
Sam Reyna	Lila Diehl
Doug Domingues	Ruben Renabato
Jerry Meeks	Danny Pearson

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.

Edward Garcia resident at 1924 N. Ave G expressed his opinion that this administration ran on the premise that it was going to be transparent. The issues and the projects that come before this council were going to be transparent and in his opinion is not the case. Particularly in the case of The Freeport Historical Foundation. His understanding is that City Council had instructed the staff that there would be no active participation of the foundation and from his understanding lately the City Manager called a meeting of the Foundation and appointed some people to the board and it seems to him that it's the same people that have been part of the problem all along. He wanted the Council to be aware of what was being said out there and take corrective action.

Mayor Brimage tried to speak but Mr. Garcia said it would be out of order if he responded. Mayor Brimage asked Mr. Shaw if it would be out of order if he responded. Mayor Brimage said Mr. Garcia asked him to be transparent but then he said not to speak. Mayor Brimage said it was ok and he carried on with the meeting.

Consideration of approving the minutes for November 8, 2017 Council Meeting.

Mayor Brimage said on Pg. 907 a correction needed to be made Councilman McDonald also Advised of a correction that needed to be made also on Pg. 909 with those corrections being made the minutes could be approved.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the January 8, 2018 Minutes.

Consideration of Approving Resolution No. 2018-2536 Nominating, Constituting and Appointing Qualified Persons to the Planning Commission of the City; providing for the duties of Office; and providing for the taking of the Oath of Office required by Law.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2536 Nominating, Constituting and Appointing Qualified Persons to the Planning Commission of the City; providing for the duties of Office; and providing for the taking of the Oath of Office required by Law.

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

No Action Taken

Work Session:

A. Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Brimage commented that he had been receiving many calls about Code Enforcement he wanted the Citizens of Freeport to know that Code Enforcement Officers will be out there enforcing the codes equally across the board it's in efforts to clean the city up. They would be working with those people and trying to get the City presentable. We have some landlords and commercial buildings that are horrible and are unacceptable. We have to work up to code and that will happen

B. Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.

Councilman McDonald said a house down the street from him is coming down that it has been there a long time and he is good with it.

C. Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments.

Councilman Bass said he has a number of people in his ward ask where they are at in the alleys he would like to have a plan laid out saying what alley's we are working on, what's next, what they are working on now. They are working in the 1600 Block now behind the church but once that is done when they anticipate putting the material on top if we could get a little more information from Veolia Water on that.

D. Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.

Councilwoman Mireles showed some pictures of some pot holes. She advised she showed Mr. Welch last time and nothing has been done it is by TDECU and Sonic. The other one is on Ave G they had fixed a line on the street that's concrete and she was under the impression that it was supposed to be fixed like for like. There is a pot hole now because of all the water she also had pictures. She also presented pictures from the 1900 Block of North Ave G that she gave to Mr. Welch so he could give to the street department. She also presented pictures from 1117 N. Ave D that you can't see the culverts and it's hard for the water to drain.

E. Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments.

Councilman Yates said he was still getting a lot of complaints about 288 and the roads in Freeport. He asked if anyone had heard anything else about it. Councilman Bass stated they were supposed to start January 15, 2018 and we are at January 22, 2018 and they still haven't. Councilman Yates stated he would try to find out when and he would have a report ready at the next council meeting.

F. Updates on current infrastructure.

Sewer replacement between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Street Yaupon & Mesquite they have a few blocks to go and that will be done.

Sewer line replacement 400 & 500 Block of Poplar & Spruce

Sewer line installation South Ave I

Lowering the water lines W. broad & 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Commerce Street water line sewer project engineering phase is in progress now from 332 to Commerce

Water leak on 1900 Blk of Ave G is complete

Working on Alleys on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Yaupon to Pecan

1502 W. 8th sidewalk, the curb, the gutter the driveway with the wheel chair ramp

Drainage work on Victoria St.

The Alleys between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street

1900 Block of North Ave G

410 South Ave G the sidewalk & curb

The alley and pot hole repairs all over town

Councilman Bass thanked Mayor Brimage for fixing the alley pot holes but behind the Methodist Church the sewer line needed to be fixed also.

Doug Domingues commended Jerry Meeks and his people that they have done a great job.

Mayor Brimage also commended Jerry Meeks. Mayor Brimage said he rode around the city looking for broken water lines and they found one downtown he called Jerry and he already had his guys on the way there to fix it.

Mayor Brimage reminded everyone of the Town Hall meeting January 30, 2018 at 6 PM. Jennifer Hawkins confirmed.

Mayor Brimage advised that Executive Session would be going through 38 Applications for City Manager there would be no action taken afterwards they would be narrowing it down to a number and creating a panel and then would begin interviews for our City Manager position if council agrees to that.

Mayor Brimage opened Executive Session at 6:18 PM and closed the Work Session at 6:18 PM

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. Discussion and possible action regarding claims asserted by Jeff Pynes in connections with the termination of his employment with the city and any counterclaims or other response the City may have to such claims.

No Action Taken

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evolution, 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 Review applications received for appointment as The City Manager.

No Action Taken

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

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Mayor, Troy T. Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary, Ursula Reyes  
City of Freeport, Texas