

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, July 15, 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
Chris Duncan, City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
Kim Townsend, Parks Director
Chris Motley, Fire Chief
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Stephanie Russell, Finance Director
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Courtland Holman, Economic Development Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director
Mike Praslicka, EMS Coordinator
Kristi Mercado, Police Department
Jerry Meeks, Veolia
Eddie Norris, Street Department

Visitors: Kenny Hayes Donna Hayes
Desiree Pearson Sabrina Brimage
Sam Reyna Nicole Mireles
Paul Crow Jasen Gast
Melanie Oldham

Call to order.

Mayor Troy Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved suspending the City Council meeting and calling the Freeport Employee Benefit Trust to order.

At 6:10 pm the City Council meeting reconvened.

Citizen's Comments

Resident Jasen Gast spoke regarding the Billfish Classic to introduce the fishing tournament to council and the public. Mr. Gast stated that they are the leading 501C3 that pushes conservation. They are a member of the Freedom Alliance that takes handicapped veterans fishing.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements by Mayor, City Council and/or Staff

Certificate presentation to Ray Garivey for the TPCA Best Practices Program

West Columbia Police Chief Paul Odin presented Chief Ray Garivey a certificate for the department's TPCA Best Practices Program

Employee of the Month.

City employee Eddie Norris was presented with a certificate recognizing him as Employee of the Month for June 2019

Presentation of second quarter financials.

Finance Director Stephanie Russell presented to council the second quarter 2018-2019 financials

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from July 1, 2019.

Consider and approving Resolution No. 2019-2599 adopting the actions of the City of Freeport Employee Benefit Trust

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

REGULAR SESSION

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2019-2577 amending Chapter 153, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Code of Ordinances adopting a new article regulating levees and the levee system

Building Department Director Billy Shoemaker stated that any modification or construction involving the levee would require a permit and would be required to meet Velasco Drainage District standards.

City Manager Tim Kelty said that currently there is no regulation and the city needs authority to protect the levee.

City Attorney Chris Duncan stated that there would be criminal penalties.

Mr. Shoemaker added that Velasco Drainage District does not have the ability to write tickets.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2019-2577 amending Chapter 153, Flood Damage Prevention, of the Code of Ordinances adopting a new article regulating levees and the levee system.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2019-2600 regarding the City's pay policy for employees during emergencies

Fire Chief Chris Motley stated that the purpose of this resolution was for FEMA reimbursement. He stated it would require a emergency order signed by the mayor. He added that it is the same policy that is adopted by Brazoria County.

Chief Motley stated that the County has been reimbursed three times after passing this policy.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-2600 regarding the City's pay policy for employees during emergencies.

Discuss and consider approving the cost of proposed repairs to the Mystery Boat

Parks Director Kim Townsend stated that the Mystery Boat was falling apart and several different options for repair had been examined.

The approved contractor would kill the mold, and clean the interior and apply a poly foam to repair the boat. The outriggers are not included in the \$30,987 cost estimate.

Mr. Kelty added that this repair was not budgeted.

Ms. Townsend stated that foam would be applied and expecting to have volunteers to paint the exterior.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved the cost of proposed repairs to the Mystery Boat. Councilman Yates opposed.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2019-2601 requesting the City to participate in the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) and naming the City Manager as the Authorized Person

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that this cooperative purchase program is used by a lot of school districts. She stated that it should save us time and money.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-2601 requesting the City to participate in the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) and naming the City Manager as the Authorized Person

Discuss and consider approving the cost to reroof the Freeport Historical Museum/Brazosport College and Hickey House located at 212 West Park

Mr. Kelty stated that both of these buildings have leases and he added that he was familiar with the proposed product. He added that it has to be fixed and the cost can be offset by the lease revenue.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved cost to reroof the Freeport Historical Museum/Brazosport College and Hickey House located at 212 West Park.

Discuss and consider authorizing the city to conduct a water/sewer rate study

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that Freese & Nichols would be tasked to complete this water/sewer rate study. The rate study should cost approximately \$54,500.

Mr. Kelty said that the price was in line with what was expected.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing the city to conduct a water/sewer rate study.

Consideration and possible action on approval of proposal for preparation of a Feasibility Study for relocation and consolidation of most City Services to O.A. Fleming Campus

This item was tabled.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Brimage announced that the concrete was poured and the lights were getting installed.

Councilman Ken Green spoke regarding a storm drain that was missing the bars and allowed debris to enter the storm system.

Councilman Brooks Bass expressed concern regarding flooding on Velasco from 2nd to the catholic church. He questioned the status of the pump station. He added that Acacia Circle residents have issues flushing their toilets during rains.

Councilwoman Loeza asked that installation of ceiling fans at FMP pavilion be looked at as to cool down folks using the park. Parks Director Kim Townsend stated that it has been submitted for the 2019-2020 budget. She added that Jack in the Box had really high grass. Councilwoman Loeza asked about the status of the street repairs on Yellowstone, Pecan, Yaupon and Victoria. Mr. Kelty said that the county would be doing the asphalted streets.

Councilman Yates stated that there was a big mess of dirt around the new home being built on Avenue A. Mr. Yates also asked about the Wong projections.

City Manager Tim Kelty recognized Human Resources Director Loni Kershaw as this would be her last council meeting before she retires.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads

Parks Director Kim Townsend announced that the engraved pavers have been installed at the splash park.

Golf Course Director Brian Dybala said that there would be a Project Graduation tournament on July 27, 2019.

Fire Chief Chris Motley announced that Freeport LNG would be flaring as part of the plant commissioning. He added that the community block grant had been posted publicly at City Hall

Open session was closed at 7:20 pm and Council entered into Executive Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Session regarding economic development (Projects 2019-2 and 2019-3) in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, 551.087

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Troy Brimage opened regular session at 7:46 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 7:47 PM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
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