

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, July 3rd, 2017 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 Troy T. Brimage  
Councilman Larry L. McDonald  
Councilman Brooks Bass  
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles  
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Chris Motley, Fire Chief

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| Visitors: | Edward Garcia     | Mary Garcia      |
|           | Peggy Yates       | Sam Reyna        |
|           | Larry Fansher     | Keith Stumbaugh  |
|           | Ruth Renobato     | Jerry Meeks      |
|           | Lamar Jordan      | Sabrina Brimage  |
|           | Margaret McMahan  | Desiree Pearson  |
|           | Douglas Domingues | Edmeryl Williams |
|           | Angie Williams    | Christina Travis |

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Douglas Domingues of 1314 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, spokesperson of the Concerned Citizens of Freeport stated that in 2015 the City budgeted 4.3 million for infrastructure repair and improvements and last year 2016 was another 2 million budgeted. As of 2015 the City has spent a small fraction of those budget amounts on streets, drainage and sewer repair. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street repaving was postponed; another unfinished project. The City is debating whether to spend \$200,000 on a downtown parking lot project. A project that is not priority for the majority of Freeport citizens. A member of the Concerned Citizens complained that she had no drainage, no flushing toilets, could not wash clothes, and other families had similar complaints. One family keeps portable toilets in their back yard. They would like the City to hire an engineer to solve sewer and storm water drainage problems.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage stated the problem with Mrs. Varnado was addressed immediately. He thanked Mr. Meeks for fixing the drainage on her side. Mayor Troy T. Brimage met with Jerry Meeks of Veolia Water and discussed an extensive plan, addressing sewer/drainage problems, starting from the worst case and working down.

Consideration of approving the June 19, 2017 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the June 19, 2017 Council Minutes.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 8, Lots 3 & 4, known as 108 South Ave. B, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. 8110-0090-000.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 8, Lots 3 & 4, known as 108 South Ave. B, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. 8110-0090-000.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 774, Lot 24, known as 1623 N. Ave. M, Velasco Townsite, Tx. Id. 8110-3789-000.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 774, Lot 24, known as 1623 N. Ave. M, Velasco Townsite, Tx. Id. 8110-3789-000.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 809, Lot 15, 18, 19, known as 1805-1811-1813 North Ave. P, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. 8110-4177-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 809, Lot 15, 18, 19, known as 1805- 811-1813 North Ave. P, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. 8110-4177-000.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 37, Lot 24, known as 601 South Ave. H, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. 8110-0418-000.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 37, Lot 24, known as 601 South Ave. H, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. 8110-0418-000.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2528 appointing a qualified person to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City; Jane Hawkins.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2528 appointing a qualified person to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City; Jane Hawkins.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2529 reappointing qualified persons to the Economic Development Corporation of said City; Mark Friudenberg, Jason Travis and Roy Yates.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2529 reappointing qualified persons to the Economic Development Corporation of said City; Mark Friudenberg, Jason Travis and Roy Yates. Councilman Yates abstained from voting.

Consideration of approving the City Manager's request for consent to serve as a Signatory for the City to receive, review and execute a favorable electric energy agreement through its membership with the HGAC Energy Aggregation Group, a State of Texas recognized interlocal purchasing organization.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the City Manager's request for a consent to serve as a Signatory for the City to receive, review and execute a favorable electric energy agreement through its membership with the HGAC Energy Aggregation Group, a State of Texas recognized interlocal purchasing organization.

Consideration of approving and awarding the Disaster and /or Storm Recovery Services contract to Ashbritt Environmental as a primary contractor and DRC Emergency Services as the secondary contractor.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Fire Chief Chris Motley's recommendation to award the Disaster and/or Storm Recovery Services contract to Ashbritt Environmental as a primary contractor and DRC Emergency Services as the secondary contractor.

Consideration of the approval of any action items discussed in the Executive Session.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage reconvened the formal session at 6:54 p.m. No action taken.

Work Session:

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward A.

Councilman McDonald commented on the Bryan Beach entryway and dumpster project completion. Finished paving West 7th, 9<sup>th</sup> and Magnolia. Drainage issues on 6th, 7th, 8th Street. The ditch along the railroad tracks has not been cleaned; slows down the water drainage.

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward B.

Councilman Bass' concern is on Velasco and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Looking at the grade of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The alley between 5th and 6th Street, water getting in the garages. Serious sewer issues on 9th, 10th and 11th Street. Peppermint Park needs more lighting and more patrolling. Parking in front yards and sidewalks is a concern. He received a letter from the Velasco Drainage District about paving the levy road.

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward C.

Councilwoman Mireles' concern is the flooding on Victoria Street on the warehouse's side. She asked if the ditch on the north side belongs to the City or the Velasco Drainage District. The ditch needs cleaning/mowing.

Comments and discussion regarding Council Member Ward D.

Councilman Yates had one issue on trash and it was taken care of on the same day. He asked for the best way to track city's complaints. Mr. Pynes explained that the City has a link called GovQA on the City's web page. The best way to keep track of comments and complaints.

Discuss Council budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Councilman Bass suggested employing a full time engineer or a contractor if it was cheaper for infrastructure repairs and improvements.

Councilman McDonald concurred and restoring the underground first before repairing streets.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage agreed that infrastructure is the main focus.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the formal session and opened the Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code:

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- Gulf Chemical Bankruptcy Settlement  
*No action taken.*

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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Mayor, Troy T. Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary, Delia Munoz  
City of Freeport, Texas