



**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 at 8:00 P.M.**

Mayor:
Brooks Bass

Council Members:
Jeff Pena
Jerry Cain
Mario Muraira

City Manager:
Timothy Kelty

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, WILL MEET AT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023, AT 8:00 P.M., AT THE FREEPORT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM, 430 NORTH BRAZOSPORT BOULEVARD FREEPORT TEXAS

This meeting will be live streamed via Facebook Live and may be accessed on the City of Freeport Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/freeporttexas>

THE MEETING IS BEING HELD FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

CALL TO ORDER: *The Mayor will call the meeting to order, declare a quorum if present, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.*

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.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

1. Discuss and take possible action on ALL Braztexas Reports by Zech and Navarro regarding the storage /possession, content delivery to the Council and its release to the public. **(Pena/Muraira)**
2. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Legislation being proposed regarding the East End by the Port of Freeport. **(Pena/Muraira)**
3. Discussion and possible action regarding issues of concern by the public about code enforcement, permits, and building department inspections, and possible new procedures and policies regarding the interaction of city staff in these departments with the public. **(Pena/Muraira)**
4. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the proper procedures related to Open Session and Executive Session during City Council Meetings. **(Pena/Muraira)**

ADJOURNMENT:

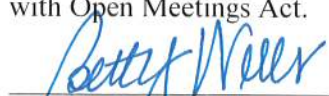
5. Adjourn.

Items not necessarily discussed in the order they appear on the agenda. The Council at its discretion may take action on any or all of the items as listed. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act. (Chapter 551, Government Code).

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (979) 233-3526.

CERTIFICATE I certify the foregoing notice was posted in the official glass case at the rear door of the City Hall, with 24 hours a day public access, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport Texas, before 6:00 p.m. in accordance with Open Meetings Act.


Betty Wells, City Secretary,
City of Freeport, Texas



City Council Agenda Item # 1

Title: Braztex Reports

Date: March 20, 2023

From: Councilmen Pena and Muraira

Staff Recommendation:

Staff approves this requested action. *(This memo was submitted by Councilman Pena. Staff has not made any recommendation regarding this agenda item)*

Item Summary:

The Zech/Navarro investigative reports regarding Braztex should be provided to all council members and the factual observations in the reports released to the general public

Background Information:

The Zech/Navarro investigative reports regarding Braztex have been improperly stored and withheld from certain City Council members, while other council members maintain free and open access to the documents.

City Council members cannot make important decisions regarding the Braztex litigation, without access to the investigation documents prepared for the council.

Further, the factual observations contained in the investigation documents should be released to the public in the interest of transparency.

Financial Impact: None

Supporting Documentation:



City Council Agenda Item # 2

Title: East End Legislation

Date: March 20, 2023

From: Councilmen Pena and Muraira

Staff Recommendation:

Staff approves this requested action. *(This memo was submitted by Councilman Pena. Staff has not made any recommendation regarding this agenda item)*

Item Summary:

Discussion and possible action regarding efforts by Port Freeport to pass legislation regarding their land grab on the East End.

Background Information:

Port Freeport publicly discussed their efforts to obtain favorable legislation to assist them to take land from the City of Freeport on the East End. These efforts should be publicly discussed to determine the potential result of this legislation and its impact on the taxpayers.

Financial Impact: None

Supporting Documentation:



City Council Agenda Item # 3

Title: Policy and Procedures Regarding Interaction with the Public by building and code department.

Date: March 20, 2023

From: Councilmen Pena and Muraira

Staff Recommendation:

Staff approves this requested action. *(This memo was submitted by Councilman Pena. Staff has not made any recommendation regarding this agenda item)*

Item Summary:

The citizens of Freeport have brought to council's attention several concerns about code enforcement, building permits, and inspections related to building projects.

Back2round Information:

Council needs to discuss the procedures and policies of the city regarding the interaction of city staff in these departments with the public.

Financial Impact: None

Supporting Documentation:



City Council Agenda Item # 4

Title: Policy and Procedures Regarding the proper procedures related to Open Session and Executive Session during City Council Meetings.

Date: March 20, 2023

From: Councilmen Pena and Muraira

Staff Recommendation:

Staff approves this requested action. *(This memo was submitted by Councilman Pena. Staff has not made any recommendation regarding this agenda item)*

Item Summary:

There has been a recent change in procedures regarding the procedures and policies to conduct council meetings. The council needs to discuss to clarify.

Background Information:

There has been a recent change in procedures regarding the procedures and policies to conduct council meetings. The council needs to discuss to clarify. It is important that city council meetings are not conducted in an unpredictable or arbitrary manner. Recent changes during meetings, make it difficult for council members to know the correct procedure.

Financial Impact: None

Supporting Documentation: