

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, June 4, 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 Brooks Bass
Councilman Green
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza (Absent)
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 / Rec. Director
David Hoelewyn, Streets Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Official
Jennifer Hawkins, EDC
Leann Strahan, Museum Director
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Yvette Ruiz, Building / Code Secretary

Visitors:

Jerry Meeks	Evelyn Burridge
Moby Burridge	Melanie Oldham
Tommy Pearson	Desiree Pearson
Sabrina Brimage	Edward Garcia
Eric Hayes	Manning Rollerson
Angie Williams	Edmeryl Williams
Lotte Wit	Mrs. Rollerson
Kenny Hayes	Mrs. Hayes
Christina Travis	Edith Fischer
Nicole Mireles	Stuart Herbst
Lila Diehl	Cindy Cain
Ruben Renabato	Mrs. Renabato
Erin Callahan	Jay Meija

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 talked about the comment that was made at the last council meeting. He said that our elected leaders should watch what they say when it comes to ethnic groups.

Consideration of approving the minutes for May 21, 2018 meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes for May 21, 2018 meeting.

Conduct Joint Public Hearing on and consider approving a proposed replat of a portion of the Stern Subdivision for Joe Rosales.

A quorum of the Planning Commission being present, Mayor Brimage opened the Joint Public Hearing at 6:05 PM.

And on recommendation of a majority of the planning commission a motion was made by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a proposed replat of a portion of the Stern Subdivision for Joe Rosales.

Conduct Joint Public Hearing on and consider approving a proposed replat of a portion of Bastrop Bayou Acres.

And on recommendation of a majority of the planning commission a motion was made by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a proposed replat of a portion of Bastrop Bayou Acres.

Mayor Brimage closed the Joint Public Hearing at 6:09 PM.

Consider bids for portion of Groce Street right of way south of the southern boundary of Mystery Harbor Lane and the northern easement of the toe of the northern boundary of the Velasco Townsite levee and authorizing preparation of deed to successful bidder.

Councilman Bass stated that he wanted the agreement to say that something needed to be built or done in the next three years.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved for portion of Groce Street right of way south of the southern boundary of Mystery Harbor Lane and the northern easement of the toe of the northern boundary of the Velasco Townsite levee and authorizing preparation of deed to successful bidder.

Update by Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce on the Brazosport Convention and Visitors Council’s tourism promotion and continued funding for marketing efforts.

Edith Fischer, Director of tourism for the Brazosport Convention and Visitors Council. She gave her yearly presentation of how they spend the tax funds that they receive.

Consider choosing a Councilperson to be Liaison for Planning Commission, EDC, Museum and Seniors Citizen Commission.

Planning Commission – Brooks Bass
EDC – Kenneth Green
Museum – Sandra Loeza
Senior Citizen Commission – Troy Brimage

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved choosing the following Councilperson to be Liaison for;

- Planning Commission
- Economic Development Corporation
- Museum
- Seniors Citizen Commission

Consideration of authorizing preparation of documents for closing, abandoning and selling 8,717.5 (50 X 174.35 + -) square feet of the Division Street ROW located South of Mystery Harbor Lane.

Mr. Page stated that he just wanted to protect the land behind his house and he wanted to know if this would affect anything. Mayor Brimage said no.

Edward Garcia asked that if this was already approved why Council was putting special provisions on the agreement. Mayor Brimage said he wasn’t putting special provisions on it but we discussed it last time and we were going to put a three year provision on it.

Mr. Jay Mejia agreed to the three year clause and if he couldn’t build in the next three years that the City would give him back the amount he paid for the property. Councilman Bass said that whatever was voted on with Council is what has to be in the agreement. Mr. Mejia accepted the agreement.

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

No Action Taken.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Brimage said the splash pad is getting close to being done. The sidewalk around the River is completed.

He said the period for the City Manager's application has closed and we will have a Special Meeting next week. We have about four or five weeks before we decide on a City Manager.

Councilman Green Ward A.

Councilman Green said that he had a few citizens approach him about the Mystery Boat and Antoniell's Root Beer stand. Mayor Brimage stated we are trying to keep the Antoniell's stand as original as possible but keeping it up to code so we can use. He said the Mystery Boat Kim Townsend is working on that but we are trying to restore it.

Councilman Green said that he has noticed in his Ward that the Street Department has been filling in the pot holes.

