

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, January 22, 2019 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 Brimage
Councilman Brooks Bass
Councilman Ken Green
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Laura Tolar, Asst. City Secretary/Special Projects Coordinator
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Kim Townsend, Parks Director
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director

Christina Travis	Valerie Jansky
Augieh Williams	Desiree Pearson
Andrew Dill	Edmeryl Williams
Larry Fansher	Tammy Massingill
Olan Massingill	

Call to order.

Mayor Troy Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from January 7, 2019.

Consideration of approving Resolution 2019-0001 reappointing a member to the Senior Citizens Commission.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Consent Agenda.

REGULAR SESSION

Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said city, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, changing the zoning classification of a portion of Lots 8-12 Block 36, Velasco Townsite, Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas from its present classification of R-2 to a new classification within the corporate limits of said city from R-2, Single Family Dwelling, to C-2 General Commercial

Public Hearing was opened at 6:12pm.

Olan Massingill questioned whether there has been a drainage study.

Mayor Troy Brimage stated that Velasco Drainage District will carefully study the proposed building and will approve the plans when the drainage is correct.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:25pm on a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved to close the public hearing.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all with all present voting 3 to 1, an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said city, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, changing the zoning classification of a portion of Lots 8-12 Block 36, Velasco Townsite, Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas from its present classification of R-2 to a new classification within the corporate limits of said city from R-2, Single Family Dwelling, to C-2 General Commercial. Councilman Brooks Bass opposed.

Consideration of approving the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the city’s attorney

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that all professional services should have a contract with set fees to include an hourly rate or fee schedule.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the city attorney.

Consideration of approving the City Manager to hold interviews for official engineering firms

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that he recommended entering into a contract for professional services for an official engineering firm and would develop a request for proposals. Mr. Kelty stated that he would bring his recommendation to council.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the City Manager to hold interviews for official engineering firms.

Consideration of Resolution 2019-0002 approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County and the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved and authorized the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County and the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2019-0001 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the first Saturday in May, being May 4, 2019 at which the voters of said City residing in Wards B and D shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions B and D on the City Council of the City of Freeport and at which the voters of said City shall elect at large a mayor for said City

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2019-0001 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the first Saturday in May, being May 4, 2019 at which the voters of said City residing in Wards B and D shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions B and D on the City Council of the City of Freeport and at which the voters of said City shall elect at large a mayor for said City.

Consideration of a Resolution No. 2019-0003 appointing a member of the Economic Development Board

Mayor Troy Brimage nominated from applications received Marinell Music and Lesa Girouard.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved appointing Marinell Music and Lesa Girouard to the Economic Development Board with terms expiring May 31, 2019.

Consideration of a Resolution No. 2019-0004 appointing a member of the Planning Commission

Mayor Troy Brimage nominated Clifford Vandergriff from applications received.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all with all present voting 3 to 1, Council unanimously approved appointing Clifford Vandergriff to the Planning Commission with the term expiring May 31, 2019. Councilman Brooks Bass opposed.

Consideration of advertising an invitation to bid and setting a bid date for concrete to be used for concrete streets in the approved 2018-2019 street plan

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that we would know if all projects could be completed based on the bid amounts.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously advertising an invitation to bid and setting a bid date for February 11, 2019 at 2:00pm for concrete to be used for concrete streets in the approved 2018-2019 street plan.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments

Mayor Brimage reported that he had attended the MLK dinner which was a great success. He said that the parade was well attended. He added that the cities of Clute and Lake Jackson were jealous over our Car 54 and Sparky the fire dog.

Mayor Brimage also reported that Mr. Wells, the VP of Dow, stated that he wants all employees to live in southern Brazoria County and stated we have to do a better job advertising the eleven-acres on the river.

Councilman Green Ward A announcements and comments

Councilman Green stated that he had been contacted by a resident regarding water drainage after sewer work had occurred on his property on West 10th Street.

Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments

Councilman Bass reported that there was an issue with storm water entering into our sewer system in the 1300 Block of West 10th. He added that some patches were separating on Broad Street. He stated that also thought that the MLK parade was a success.

Councilwoman Loeza Ward C announcements and comments

Councilwoman Loeza verified that Victoria Street was on the list for the street repairs. She stated that she had been contacted by residents regarding drainage as they had standing water in their ditches.

Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments

Councilman Yates had nothing to report.

City Manager Tim Kelty announcements and comments

City Manager Tim Kelty reported that individual departments are working on their departmental strategic plans and we will soon be having a work session regarding this.

Mr. Kelty stated that he would bringing in front of council the ethics ordinance that he has asked them to review.

Mr. Kelty reported that no bids were received regarding the used bucket truck and we will be bringing the bucket truck back in two weeks on the next agenda.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Director

Mrs. Hawkins encouraged citizens and city council to visit the Facebook pages for “Freeport First” and the “Freeport Economic Development Corporation” to get the latest news regarding businesses in Freeport.

Kim Townsend, Parks & Recreation Director

Ms. Townsend reported that the RiverPlace pier is now open to the public.

David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director

Mr. Hoelewyn stated that they would be working in the area of the 1000 Block of West 8th Street.

Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director

Mr. Dybala stated the Golf Course has been working very hard to be a family friendly course and getting bigger tournaments. Olin Chemical Golf Tournament has moved to Freeport and upped the number of tournaments to twice a year. He stated that even with the rain that December had their highest revenue in the last ten years.

Chris Motley, Fire Chief

Chief Motley reported that they are currently working on the Fire Station to be able to house the new fire truck.

Billy Shoemaker, Building Official

Mr. Shoemaker stated that we have recently had six new homes built, five currently being built with two almost complete and currently have approximately eleven new homes sold.

Mayor Troy Brimage closed regular session at 7:14 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Session consultation with attorney (Contractual Agreements & Historical Museum Status)
(in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, 551.071.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Troy Brimage opened regular session at 8:29 pm

Consideration in open session of taking action on any matter discussed in closed executive session

No action taken.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
City of Freeport, Texas