

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday September 12, 2022 at 5:30 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 Not Present
Councilman Troy Brimage

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Betty Wells, City Secretary
David Olson, Interim City Attorney
Laura Cramer, GIS
Danny Gillchriest, Interim Police Chief
Chris Motley, Freeport Fire Chief
Holden Ezell, Public Works Maintenance
Toby Cohen, IT Manager
Brian Dybala, Director Golf Course
Wade Dillon, Freeport Museum
James Carter, Veolia

Visitors:

Pam Dancy	Melanie Oldham
David McGinty	Nicole Mireles
Sam Reyna	Karla Clark
Sabrina Brimage	Con McCleestor
Diane McCleestor	Ruben Renobato

Call to order.

Mayor Bass, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Sam Reyna spoke to council about the Community House. He said we were promised a new Community House. He said there is still no budget for this. He spoke on the Kisuma Plant, and the jobs and the revenue the City lost with this plant backing out.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

Consideration and possible action of an Ordinance No. 2022-2674 Adopting FY2022-2023 Budget.

City Manager Tim Kelty presented Ordinance No. 2022-2674 Adopting FY2022-2023 Budget. He said the changes that were made, are the ones that were discussed at the last meeting. The \$50,000 Firing Range was removed, but the \$43,000 was added for the replacement of the windows at the library. Mr. Kelty said the Director from the Museum has put in her resignation. He said with this he has included in the budget a for the promotion of Mr. Petty to Assistant City Manager and moving the Museum and Main Street Program under him, under the direction of a Main Street Coordinator and Museum Manager and changing the part time attendant to full time. This reorganizational change is being made at substantially the same cost currently incurred.

Finance Director Cathy Ezell said with the changes that were made the General Fund Available Fund Balance, over and above our reserve will change to \$993,765.

Councilman Brimage asked if there is anything in the Budget for the Surfside Water Agreement? Ms. Ezell said we do have revenue for the Surfside Water. Councilman Brimage asked about budgeting for the pump station? Mr. Kelty said, there is nothing included in budgeted being presented, but the city engineer has indicated the current pump size can handle the increased demand required from Surfside. We are expecting grant funding from a HGAC that is not in the budget that could be potentially used if needed. We will be meeting with them in the next month or so to determine what projects are eligible.

Councilman Pena asked about there not being funding for the infrastructure to surfside. Mr. Kelty said according to the engineer there will not be any required improvements at this time, in order to provide water to Surfside.

Mayor Bass said \$759,000 that could be allocated for this if it comes up from the funding remaining in Streets and drainage. He did suggest to Mr. Kelty and Ms. Ezell to start developing options for the GLO money from HGAC.

There was discussion on the Modular Building for Fire and EMS, and funding for Volunteers for Fire Department, as well as discussion on the Rec Center.

Karla Clark asked what size pipe is being used for the Surfside Project? James Carter said 6-inch pipe. Karla Clark asked about the Uncertified Tax Value. Ms. Ezell explained what this is.

Shonda Marshall asked if there is money budgeted for the PD for safety training, for any crisis that could happen in our schools. Mr. Kelty said yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Brimage, seconded by Councilman Cain to approve Ordinance No. 2022-2674 Adopting FY2022-2023 Budget. With a 3-1 vote.

Councilman Brimage "Aye", Councilman Cain "Aye", Mayor Bass "Aye" Councilman Pena "Nay" Motion passed.

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding an Ordinance No. 2022-2675 Establishing a Tax Rate for the 2022 Tax Year.

Finance Director Cathy Ezell presented to council Ordinance No. 2022-2674 Adopting FY2022-2023 Budget. She said she and Mr. Kelty are bringing forward a Tax Rate of \$0.60. This rate will cover the budget that has been approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Bass that we approve the tax rate for our debt service at \$.0770003, for the Tax Year 2022. Seconded by Councilman Brimage, with all voting "Aye" 4-0.

Councilman Brimage, "Aye", Councilman Cain, "Aye", Mayor Bass, "Aye", Councilman Pena, "Aye" motion passes.

A motion was made by Mayor Bass that we approve a tax rate \$0.522997 to fund Maintenance and Operation expenditures for the 2022 Tax Rate be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Pena, with all voting "Aye" 4-0.

Councilman Brimage, "Aye", Councilman Cain, "Aye", Mayor Bass, "Aye", Councilman Pena, "Aye" motion passes.

Councilman Pena made the motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.600000, which is effectively a 1.02 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cain, with all voting "Aye" 4-0.

Councilman Brimage, "Aye", Councilman Cain, "Aye", Mayor Bass, "Aye", Councilman Pena, "Aye" motion passes.

Ratification of Increased Property Tax Revenues Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget.

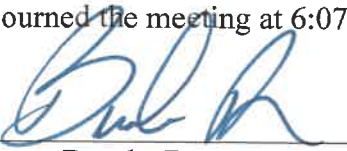
Finance Director Cathy Ezell presented to council Ratification of Increased Property Tax Revenues Reflected in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Cain, seconded by Councilman Brimage, with all voting "Aye" 4-0 council Ratified the budget based on the increased property tax revenues reflected in the fiscal year 2022-2023 adopted budget.

Councilman Brimage, "Aye", Councilman Cain, "Aye", Councilman Pena, "Aye" Mayor Bass, "Aye"

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Brimage, seconded by Councilman Cain, with a 4-0 vote, Mayor Bass adjourned the meeting at 6:07 P.M.



Mayor, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas



City Secretary, Betty Wells
City of Freeport, Texas