Councilman Green said that on Yellowstone and Avenue O there are some trees that need to be trimmed because you can't see the stop signs.

Councilman Bass Ward B.

Councilman Bass said that he wanted closed street signs on West 11th and Dixie and Pecan Street because people are still going through there.

Councilman Bass said he wanted to get Velasco Drainage Engineer as we are in hurricane season now and we need to make sure that we get their engineer to help us discuss their process as we are working into our own especially with the flooding on Velasco Street. Mayor Brimage said he would have someone from Velasco Drainage at the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Bass asked David Hoelewyn if he could give him a realistic estimate on how many jobs they could do in a year. Councilman Bass said he wanted to see if they needed assistance with all the Infrastructure Improvements or if the Street Department needed more help.

Councilman Bass asked about the Tiller and David said it should be here by June 12th if not a few days earlier.

Councilman Bass stated the entrance to Velasco from Hwy 36 is getting worse and worse. David said that it is on the Interlocal Agreement with the County and should be done this year.

Councilman Bass also said that he wanted to put on the City's website the letter from George P. Bush Commissioner of Texas General Land Office about Hurricane Preparedness.

Councilwoman Loeza Ward C.

Absent

Councilman Yates Ward D.

Councilman Yates thanked Street Department for the stop signs in front of the Library.

Councilman Yates stated that he saw a speed limit sign on Mystery Harbor Lane but only saw one. David said they are not finished putting them up.

Councilman Yates said that there were twenty seven houses under construction and within the previous years there has only been about two a year.

Councilman Yates said that there was nothing wrong with the Old River fish but we need to figure out something to do with the signs. Councilman Bass said that we should print what is exactly in the letter. Mayor Brimage said that he wants to have David make a sign from the City and put the signs up.

Melanie Oldham said she called Texas Department of State Health and they said that there budget has been cut but that they put those signs along there for the Charter Fishing Boats that go out they need to be aware that the mercury warnings are for the fish up and down the Gulf Coast. Mayor Brimage said we would post a sign.

Councilman Yates announced that the new Bella Roma is open.

Councilman Yates asked what are the rules and regulations for Hurricane Season. Mayor Brimage said we can't force anyone to leave but you have to have a proper ID to get back in.

Mayor Brimage said the concert this Saturday is to get people to come to Freeport.

Mr. Kenny Hayes said that the Intercoastal Pirates will also be playing at On the River for their 30th Anniversary.

Updates on current infrastructure.

Commerce Street water and sewer project- Engineering phase
Lift Station and Force main – South Avenue A
SSO plan camera inspection - hasn't started
1200 Block of Avenue S - water and sewer line

Engineer estimate water tower improvements – CDBG Grant funds
Beach road improvement FEMA funds – J.P. Bryan Road
1600 Block of North Ave T – culverts being put in
1500 Block of Broad – alley improvements
1600 Block 5th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk

1600 Block 6th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk
Yaupon and 11th Street – replacing concrete

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

Chief Garivey said that it's their fourth year doing the DARE camp it's a free three day event and the kids really enjoy it.

Jennifer Hawkins said that our goals for these concerts are to continue on to the local restaurants around town. She said the next concert will be June 23rd.

Kim Townsend said the splash pad grand opening will be June 16th. She also said that the pool is cleaned, drained and has two new diving boards. The fence has not come in but should be opened June 11th.

Leann Strahan stated that she is going to start charging for the summer to enter the Museum. She also said the Farmer's Market is this Sunday and they are charging booths \$25.00 dollars that will go towards the Musician and Port o Potties.

Ms. Strahan also said they have a Chamber tour.

Ms. Strahan said they are also planning a fundraiser for June 28th which will be a cocktail party and silent auction. She said she still needs sponsors for kidfest.

David Hoelewyn gave a presentation of the work that needs to be done and completed in order for them to do the Interlocal agreement.

Billy Shoemaker said that they have pulled samples for asbestos on Old City Hall and the Freeport Community House and they should be in in a couple of weeks. Mr. Shoemaker also said he visited with the fruit guy on Quintana and made sure he was in compliance.

Mayor Brimage closed open session and opened executive session at 7:16 PM.

Executive 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:

1. City Manager

No action taken

Mayor Brimage closed Executive Session at 7:24 PM and reopened open session at 7:25 PM.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Ursula Reyes
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