

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, June 18, 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
- Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff:

- Bob Welch, Finance Director / Interim City Manager
- Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
- Ursula Reyes, City Secretary
- Nat Hickey, Property Manager
- Kim Townsend, Parks / Rec. Director
- David Hoelewyn, Streets Director
- Billy Shoemaker, Building Official
- Jennifer Hawkins, EDC
- Leann Strahan, Museum Director
- Ray Garivey, Police Chief
- Laura Tolar, Special Projects Coordinator
- Kenny Collins, Streets Supervisor
- Brittany Riggs, Streets Secretary

Visitors:

Jerry Meeks	Evelyn Burrige
Moby Burrige	Melanie Oldham
Tommy Pearson	Desiree Pearson
Sabrina Brimage	Manning Rollerson
Angie Williams	Edmeryl Williams
Kenny Hayes	Mrs. Hayes
Christina Travis	Mary Deleon
Ruben Renabato	Mrs. Renabato
Gardner Campbell	James Gossett
Kenny Kouches	Willie Garcia
Ana Silbas	Sandra Barbree
Louie Jones	

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.

There were none.

Consideration of approving the minutes for June 4, 2018 and June 11, 2018 meetings.

Councilman Bass asked if we could make a few corrections to the June 11, 2018 meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes for June 4, 2018 and June 11, 2018 meetings.

Resolution No. 2018-2547 reappointing Raul Ramirez to Board of Adjustments.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2547 reappointing Raul Ramirez to Board of Adjustments.

Resolution No. 2018-2548 reappointing Melanie Oldham to the Urban Renewal Board.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2548 reappointing Melanie Oldham to the Urban Renewal Board.

Resolution No. 2018-2549 reappointing Mary Talbert to the Senior Citizens Committee.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2549 reappointing Mary Talbert to the Senior Citizens Committee.

Resolution No. 2018-2550 reappointing Nino Herrera and Rosemary Bravo to the Beautification / Parks & Recreation Board.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2550 reappointing Nino Herrera and Rosemary Bravo to the Beautification / Parks & Recreation Board.

Consideration of Resolution No. 2018-2551 authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a Deed without warranty conveying the City’s interest in Lots 7 thru 12, Block 731, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, to the successful bidder.

Councilman Bass stated that the agreement needed to have the three year reversion clause.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2551 authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a Deed without warranty conveying the City’s interest in Lots 7 thru 12, Block 731, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, to the successful bidder.

Councilman Yates asked if the reversion clause was what they had been talking about. Mayor Brimage said yes if they don’t do anything with the property in three years the City would buy it back for what it was sold for.

Consideration of authorizing preparation of documents for acquiring fee title to a 0.069 acre tract and acquiring a Utility easement and a blanket access and construction easement across a 0.045 acre access easement out of Tract 245 of the Brazos Coast investment company Subdivision No. 13 in the Alexander Calvit League Abstract 49, Brazoria County Texas.

Mr. Welch said that this is where they would be putting the water plant behind Euros

Mayor Brimage said this is the water plant for Commerce Road the easement to proceed with the water line.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents for acquiring fee title to a 0.069 acre tract and acquiring a Utility easement and a blanket access and construction easement across a 0.045 acre access easement out of Tract 245 of the Brazos Coast investment company Subdivision No. 13 in the Alexander Calvit League Abstract 49, Brazoria County Texas.

Consideration of authorizing the preparation of documents for purchase of Lots 5 & 6, Block 715, Velasco Townsite Property ID 261333 from Spirit of Praise Ministries.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing the preparation of documents for purchase of Lots 5 & 6, Block 715, Velasco Townsite Property ID 261333 from Spirit of Praise Ministries.

Discuss and consider authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust property Lots 14, Block 778, Velasco Townsite Tax ID 8110-3863-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust property Lots 14, Block 778, Velasco Townsite Tax ID 8110-3863-000.

Discuss and consider authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust property Lot 15 thru 18, Block 36, Velasco Townsite Tax ID 8110-0398-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust property Lot 15 thru 18, Block 36, Velasco Townsite Tax ID 8110-0398-000.

Discuss and consider authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust property Lots 15, Block 116, Freeport Townsite Tax ID 4200-1163-000.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust property Lots 15, Block 116, Freeport Townsite Tax ID 4200-1163-000.

Discuss and consider authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust Lots 24, Block 715, Velasco Townsite Tax ID 8110-3076-000.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents for sale of City interest in trust Lots 24, Block 715, Velasco Townsite Tax ID 8110-3076-000.

Presentation from Marty Deleon and consideration of approving Summer Time Bluesfest and Biker Bash.

Marty Deleon, President of Los Carnales Y La Familia Motorcycle Club for Southern Brazoria County area, asked the City of Freeport for permission to continue having the Summer Time Bluesfest and Biker Bash.

Sandra Barbree with the Lions Club also talked about the Festival and how it brings sales tax dollars and people into our community.

Melanie Oldham stated that last year she invited friends to go to the event and she said her friends were very offended by the wet t-shirt contest and she hope that there will be some kind of over sight since this event is supposed to be family friendly.

Councilwoman Loeza asked where the money that they raised would be going. Mr. Deleon said that it would probably go to Mission 22 because they had a fundraiser and it didn’t go well but they are still taking applications.

Councilman Green asked how much this event would cost the City. Mr. Deleon said they host the event but all they need from the City is to put up the fencing and to block off streets.

Desiree Pearson stated that she sold tickets for the Lions Club and she was very embarrassed that something like the wet T-shirt contest went on in the City of Freeport. She said there were children there and there was pole dancing and wet t-shirt contest going on. Mayor Brimage stated that he has made it clear that the City will not tolerate it this year.

