

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.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 Brooks Bass
Councilman Jerry Cain
Councilman Ken Green
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Stephanie Russell, Assistant City Manager
Betty Wells, City Secretary
Laura Tolar, Assistant City Secretary/ Special Projects Coordinator
Chris Duncan, City Attorney
Brenda Miller-Ferguson, Human Resource Director Via teleconference
LeAnn Strahan, Freeport Destination Director Via teleconference
Chris Motley, Freeport Fire Chief
Ray Garivey, Freeport Police Department Chief
Billy Shoemaker, Director for Building and Code via teleconference
Lance Petty, Freeport Public Works Director
Courtland Holman, Freeport Economic Development Corp., Director

Visitors: Jerry Meeks (Veolia)
Nick Irene (Facts)
Ruben Renabato (In lobby)

Visitors, Via Teleconference: David Towers
Melanie Oldham
Mario Muraira

Mayor Brooks Bass opened the Strategic Plan Workshop at 8:07 a.m.

Citizen's Comments

Melanie Oldham thanked the Mayor, City Manager and Assistant City Manager for starting this budget process early.

Mario Muraira asked about the Budget Workshop dates.

David Towers thanked council for having this workshop.

WORK SESSION:

City Manager Tim Kelty said that this is such an important process, and he applauds all of the Directors on all of the plans.

Each department director presented their annual departmental strategic plan to council.

Members of council discussed areas of importance.

Mayor Bass commented on the Summer Movie Night that is being held and hosted by the Freeport Culture, Recreation & Tourism Department on Friday Night's. He asked if the social distancing rules are being enforced, and he said that he will like to see this continue in the Fall if all guidelines are being followed. Mayor Bass suggested that there be advertisement be down 288B for the Culture, Recreation & Tourism Department. Mayor Bass asked about the exhibits that the Museum is wanting to bring in to the Museum. He asked about the screen on the Driving Range at the Golf Course if it would be just a one-sided screen. Mayor Bass spoke about the pot hole repairs, he asked is there a specific crew for this. Mayor Bass said that he is very interested in seeing the salary survey. He asked about the financial impact of adding financial staff, he asked if the \$90,000 included everything Stephanie Russell said everything including the computer. Mayor Bass asked what size sewer pipe is used, Jerry Meeks said for a home it is a four-inch pipe. He asked if the wastewater will improve with the repair to the trickle filter.

Councilman Cain asked about the attic space at the Rec Center, if this could be used for the storage needs.

Councilwoman Loeza asked about the Heritage House repair. She asked about the salary increase for the Community Development, if this will be for the new supervisor position and for the increase in pay for the Municipal Clerk position, she also said that she likes the goals that are set for Community Development. Councilwoman Loeza questioned the garbage pickup. Ms. Loeza asked about the repairs for the cameras that are on the entrance of the City. She asked about the grant program that the Freeport PD applied for. Councilwoman asked Freeport Fire Chief about the Grant Writing that he talked about in his Strategic Plan, she asked if this person could work for several departments.

Councilman Yates asked about condemnation on property, his concern is there are several dangerous properties that need to be taken care of. He asked that Assistant Stephanie Russell to number her handouts so that it is easier to follow.

Councilman Green asked about the Exhibits that the Historic Commission is wanting to bring. Councilman Green said that he commends all the thought that was put into the Community Development Plan.

City Manager Tim Kelty spoke on the solid waste contract, on the recodification to the Ordinance Book, ditch maintenance, animal control with Brazoria County SPCA, the stormwater utility needs and document management.

Assistant Stephanie Russell asked council to write down what is important to them, and to post this on each departments board. She presented to council the new Preliminary Property Tax Projection, the Preliminary General Fund Projection for the 2020-2021FY & the 2020-2021 FY Budget Hearing calendar.

The Strategic Plan Workshop ended at 11:45 a.m.

Mayor, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Betty Wells
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