

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, March 27, 2023 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

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
David Olson, Interim City Attorney

Visitors: David McGinty
Melanie Oldham
Pamela Dancy
Eric Hayes
Manning Rollerson
Karla Clark
Loretta Chandler

Call to order.

Mayor Bass called the meeting to order at 6PM

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (Council Member)

Mayor Bass lead the Invocation and the Pledge.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Members of the public are allowed to address the City Council at this time, and must include name and address. Note, specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to an inquiry made, but any deliberation, discussion, or decision with respect to any subject about which the inquiry was made shall be limited to a proposal to place such subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting for which notice is provided in compliance with the Texas Open meetings Act unless said notice appears herein. The public is reminded that there is a (4) minute time limit as approved by City Council on June 21, 2010.

Melanie Oldham, 922 West 5 spoke of attending the Port Freeport meetings over the last few years. She read a statement from a meeting in October 2004. She spoke of the Port expansion through Freeport. She said the plans of the Port do not want to coexist with the City of Freeport and the citizens.

Manning Rollerson West 6 Street, spoke of the representation and leadership for the City of Freeport. He said the person that represents Ward A was not in the meeting, and this is concerning. He said the citizens are the ones that get hurt. He said the Port goes around the City to get what they want. Mr. Rollerson said the Port can take anything when they want, who is representing us?

Karla Clark 411 Sailfish, she said she hopes the Port and the City comes together and is honest with the City of Freeport. She said to give some kind of conjunction on the East End that can be productive with some type of fields and pavilions for the children.

David McGinty 521 West Broad, read a reference to the Port to reflect his disdain for the actions of the Port. He spoke of the travesty over the last twenty-five years with the Port. He said the dirty playbook has been opened once again by the Port, by demanding the de annexation of Freeport's East End properties. Mr. McGinty said he ask, that we stand together to retain ownership of our properties without fear of eminent domain or legal de annexation.

Eric Hayes said this has been going on for over twenty years. He said he would like council to fight for East End of Freeport and stick to the Port.

Pam Dancy 313 South Front, she said this has been going on for a long time. She spoke of the people in the East End. She spoke of a book she read about the happenings in Freeport. She spoke of the City giving land away, and how we will not have an East End. She asked council to fight for the City of Freeport.

CLOSED SESSION:

Open Session was recessed and Executive Session was opened at 6:17 PM.

Executive Session regarding a.) (Consultation with Attorney), Port of Freeport potential condemnation of the East End in accordance with Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, Section 551.071.

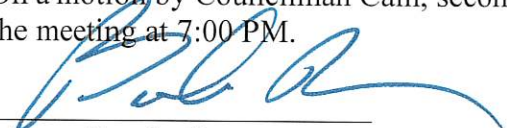
COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

Executive Session was closed at 7:00 P.M

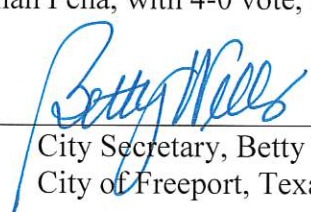
No action was taken.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cain, seconded by Councilman Pena, with 4-0 vote, Mayor Bass adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.



Mayor, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas



City Secretary, Betty Wells
City of Freeport, Texas