Jennifer Hawkins said that there is now very little blues music that is at the event now and she would like the word Bluesfest taken out of the name Summer Time Bluesfest.

Sandra Barbree said that it started out as a music festival and then it progressed into other things. She said it is a music festival with bikers in it now.

Councilwoman Loeza asked if they could put in writing that the contest were not going to be that this year. Mrs. Barbree said yes they could put something in writing.

Councilman Bass asked what would be the name if they took out Summertime Bluesfest. Mr. Deleon said they would go back to the name they had four years ago which was Brazoria County Biker Bash.

Mayor Brimage and Councilman Bass said that they will not tolerate anything this year and the Chief of Police has been notified and instructed to shut it down immediately.

Kim Townsend stated that she is now a member of the Lion's Club and she will be there as well speaking on behalf of the City and not the Lion's Club and other than that incident they did generate a lot of income for the City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the Summer Time Bluesfest and Biker Bash.

Consideration of agreement between the City of Freeport and the Economic Development Corporation concerning transfer of ownership of LOTS 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19 AND 24, BLOCK 694 all in the VELASCO TOWNSITE, of the City of Freeport, Texas, according to the map or plat of said townsite recorded in Volume 32, page 14 of the Deed Records of Brazoria County, Texas to the Economic Development Corporation and authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Secretary to attest the Special Warranty Deed pursuant to the terms of that agreement.

Councilman Bass stated that the agreement needed to be changed and needed to state the three year revision clause.

Tabled

Consideration of selecting a vendor from those bidding for the fuel contract.

Brittany Riggs Secretary from the Street Department gave a presentation about Apache Oil, Petroleum Traders and Midtex Oil.

Councilman Yates asked how much the City spent a year in gas. Mr. Welch said about \$160,000.00 a year.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved awarding the fuel contract to Midtex Oil.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Brimage said that we were anticipating large amounts of rain and we have all our emergency cars parked out front in case of any high water rescues are needed.

Mayor Brimage said that our new pump is installed and in place.

Mayor Brimage stated they swore in a new Police Officer today.

Mayor Brimage stated that he received an email from Gabriela Cone from Dow Chemical that they would be releasing carbon dioxide and would be firing up the flares this week.

Mayor Brimage said that the splash pad is now open and he has seen many children playing in it already.

Councilman Green Ward A.

Councilman Green asked if a “slow children at play” sign could be put up on West 9th Street.

Councilman Green said that there was a sunken boat in the River. Mayor Brimage said that he would follow up with the Coast Guard tomorrow.

Councilman Green also said that on Locust and 5th Street there is a storm drain that has a big opening and it has been like that since Hurricane Harvey.

Councilman Green said that a citizen was concerned about where the Antonielli’s root beer keg had gone. Leann Strahan said it was at the Museum and then was moved to Old City Hall but it will be moved back to the Museum.

Councilman Bass Ward B.

Councilman Bass asked if the budget timeline could be put on the City’s Website.

Councilman Bass thanked David for putting up the “road closed” signs on Dixie, Pecan and 11th Street.

Councilman Bass asked if he could talk to David about the sidewalks in the 1000 Block of 11th and 12th Street. Councilman Bass said that it probably concerned Billy also because a lot of the vehicles drive over the sidewalks into their front yard. He said since we have a new school opening up we need to have good sidewalks for the kids to walk on.

Councilwoman Loeza Ward C.

Councilwoman Loeza asked if the concrete had been removed at the Golf Course. David said he hadn't talked to Sorrell Construction yet because he has been out.

Councilwoman Loeza said that on Avenue I there is a house that has different things in the front yard and she said it has been addressed but that she needed to let the citizen know that she was asking about it.

Councilwoman Loeza asked when someone is given a citation for parking in the front yard how do they get notified. Billy said it was posted in the paper, on our website, flyers and door hangers and if they have been given a citation they have been talked to.

Councilman Yates Ward D.

Councilman Yates apologized for missing the last meeting.

Councilman Yates said that there are a lot of junk vehicles in his ward.

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
Alley pothole repairs / concrete work / drainage
Zapata ditch and 288 – Hayes property
1600 Block of North Ave T – Driveway pipes for new homes completed
1500 Block of Broad – alley improvements (need to rent tiller)
1600 Block 5th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk
1600 Block 6th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk
Yaupon and 11th Street – replacing concrete
4th Street between Dixie and 288 – Street improvement (replace concrete street)
Inlet cleaning due to rainy weather
New 20" storm pump installed at Mystery Harbor pump station

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

Kim Townsend said that the fence is up, slides up and running and signs are all posted and up for the pool.

Kim Townsend stated she put up signs on the beach for no glass bottles.

Jennifer Hawkins said that the next rock the river concert is June 23rd and we will have food trucks and Karbach beer will be there also.

Kim Townsend said that the splash pad is up and running.

Billy Shoemaker went over a slide show presentation about junk vehicles parking in their front yard. He said they are now having two court dates instead of one because of all the citations they have been writing.

Billy Shoemaker stated that the new Freeport Elementary School will be opening in August 2018.

Leann Strahan said that she had over 20 vendors at the Farmers Market.

Leann Strahan also said that it is less than six weeks away for Kidsfest and there is a need for donations. She said she will be having a cocktail party and silent auction next Thursday for Companies that have donated previously for kidsfest.

Sabrina Brimage asked Leann to let the Chamber know to put it on their website.

David Hoelewyn said the new pump was installed on Mystery Harbor.

David said that the tiller is in and they will be coming in to train his guys on it.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Ursula Reyes
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