

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, 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
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Raymond Garivey, Chief of Police
Tom Slater, Police Sergeant
Billywayne Shoemaker, Building Inspector
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corporation

Visitors:

Manning Rollerson	Sam Reyna
Melanie Oldham	Larry Fansher
Steve Massolitti	Christina Travis
LeAnn Strahan	Sabrina Brimage
Desiree Pearson	Tommy Pearson

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.

There were none.

Consideration of approving the September 25th, 27th & October 2nd, 2017 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the September 25th, 27th & October 2nd, 2017 Council Minutes.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2530 nominating candidate(s) for a position on the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District for a two year term 2018-2019.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved nominating Larry Fansher to the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District for a two year term 2018-2019.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2532 authorizing the submission of an application to the office of the Governor an application for rifle resistant body armor.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2532 authorizing the submission of an application to the office of the Governor an application for rifle resistant body armor.

Consideration of approving a request from Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County to waive permits and utilities connection fees on Block 96, Lot 11, Freeport Townsite, Tax Id. Number 4200-0969-000 for construction of a new house known as 708 W. Broad.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County to waive permits and utilities connection fees on Block 96, Lot 11, Freeport Townsite, Tax Id. Number 4200-0969-000 for construction of a new house known as 708 W. Broad.

Consideration of designating a representative and an alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly for the year 2018.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved designating Councilman Brooks Bass and an alternate Councilwoman Mireles, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly for the year 2018.

Consideration of approving and signing a replat of Espinoza Subdivision, 6.00 acres – 3 Lots; A Subdivision of Lots 7 and 11, Block B, Port-Au-Prince Subdivision, Brazoria County, Texas according to the plat of Port-Au-Prince Subdivision in the J.M. Musquez Survey, Abstract 332, according to the plat recorded in Volume 15, Pages 145-146 of the plat records of Brazoria County, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved signing a replat of Espinoza Subdivision, 6.00 acres – 3 Lots; A Subdivision of Lots 7 and 11, Block B, Port-Au-Prince Subdivision, Brazoria County, Texas according to the plat of Port-Au-Prince Subdivision in the J.M. Musquez Survey, Abstract 332, according to the plat recorded in Volume 15, Pages 145-146 of the plat records of Brazoria County, Texas.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2017-2141 amending Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances of said City to provide, as an addition to Division (A) of Section 72.07 of said Code, restrictions against parking or storing any vehicle in the front yard of any residential property except on an improved surface as therein defined; providing additional definitions; authorizing any Law Enforcement Officer; Building Official or Code Enforcement Officer of the City to enforce the provisions of Section 72.07 of said code; adding definitions to Division (C) of Section 72.07 of said Code; adding Division (D) of Section 72.07 of said code designating who may enforce such section to add Building Inspectors; providing that any person violating said code of Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and assessed a fine.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with the exception that existing strips of pavers will be grandfathered, with all present voting 4 to 1 , Council approved Ordinance No. 2017-2141 amending Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances of said City to provide, as an addition to Division (A) of Section 72.07 of said Code, restrictions against parking or storing any vehicle in the front yard of any residential property except on an improved surface as therein defined; providing additional definitions; authorizing any Law Enforcement Officer; Building Official or Code Enforcement Officer of the City to enforce the provisions of Section 72.07 of said code; adding definitions to Division (C) of Section 72.07 of said Code; adding Division (D) of Section 72.07 of said code designating who may enforce such section to add Building Inspectors; providing that any person violating said code of Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and assessed a fine. Councilman McDonald opposed.

Consideration of selling the City’s interest on Block 36, Lots 9, 10, and 12, known as 618, 620, 624 South Gulf Boulevard, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. No. 8110-0394-000.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting to 4 to 1 to reject selling the City’s interest on Block 36, Lots 9, 10 and 12, known as 618, 620, 624 South Gulf Boulevard, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. No. 8110-0394-000. Councilman McDonald opposed.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block B, Lot 11, Velasco Heights known as 2238 Zapata, Tax Id. No.8115-0027-000.

On a motion by Mayor Troy T. Brimage, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block B, Lot 11, Velasco Heights known as 2238 Zapata, Tax Id. No.8115-0027-000.

Consideration of taking action on any item discussed in Executive Session.

No action taken.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage opened the Work Session at 6:30 p.m.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage planned a trip on Friday October 13, 2017 with Brazosport High School Principal Mr. Richard Yoes, Coach Kenneth Schulte and Chemistry Teacher Troy Day to Port Aransas and delivered to the High School \$8,000 of school supplies and \$4,500 in gift cards, sold \$2,600 from a lemonade stand. He was devastated to see their city with travel trailers and mobile homes upside town, at least 500 boats on top of each other, homes, stores and restaurants are destroyed from the results of Hurricane Harvey. He congratulated Chief Raymond Garivey for their participation at the Brazoria County Parade. It was brought to his attention that there are vagrants and drinking at the City Park, would like Council to implement an ordinance to prohibit that kind of activity. Mayor Troy T. Brimage saw videos of the Summertime Bike and Blues Festival and was disappointed and announced that Council does not condone that type of activity and this would not happen again.

Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.

Councilman McDonald stated that Port Freeport making their entry way into 5th Street.

Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments.

Councilman Bass received a sewer complaint on the 1600 Block of West 10th Street. Mr. Troy Brimage stated that Veolia Water is waiting for a survey being done and will located all underground collapsed lines. He recommended sending notices to the landlords for a workshop to get input and ideas on the rental inspections.

Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.

Councilwoman Mireles concern is that there is a lot of night activity at Pinky's Daiquiri's on South Gulf Boulevard. She had some concerns and asked if all her permits were in place. Chief Raymond Garivey said that no complaints are reported. Councilman Mireles also stated that Repairs by George on Gulf Boulevard was an eyesore and asked if the Building Department was looking into it.

Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments.

Councilman Yates stated that the City has scheduled to meet with Kendig Keast on reviewing the proposed City's Master Plan. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Freeport Municipal Court Room. He is requesting that any ideas or suggestions be emailed to him prior to the meeting. There will be issues discussed such as drainage, water front property, small empty lots, and commercial property. A Citizens Review Board will be implemented at a later date. The City of Clute is looking into adopting an animal control and apartment safety inspections ordinance and that we look into these ordinances for comparison.

Discuss selecting Sandra Barbree to the Library Board for the remainder of the unexpired term of Richard W. Fisher.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage stated that he had two applications for the Library Board; one was Larry Fansher and the other is Sandra Barbree. Councilwoman Mireles is considering Larry Fansher.

Updates on current infrastructure.

The Street Department is busy with culvert repairs and assisting home owners and driveway installations. Some culverts are collapsed, broken and being resized. Sidewalks being repaired on Ave. B and C, inlets repairs on Ave. A, B, C. Working on alley repair between 2nd and 9th street and Mulberry through Mesquite Street. Irrigation repairs done and replaced the Library Bridge to concrete. Ditches cleaned on 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Street. Ponding issues and ditch work on Bridge Harbor. Councilman McDonald requested the 1700 Block of West 5th alley be repaired.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Formal Session and Opened the Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit:

- City Manager

(no action taken)

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Formal Session at 7:33 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas