

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, May 10, 2021 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 Jeff Pena
Councilman Jerry Cain
Councilman Mario Muraira
Councilman Troy Brimage

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Betty Wells, City Secretary
Chris Duncan, City Attorney
Cathy Ezell, Finance Director
Ray Garivey, Freeport Police Chief
Kristi Mercado, Freeport Detective
Laura Tolar, Special Events Coordinator, Teleconference
LeAnn Strahan, Destinations Director, Teleconference
Robert Cramer, Freeport Public Works
Giselle Hernandez, Financial Analyst

Visitors: Tommy Pearson
Sabrina Brimage
Sandra Barbree
Brianna Brimage
Desiree Pearson
Cindy Cain
Stephanie Bass

Visitors, Via Teleconference:
Paul Crow

Call to order.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was led by City Manager Tim Kelty, the Pledge was led by Mayor Brooks Bass.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA:

Consideration and possible action approving Ordinance No. 2021-2629 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 1, 2021 election.

City Manager Tim Kelty presented to council Ordinance No. 2021-2629 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 1, 2021 election. Mr. Kelty said that Mayor Bass was unopposed in the position for Mayor, and will continue on in this seat. Councilman Cain prevailed in the election for Ward B, and will continue in the seat for Ward B. Troy Brimage prevailed in election for Ward D, over Councilman Roy Yates, and will take the seat for Ward D Councilman.

On a motion by Councilman Pena, and seconded by Councilman Muraira, with all present voting "Aye" 5-0 Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2021-2629 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 1, 2021 election.

Mayor Bass presented a plaque to Councilman Roy Yates for his time of service on the City Council.

Administer Oath of Office to Mayor, and elected Council Members to Wards B and D, and signing the required affidavits.

City Secretary Betty Wells, administered the Oath of Office to Troy Brimage, Elected Councilman Ward D, Jerry Cain, Re-elected Councilman Ward B, and Unopposed Brooks Bass, Mayor of the City of Freeport.

Councilman Brimage said that he would like to thank everyone for the support. He said that he admires Councilman Yates and all that he brought when serving the City. He said he looks forward to serving the City of Freeport.

Consideration and possible action of selecting a Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Bass said according to section 3.04 of the Freeport Charter, we appoint a Councilperson who has served two years on council, to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, he said at this time we do not have a Councilperson that has served at least two years, but it is his belief that Councilman Cain is the longest office holder of the council, and he is the appropriate person to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, for this year.

On a motion by Councilman Brimage, seconded by Councilman Pena, with a 4-1 vote Council approved appointing Councilman Cain, as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Muraira voted "Ney"

WORK SESSION:

Councilman Pena had no comment.

Councilman Cain said that he would like to thank his wife for all the support through the election. He also spoke of the house that burned on 1102 West 6th Street, he said that this burned about two years ago, he said that the windows are boarded up but the door is wide open. He said that the neighbor next to the property has been keeping the property mowed, and stated that there are people in the house that do not belong in the house. He said that he has been bitten by a snake, that came from this property. Councilman Cain said that 7th and Velasco heading East there are over grown shrubs to the right, he said to the left, there is overgrown tree limbs, he said that you cannot see either direction.

Councilman Muraira said that there is a house on North Ave C close to McNeil that has burned down. He said that there is a lot of trash in his Ward, and he would like this picked up. He asked "where are we at on the contract for the streets". He said that he knows that there is work on Lynn Lane to 7th Street alleys, but he would like to know where the rest of the Wards are at. He said he is wondering if we will be on tract to finish all of this.

Councilman Brimage said that he would like to see more results from the comments that are made each week, he said that he would like to see a reaction from the City. He also said that he would like to see some patrol out at Bridge Harbor on Dolphin Street, he said that resident Jason Gast asked for something to be done, people speed down this road. Councilman Brimage said that he is excited to be back.

City Manager Tim Kelty said that flyers were passed out to council for the board openings that will be coming up, he asked that these get passed out, it is very important. He said that National Day of Prayer and the Employee crawfish boil was a success. Mr. Kelty said that for city employees mask requirement has been lessened.

Councilman Muraira said that the Boards and Commission flyer needs to be put on social media as well. Mr. Kelty said that they will be sent out.

Open session was closed at 6:22 pm and Council entered into Executive Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Session regarding a.) (Potential Litigation) consultation with city attorney b.) (Deliberations about Real Property), open space program, in accordance with Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Sections 551.071, 551.072.

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Bass reconvened regular session at 7:09 P.M.


There was no action taken from executive session.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cain, seconded by Councilman Pena, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Bass adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.



Mayor, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas



City Secretary, Betty Wells
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