

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Tuesday, December 7, 2020, 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 Brooks Bass:  
Councilman Jerry Cain  
Councilman Ken Green  
Councilman Mario Muraira  
Councilman Roy E. Yates Absent

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager Via Teleconference  
Stephanie Russell, Assistant City Manager  
Betty Wells, City Secretary  
Laura Tolar, Assistant City Secretary/ Special Projects Coordinator  
Chris Duncan, City Attorney  
Brian Dybala, Freeport Golf Course Director  
Billy Shoemaker, Freeport Building and Code Director  
Ray Garivey, Freeport Police Chief  
Lance Petty, Public Works Director  
Chris Motley, Freeport Fire Chief  
Courtland Holman, Freeport EDC Director  
Clarissa Molina, Administrative Assistant Via Teleconference

Visitors:

Edmery Williams	James Schaefer
Luis Schaefer	Manning Rollerson
Sam Reyna	Nicole Mireles
Jerry Meeks (Veolia)	Kenny Hayes
Tommy Pearson	Elliot Cundieff
Casey Cundieff	

Visitors, Via Teleconference:  
Amanda

**Call to order.**

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Invocation and Pledge was led by Mayor Brooks Bass.

**Citizen's Comments**

Manning Rollerson spoke to council about his concerns of the homeless people in the City of Freeport.

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

Emergency management briefing COVID-19.

Freeport Fire Chief, Chris Motley spoke to council about the number of COVID-19 cases in the City of Freeport he said that Freeport is doing good compared to other City's in the County. Mayor Bass asked how the City is doing on PPE, Chief Motley said that we are very stocked and still picking up when it is available. He said for everyone to keep practicing social distancing, wearing mask, washing and sanitizing our hands.

Freeport Police Chief, Raymond Garivey said that he is proud of the public wearing mask and doing what needs to be done. He said that he appreciates the ladies that come in to clean and sanitize the PD daily, they do a great job. Mayor Bass asked if the Patrol Units are being sanitized? Chief Garivey said yes. Chief Garivey also announced that Friday and Saturday night the PD and the Fire Department will be driving Santa around town for the kids of Freeport.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion. Any item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Manager, and acted upon separately.

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from November 17, 2020.

Consideration and possible action on the approval of road closures for Triathlon.

Mayor Bass asked LeAnn Strahan about the possibility of having to cancel the Triathlon due to COVID-19. He asked if there will be a problem with this, he also asked Ms. Strahan to find out if the road closure was just a portion of the street and not the whole street.

On a motion by Councilman Muraira, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye" 4-0 Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:**

Public Hearing: Public Hearing and possible action on plat of Survey being a 3.577 acre tract Lots 445, 446 and 447, Block 3 of Bar X Ranch, section two vol. 16, pg. 119 B.C.P.R. in Samuel Carter survey, Abstract No 53 in Brazoria County, Texas.

Mayor Bass opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 PM.

Building/Code Director Billy Shoemaker presented to council a plat of Survey being a 3.577 acre tract Lots 445, 446 and 447, Block 3 of Bar X Ranch, section two vol. 16, pg. 119 B.C.P.R. in Samuel Carter survey, Abstract No 53 in Brazoria County, Texas. Mr. Shoemaker said that this was approved and signed by Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Bass closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 PM.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Cain, with all present voting "Aye" 4-0 Council unanimously approved the plat of Survey being a 3.577 acre tract Lots 445, 446 and 447, Block 3 of Bar X Ranch, section two vol. 16, pg. 119 B.C.P.R. in Samuel Carter survey, Abstract No 53 in Brazoria County, Texas.

**Public Hearing:** Public Hearing and possible action on Amended Plat of Brazos Shore, Section 1 a Subdivision of a called 2.4240 acre tract recorded in County Clerk's file no. 18-032479 of the Brazoria County Plat records in the Stephen F. Austin survey Abstract 32 City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas November 2020.

Mayor Bass opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM.

Building/Code Director Billy Shoemaker presented to council Amended Plat of Brazos Shore, Section 1 a Subdivision of a called 2.4240 acre tract recorded in County Clerk's file no. 18-032479 of the Brazoria County Plat records in the Stephen F. Austin survey Abstract 32 City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas November 2020. He said that this was approved by Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Muraira asked if this is approved will it cost other property owners? Billy Shoemaker said no.

Mr. Louis Shafer said this property joins his property and his concern is the electrical easement running through his property. Mr. Shoemaker said after reviewing the proposed plat there will be no impact on the electrical easement running through Mr. Shafer's property.

