

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, February 4, 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
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Chris Motley, Fire Chief
Danny Gillchriest, Police Captain
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
David Hoeslewyn, Street Department Director
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director
Delia Munoz, Administration
Jerry Meeks, Veolia
Craig Graham, Police Officer
Charles Willard, Police Officer
Bruce Houston, Police Officer
Daniel Renya, Police Officer
Kristi Mercado, Police Officer
Juanita Cardozo, Police Officer

Visitors: Danny Pearson Thomas Zirlott
Kenny Hayes Ed Garcia
Desiree Pearson Michelle Backman
Larry Fansher Manning Rollerson
Ruben Arias Ilene Arias
Abigail Arias Melanie Oldham
Paul Crow Danny Hickey
Sabrina Arrington Brendon Brimage
George Hawkins Jim Barnett
Sandra Barnett Ruben Renobeto
Ken Tyner

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.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation of the City of Freeport HONORING ABIGAIL ROSE ARIAS and officially naming Thursday, February 7th Abigail Rose Arias Day in Freeport.

Mayor Troy Brimage read the proclamation of the City of Freeport honoring Abigail Rose Arias and officially naming Thursday, February 7th as Abigail Rose Arias Day in Freeport and invited everyone to return on Thursday to the Police Department for her swearing in.

Citizen's Comments

Ed Garcia stated that he was not in favor the rezoning of Block 36.

Cathy Cox stated that she was concerned about the derelict housing in Freeport.

Manning Rollerson stated that PortFreeport doesn't do anything for our community and residents have a right to a fair market value of their property. He added that rent is very high and the city should put a cap on rent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from January 22, 2019.

Consideration of approving Resolution # 2019-2571 amending the TexPool authorized representatives

Consideration of approving Ordinance # 2019-2566 amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of said city to change the zoning classification of part of lots 8 to 12, Block 36, Velasco Townsite from its present zoning classification of R-2 to a new zoning classification of C-2.

Consideration of approving the Mayor and City Secretary to sign and attest a real estate Lease agreement with Gulf LNG for suite 200 on the second floor of City Hall

City Councilman Roy Yates requested that Consent Agenda Item #3 be removed from the Consent Agenda to Regular Session.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Consent Agenda excluding item #3.

REGULAR SESSION

Consideration of approving Ordinance # 2019-2566 amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of said city to change the zoning classification of part of lots 8 to 12, Block 36, Velasco Townsite from its present zoning classification of R-2 to a new zoning classification of C-2.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all with all present voting 3 to 1, Council unanimously approved Ordinance # 2019-2566 amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of said city to change the zoning classification of part of lots 8 to 12, Block 36, Velasco Townsite from its present zoning classification of R-2 to a new zoning classification of C-2. Councilman Brooks Bass opposed.

Public Hearing on proposed adoption of the Strategic Community Plan (City of Freeport Comprehensive Plan)

Mayor Brimage opened the Public Hearing at 6:27 pm.

Mayor Brimage stated that the plan is not set in stone and it can change and added that it is heavy on infrastructure

Councilman Brooks Bass stated that it needs to be reviewed in six months and everyone needs to work together.

Manning Rollerson referred to one of the maps in the plan and stated that he did not like the East End being in blue designating PortFreeport property.

Councilman Brooks Bass added that he doesn't like it being all blue either.

Mayor Brimage stated that the city will do what's best for the city and its citizens. He added that he met with the Port on Monday and addressed Ms. Williams in audience and stated that he thinks about her situation daily and that the city is going to have to negotiate with the Port. He added that the City just spent \$40,000 on the sewer system in her area and there are only two houses.

Ms. Williams stated that she wanted to thank the Street Department.

Mayor Brimage closed the Public Hearing at 6:39pm.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved closing the Public Hearing.

Discuss and consider recommendation and adoption of the Strategic Community Plan (City of Freeport Comprehensive Plan)

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the adoption of the Strategic Community Plan (City of Freeport Comprehensive Plan).

Discuss and consider Ordinance # 2019-2567 adopting an ethics ordinance

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to table this item.

Consideration of approving the purchase and financing of a bucket truck for the Parks Department

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to table this item.

Authorization to approve Resolution # 2019-2572 in support of interlocal agreement with TxDOT for traffic cameras

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to approve Resolution # 2019-2572 in support of interlocal agreement with TxDOT for traffic cameras.

Authorization to send out Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Administration/Professional Services for CDBG – Disaster Recovery

Chief Motley stated that this is a General Land Office Grant and that the city must go out for bids to receive any money from this grant.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to approve authorizing the city to send out Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Administration/Professional Services for CDBG – Disaster Recovery

Discuss and consider Ordinance # 2019-2568 amending the Code of Ordinances to change the name of East Park Avenue to Nat Hickey Lane

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted to approve Ordinance # 2019-2568 amending the Code of Ordinances to change the name of East Park Avenue to Nat Hickey Lane

WORK SESSION:

Councilman Green Ward A announcements and comments

Councilman Green stated a neighbor cut down a tree and he asked about it getting picked up.

Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments

Councilman Bass had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Loeza Ward C announcements and comments

Councilwoman Loeza had nothing to report.

Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments

Councilman Yates reported that he had attended the Brazoria County Alliance meeting and the City is way behind in relation to what is going on in the county.

City Manager Tim Kelty announcements and comments

City Manager Tim Kelty reported that the EDC was working on waterfront development and planned to team up with Catalyst Commercial. He also reported that the Museum's 501C3 had been forfeited but the board is still working.

The interim Finance Director has been very busy, was out for the week but should return on Monday.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

Chris Motley, Fire Chief

Chief Motley announced that we are about two weeks out on the new fire truck. He also stated that the Fire Department responded to the American Rice fire and they have had several serious wrecks lately.

Billy Shoemaker, Building Official

Mr. Shoemaker stated that Code Enforcement has heavy court dockets coming up. He also stated that the city had been working with residents because of wet yards.

Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director

Mr. Dybala reported that the golf course is entering into its tournament season. Pavilion should be completed by spring.

David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director

Mr. Hoelewyn stated that approximately 400' of Yaupon and 5th Streets sidewalk had been completed. He added that they were working on the Fire Department building expansion.

Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Director

Mrs. Hawkins stated that development was expected soon and will keep council updated.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
City of Freeport, Texas