

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, August 5, 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: Sam Reyna Nicole Mireles
Melanie Oldham Mario Muraira
George Matamoros Manning Rollerson
Edmeryl Williams Angie Williams

Call to order.

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

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

Brazosport Independent School District Annual Report – Danny Massey.

Brazosport Independent School District Superintendent Danny Massey presented the school district's annual report to council.

Citizen's Comments

Manning Rollerson spoke to council regarding the recent shootings in the national news and expressed concerns over his son's employment application.

REGULAR SESSION

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from July 15, 2019

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes from the July 15, 2019 meeting.

Discuss and consider replacement of a current board member of the Freeport Economic Development Corporation with the appointment of Councilman Ken Green to that board

This item was pulled prior to discussion by the Mayor.

Discuss and consider authorizing the city to conduct engineering design by Freese & Nichols for sewer line replacement on North Velasco Boulevard and lift station rehabilitation for lift stations #5 and #13

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that engineering for these projects will cost \$24,600. Once plans and specifications are developed and the projects go out for bid the estimated cost for construction is approximately \$225,000.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing the city to conduct engineering design by Freese & Nichols for sewer line replacement on North Velasco Boulevard and lift station rehabilitation for lift stations #5 and #13.

Discuss and consider authorizing Freese & Nichols to conduct a lift station assessment

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that if the city doesn't maintain its infrastructure. TCEQ can force the city to do it. Assessments will be made on all 30 lift stations. Mr. Kelty said that he would keep council updated on the progress and will report back in ninety days. Councilman Brooks Bass will serve as a liaison on this project.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing Freese & Nichols to conduct a lift station assessment.

Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2019-2602 denial of application for authority to increase rates submitted by Centerpoint Electric

Mr. Kelty stated that the city belongs to Texas Coast Utilities Coalition (TCUC). The attorney representing TCUC informed the coalition that the rates were not substantiated and encouraged members to not approve.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-2602 denial of application for authority to increase rates submitted by Centerpoint Electric.

Discuss and consider approving the proposal for the replacement of the HVAC unit at RiverPlace and accompanying maintenance agreement.

Parks Director Kim Townsend stated that the city has been experiencing major problems with the HVAC unit at RiverPlace. The system is 10 years old will cost approximately \$310,000 to replace. Repairs to the units are not advised because the coolant that the units use will not be available past 2020, and the new coolant available afterward does not work properly in the current system. The mechanical engineer the city is working with provided an independent review of the recommended system improvements and concurred that the recommended improvement were the best and most cost effective strategy for moving forward. The new unit will have a 20-year warranty and will be up to code.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the proposal for the replacement of the HVAC unit at RiverPlace and accompanying maintenance agreement.

Discuss and consider authorizing Block 716 Lot 17 (1209 North Ave. N) to be declared surplus and authorize the city to seek sealed bids for the property and set a bid date

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved declaring the property located at Block 716 Lot 17 (1209 North Ave. N) as surplus and authorizing the sale of that property to George Matamoros pending review by city attorney regarding necessity of an appraisal.

Consideration of approving an Interlocal Agreement between City of Freeport and the Brazoria County Health Department.

Fire Chief Chris Motley stated that the interlocal agreement sets responsibilities of the health pods. There is no cost to the city.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement between City of Freeport and the Brazoria County Health Department.

Consideration and possible action on authorization of expenditure for material costs related to Brazoria County Interlocal agreement for asphalt paving of City Streets

Street Department Director David Hoewelyn stated that the cost of the asphalt and materials for paving under the interlocal agreement with Brazoria county will be approximately \$482,000.

City Manager Tim Kelty stated that this cost was not approved by council when the interlocal was approved. However, the cost is currently in the budget.

Councilman Bass asked who shoots the grades and Mr. Hoewelyn stated that city staff will complete that portion of the project.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the \$482,000 expenditure for material costs related to Brazoria County Interlocal agreement for asphalt paving of City Streets.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2019-2578 adopting an amendment to the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Stephanie Russell presented to council the proposed items for budget amendment #5 to the 2018/2019 annual budget.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2019-2578 adopting an amendment to the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Brimage commended Mr. Kelty and Ms. Russell for the budget that was presented to council. He added it was very well put together.

Councilman Ken Green stated that he had driven his ward and counted 31 trash piles. He added that there is a boat anchored in the interlocal. Mayor Brimage stated that the GLO knew of the boat.

Councilman Brooks Bass stated that the Police Department needs to contact the school district and map out a safe route due to the street construction closures.

Councilwoman Loeza had nothing to report.

Councilman Yates had nothing to report.

City Manager Tim Kelty announced that the city staff would be having their employee picnic on Friday. He added that City Hall is continuing to experience elevator issues. Mr. Kelty said that depositary bids should be brought before council in September.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads

Fire Chief Chris Motley stated that public comments close on the 15th for his grant. He added that he will be in maritime training for the next two days.

Open session was recessed at 7:13 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 re-opened regular session at 7:21 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 7:22 PM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
City of Freeport, Texas