Mayor Bass closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 PM.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Muraira, with all present voting "Aye" 4-0 Council unanimously approved Amended Plat of Brazos Shore, Section 1 a Subdivision of a called 2.4240 acre tract recorded in County Clerk's file no. 18-032479 of the Brazoria County Plat records in the Stephen F. Austin survey Abstract 32 City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas November 2020.

**Public Hearing:** Public Hearing and consideration of approving Resolution No. 2020-2666 regarding a proposed Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Freeport and Cundieff Family Partnership Ltd.

Mayor Bass opened Public Hearing at 6:21 PM.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie Russell presented to council Resolution No. 2020-2666 regarding a proposed Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Freeport and Cundieff Family Partnership Ltd. She said with this 380 Agreement the developer intends to spend \$105,746 for infrastructure and build nine residential homes with deed restrictions.

Mayor Bass closed the Public Hearing at 6:24 PM.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Cain, with all present voting "Aye" 4-0 Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2020-2666 regarding a proposed Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Freeport and Cundieff Family Partnership Ltd.

Consideration and possible action approving Ordinance No. 2020-2620 for proposed 2019-2020 budget amendment #4.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie Russell presented to council Ordinance No. 2020-2620 for proposed 2019-2020 budget amendment #4. She said that this is a cleanup item, she said that the first amendment is for the increase in expenditures for the COVID-19, the second is for the beach maintenance due to the storms and third is the debt service fund.

On a motion by Councilman Cain, seconded by Councilman Green with all present voting "Aye" 4-0 Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2020-2620 for proposed 2019-2020 budget amendment #4.

Consideration of approving revisions to the County Interlocal street plan.

Mayor Bass tabled this item.

Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance No. 2020-2621 updating the FEMA flood maps.

Building/Code Director Billy Shoemaker presented to council Ordinance No. 2020-2621 updating the FEMA flood maps. He said this will keep the city in compliance with FEMA, without it will result in loss of FEMA protection.

Mayor Bass said that this must be done, he said loss of flood policy will not be good.

On a motion by Councilman Cain, seconded by Councilman Muraira with all present voting "Aye" 4-0 Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2020-2621 updating the FEMA flood maps.

**WORK SESSION:**

Councilman Green said that Citizen Mingo Marquez, Sr. is not doing good. He is in the hospital with the COVID-19, and he needs our prayers.

Councilman Cain had no comment.

Councilman Muraira said that there are several things that need attention. He said that the Freeport Library has damage from flooding, and that there are ants in the building, he said that he would like to see that this get taken care of. He also said that he wants the Social Media Policy to be revisited, and he would like employees to voice their concerns. He asked what is going on with the baseball fields behind McDonalds. Mr. Petty said that the younger age fields have been completed, and the Sr. age are being repaired now. Councilman Muraira asked if the city maintains soccer fields? Mr. Petty said that the city does mow them, and once the season closes there will be field sand brought in to level the fields. Councilman Muraira asked Ms. Russell if we can get "Children at Play" signs up at Arrington Park, North Ave G & Yellowstone. He also asked for a dead-end street sign at the end of Ave N. He said that on 7<sup>th</sup> Street the street has been dug out, and wants to know when this will be repaired. He asked where the Hookah Lounge stands on opening, he said they are having problems with Codes, and seem to be getting a lot of pushback from the City. Ms. Russell said the issue is with the sprinkler system, she said that we are working with them but we have to follow codes and safety.

Lance Petty said that West 7<sup>th</sup> had a water leak, the road is in bad shape he said that they are hoping to get it added to the bid and get it repaired properly.

Assistant City Manager Stephanie Russell said that there were over 100 applications for the Utility Relief Fund that came in, and we are in the process of getting that all wrapped up.

Mr. Cundieff thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the 380 Agreement.

Mayor Bass said that it is the holiday season, be safe and keep doing what we are doing. Wear your mask and social distance.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads

No comment from department heads.

Open session was closed at 6:42 pm and Council entered into Executive Session.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Executive Session regarding a.) (Potential Litigation) consultation with city attorney b.) (Deliberations about Real Property), 212 East Park Ave in accordance with Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.074.

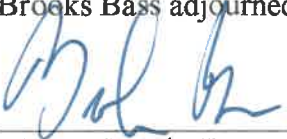
**REGULAR SESSION**


Mayor Brooks Bass reconvened regular session at 6:56 P.M.

There was no action taken.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cain, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brooks Bass adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

  
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Mayor, Brooks Bass  
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City Secretary, Betty Wells  
City of Freeport, Texas