

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, April 2, 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
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Kim Townsend, Parks / Rec Director
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corporation
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Billy Shoemaker, Building Official
Kenny Collins, Street Department
Leann Strahan, Museum Director
Steve Upton, Code Officer
David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director

Visitors: Tammy Davis Billy Shoemaker
Moby Burr ridge Evelyn Burr ridge
Willie Garcia Kenny Hayes
Ken Green Manning Rollerson
Ruben Renabato Mrs. Renabato
Christina Travis Sabrina Brimage
Erin Callahan

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.

Manning Rollerson stated that when he goes to his property on the East End he finds stakes everywhere. He said he has No Trespassing Signs on his property but no one pays attention to them. He said that Billy Shoemaker came out and told him that they were not 70 feet from the ditch. Mr. Rollerson said that when they widen Terminal Street that the City took its access. Mayor Brimage asked Mr. Rollerson to bring his paper work up to City hall and we could put him on the next agenda.

Consideration of approving the minutes for March 12, 2018

Mayor Brimage stated that the corrected minutes from March 12, 2018 were given to the Council Members.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the March 12, 2018 Council Minutes.

Consideration of approving Resolution 2018-2538 authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a Deed without warranty conveying the City's interest in Lot 15, Block 26, Freeport Townsite, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, known locally as 226 West 2nd Street Freeport, TX to the successful bidder.

Mr. Hickey stated that Tammy Davis was the only bidder and she bid \$5000.00 dollars for the property.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution 2018-2538 authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a Deed without warranty conveying the City's interest in Lot 15, Block 26, Freeport Townsite, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, known locally as 226 West 2nd Street Freeport, TX to the successful bidder.

Discuss and consider authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in Lot 24, Block 717 also known as 1223 North Avenue O.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in Lot 24, Block 717 also known as 1223 North Avenue O.

Discuss and consider authorizing preparation of document for sale of City interest in Lot 1, Block 747 also known as 1424 North Avenue Q.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in Lot 1, Block 747 also known as 1424 North Avenue Q.

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

No Action to be taken.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Brimage said the Freeport Police Department played against the Freeport Fire Department. It was a fundraiser for the High School Girls softball. It was a fun time and we had a great community turnout. Mayor Brimage thanked everyone that participated.

Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.

Councilman McDonald stated that the East End is about leveled and some of the roads needed to be addressed. He said they also took out some of our trees on the FM 1495 Right of Way.

Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments.

Councilman Bass stated that he had someone contact him about the 1300 Block of 5th Street is a paved road and it probably wasn't done properly from the being and it floods. He is asking for the Mayor and City Manager to get someone to take a look at it. Councilman Bass asked Chief Garivey how many times the Police Department has to go out to a party before they shut it down. Chief Garvey said they try to be fair and give them a warning first.

Councilman Bass also said that someone has got to stop SJC from driving the contact roller all the way down 9th Street to 1700 Block Broad Street they are driving down paved roads and he thinks maybe we should get an Engineer to look at the roads and see if they did any damage. Councilman Bass would like a Representative from SJC to come to a council meeting. Mayor Brimage asked Mr. Welch to get a Representative from SJC and for them to bring a plan of completion of when it's going to be done.

Councilman Bass reminded everyone to go out to the Brazosport High School on April 20, 2018 for a fish fry fundraiser for Project Graduation.

Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.

Councilwoman Mireles stated that there was some culverts put in on 1943 North Avenue H and wanted to know why it wasn't completed. David Hoewleyn said that the residence didn't buy the material so that's why the culvert wasn't put in.

Councilwoman Mireles said the drainage on Victoria Street was awesome.

Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments.

Councilman Yates stated that where the shintech plant is there is some old dilapidated buildings in the middle of the plant part of the old main core shop that need to be taken down or something needs to be done about them.

Councilman Yates said that he is glad that he is glad we are selling property with no time limits on them.

Councilman Yates also said that his wife's coworker received a letter for a junk vehicle that violated the ordinance and where he lives someone has five junked vehicles that evidentially didn't violate the ordinance. Councilman Yates stated that if we are going to make one person go by it then we need to make them all go by the Ordinance.

Councilman Yates stated that he took drone pictures of Mr. Wong's urban renewal project spoke with Mr. Wong and that he asked him that when he bought his property if they would have put a time limit on it would he have bought it. Mr. Wong said no because it takes too much time and to many problems.

Councilman Yates said that he has a problem with the time limit sales of this property which he doesn't agree with. Jay Mejia offered to pay \$45,000.00 dollars for a 50 foot lot down on the river but didn't want to be bound by a time limit. Councilman Yates said that why the City doesn't have the option to buy the property back if he doesn't do anything with it in a certain amount of time instead of just taking his money.

Mayor Brimage asked Billy Shoemaker to put together a list of the top twenty worst properties five from each ward in the City of Freeport. Mayor Brimage said they will be focusing on those properties first. Councilman Bass asked if they were private homes and Mayor Brimage said yes it has nothing to do with landlords these are homes or buildings that are the worst structures in Freeport right now.

Updates on current infrastructure.

Lowering water line - 1500 Block West Broad and 4th Street
Commerce Street Water and Sewer Project - still in the engineering phase
Lift Station and Force Main – South Avenue A
Alley paving – 15 alleys not complete
SSO Plan – sewer main replacement West 2nd to West 8th – complete
Alley Pothole repairs / concrete work / drainage
Victoria Street – drainage work complete
Supervise contractors on the 15 alley improvement project – Veolia / SJC Trucking
1600 Block West 5th Street – Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk
1600 Block 6th Street – Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk
1717 Yellowstone repaired sidewalk
Install drainage pipe at Holly / Mulberry in the alley between 8th and 9th Street
Mow ROW between Avenue K and Avenue L from Varner to Yellowstone

Update on Hwy 288 and Brazosport Blvd.

Hwy 288 fixing of the roads has been started.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

David Hoelewyn had a few before and after pictures of projects that his department is working on.

4th / 5th and Cedar Street – pothole repair

1717 Yellowstone – water repair and repaired sidewalk

Archer and Avenue S – repaired sidewalk

Billy Shoemaker presented a slide show with projects that his department has been working on also.

Kim Townsend stated that the fence around the Mystery Boat and was put up for safety issues. She said that she has spoken to three different people to try and salvage it but the best option is to try and replace the hull and then fabricate the out riggers and booms. Kim said that Freeport Community House Pavilion playground equipment is installed and they are now putting the kiddie cushion (safe zone) this week and is scheduled to be completed by Friday weather permitting. Peppermint Park playground equipment poles have been installed and are ready for the playground equipment. Councilman McDonald asked about Lincoln Parks playground equipment. Kim said that she hasn't ordered new playground equipment for that park but will be in next year's budget. She also stated that the BBQ grill grates were rotten and they have now been replaced. Councilman McDonald asked about the two basketball back boards and Kim stated that she would go take a look at it.

Discuss Museum budget for maintenance, repairs, projects and events.

Leann Strahan said that she is still waiting on a quote from Theriot to fabricate new cap covers. Ms. Strahan said that the board approved a new temporary exhibit for May on Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes. She reminded everyone of the Downtown Market Day Sunday April 15th and she still had booth spaces available.

Closed the Formal Session at 7:06 PM and opened Executive Session.

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 regarding purchase and sale of City owned property.

No Action to be taken.

2. Discussion concerning Code Enforcement procedures including Junk Vehicles.

No Action to be taken.

Closed the Executive Session at 8:16 PM.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Ursula Reyes
City of Freeport, Texas