

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday August 15, 2016 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 Norma Moreno Garcia
Councilman Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Dan Pennington, Chief of Police
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corp.

Visitors: Moby Burrige Evelyn Burrige
Annette Sanford Troy Brimage
Manning Rollerson Sam Reyna
Melanie Oldham Keith Stumbaugh
Ruth Renobato Douglas Domingues
Margaret McMahan Larry Fansher
James Barnett Sandra Barnett
Jerry Meeks Ed Garcia

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Shaw delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Councilwoman Mireles of 202 N. Ave. G, requested items to address Council are not posted on the agenda.

Douglas Domingues residing at 1314 W. 5th, question why the tax rate was being proposed without first passing the budget. He asked that they vote no. There has been very little public input and has not seen any budget workshops and does not allow for an open forum. He feels like the budget process is broken.

Keith Stumbaugh of 518 West 4th Street, newly elected Chairman of Concerned Citizens of Freeport questioned and is requesting a response from Council on the green-way maintenance efforts, on the city's main corridor along Brazosport Boulevard, city parks and facilities are in such decline.

Margaret McMahan of 1330 W. 8th Street spoke in behalf of the Concern Citizens Group. She stated that on July 18 and August 1, 2016 meeting that no call for discussion was made after a motion and a seconded and the public has not been given an opportunity to speak. She requested that items be called for discussion before voting on motions. She suggested changing this practice for greater transparency which would improve citizen's confidence. In regards of the 2016-2017 budget; very poor planning this year; no workshops, no public budget planning, and no public discussing. Council members didn't receive their proposed budget books till August 12, 2016 inadequate time to study and review the municipal proposed budget. She asked that this be rectified.

Manning Rollerson complained about his Open Records Request. He stated that the East End residents did not have any representation when they were being kicked out.

Consideration of approving August 1, 2016 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the August 1, Council Minutes.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2016-2506 applying for funding in the amount of \$24,250.00 from the Houston-Galveston Area County council of government (COG) to fully pay for converting the agency's current crime reporting process (UCR) to a national incident based reporting system (NIBRS) as required by law.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2016-2506 applying for funding in the amount of \$24,250.00 from the Houston-Galveston Area County council of government (COG) to fully pay for converting the agency's current crime reporting process (UCR) to a national incident based reporting system (NIBRS) as required by law.

Consideration of approving Construction Contract Change Order No. 1 for Riverside Lift Station Upgrade.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the Construction Contract Change Order No. 1 for Riverside Lift Station Upgrade.

Consideration of approving the sale of City's interest on Block 718, Lots 21-22 (1/2 undivided) Velasco Townsite, known as 1727-1729 North Ave. P, Tax Id No. 8110- 3120-000.

This item rejected due to Brazoria County's wrong information.

Consideration of proposing a Tax Rate for fiscal year 2016-2017.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton to propose a tax rate of \$0.628005 which is equal to the Effective Tax Rate to be adopted at a future meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all voting 3 to 2, council approved the proposed tax rate of \$0.628805.

Record Vote: For:	Mayor Norma M. Garcia	Against:	Councilman Larry L. McDonald
	Councilman Fred Bolton		Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
	Councilwoman Sandra Barbree		

Consideration of canceling September 5, 2016 Council Meeting due to Labor Day holiday.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved canceling September 5, 2016 Council Meeting due to Labor Day holiday.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma M. Garcia adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas