

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, May 21, 2018 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 Brooks Bass
- Councilman Green
- Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
- Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff:

- Bob Welch, Finance Director / Interim City Manager
- Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
- Ursula Reyes, City Secretary
- Nat Hickey, Property Manager
- Chris Motley, Fire Chief
- Kim Townsend, Parks / Rec. Director
- David Hoelewyn, Streets Director
- Billy Shoemaker, Building Official
- Jennifer Hawkins, EDC
- Leann Strahan, Museum Director
- Kenny Collins, Street Dept. Supervisor
- Ray Garivey, Police Chief

Visitors:

Jerry Meeks	Evelyn Burridge
Moby Burridge	Melanie Oldham
Tommy Pearson	Desiree Pearson
Sabrina Brimage	Edward Garcia
Eric Hayes	Manning Rollerson
Angie Williams	Anna Silbas
Edmeryl Williams	Lotte Wit
Kenny Hayes	Mrs. Hayes
Jeff Pena	Abel Moreno
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.

Jennifer Hawkins, EDC Director introduced Lotte Wit, she is a native of Amsterdam and currently resides in Houston and she has been contacted by a Dutch production company to do a documentary here in Freeport.

Lotte Wit, said she is doing a documentary on plastic. She would like to speak with people that know more about it. She said she is coming back in a few weeks to get a video of Freeport and show it to the Netherlands.

Melanie Oldham resides at 922 West 5th Street said that she has been trying to contact Waste Connections about recycling and has had no luck talking to them. She said that maybe we need to look at another garbage contract when the time comes because all the city's around Freeport do recycling but us.

Consideration of approving the minutes for May 7, 2018 and May 15, 2018 meetings.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes for May 7, 2018 and May 15, 2018 meetings.

Consideration of selecting a vendor from those bidding on fuel contract.

Tabled

Consideration of Resolution No. 2018-2545 reappointing Jeff Pena to the EDC Board.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2545 reappointing Jeff Pena to the EDC Board.

Consideration of Resolution No. 2018-2546 appointing Nicolasa Mireles to the Planning Commission Board.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2546 appointing Nicolasa Mireles to the Planning Commission Board.

Consideration of selecting a Mayor Pro Tem from among eligible Council members.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved selecting, from among eligible Council members, Councilman Bass as Mayor Pro Tem.

Consideration of selling City interest in Lots 9, 10 and 12, Block 36, Velasco Townsite, Tax ID 8110-0394-000 to Randy Johnson.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved selling City interest in Lots 9, 10 and 12, Block 36, Velasco Townsite, Tax ID 8110-0394-000 to Randy Johnson.

Discuss and consider selling Lots 7 thru 12, Block 731, North Avenue J, Velasco Townsite, and if so, authorizing publication of notice for bids and setting a bid date.

Mayor Brimage suggested the bid date be June 18, 2018.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved selling Lots 7 thru 12, Block 731, North Avenue J, Velasco Townsite, and if so, authorizing publication of notice for bids and setting a bid date for June 18, 2018.

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

No action taken.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Brimage said that he had a meeting with all the Chiefs in our area this morning discussing a plan for our City if something was to take place like the school shooting in Santa Fe. Mayor Brimage said he stands 100 percent confident that we stand ready in our community and surroundings areas if something was to happen. Mayor Brimage commended Chief Garivey for the good job he is doing.

Manning Rollerson said that we should talk to our Representative so he could do the right thing. Mayor Brimage assured Mr. Rollerson that our Police Department would take care of our children and protect them. Mayor Brimage encouraged Mr. Rollerson to continue pushing the issue with our State Representative.

Lights in Arrington Park are up.

Splash pad is on schedule and plan to have it up and running on June 1, 2018.

Mayor Brimage reminded everyone of the Internship Program for this summer. Budget packets will be out to all Department heads by June 6, 2018. Mayor Brimage said we would have multiple Public Hearings starting right after June until the approval of the budget in October.

The appraisal for the City of Freeport went from 420 million to 450 million while the others city's declined.

Mayor Brimage asked David Hoelewyn to make sure the beach entrance was cleaned up for Memorial Day Weekend.

Tommy Pearson asked if we could put littering signs out at the beach. Mayor Brimage said we have put up signs with a fine amount on them.

Jeff Pena said he has brought up at an EDC meeting having control access points at the entrances to the beaches. He also stated that as far as charging a fee he feels like the citizens of Freeport shouldn't be charged but any visitors should be charged. Mayor Brimage said the charge is a big process and we have to go through the GLO for approval of it.

Councilman Green Ward A.

Councilman Green apologized for being out of circulation for the last month but he has been dealing with a double hernia. He said the next time we had another meeting he will be up to date.

Councilman Bass Ward B.

Councilman Bass if we could get the Velasco drainage Engineer to come down for the next meeting to make sure the pumps are what we need since we are getting into Hurricane season.

Councilman Bass said across from 1531 West 2nd there is an inlet that needs to be graded down so it can go into the drain.

Councilman Bass said that his church First United Methodist, is having 100 people come down to help elderly or people that can't work on their home because of financial issues and they are going to help them do repairs to their home. They will be looking for 20 projects.

Councilwoman Loeza Ward C.

Councilwoman Loeza said that she went to the St. Mary's Festival over the weekend and she thanked Chief Garivey for going out and protecting us on his own time.

Councilwoman Loeza said she had someone already call her to ask her about the concrete that is in the entrance going into the Golf Course that has been there over a year. Mayor Brimage asked David Hoelewyn to call Sorrell Construction to come pick it up.

Councilwoman Loeza also said that she can see a difference in her neighborhood with cars not parking in the front yard.

Councilman Yates Ward D.

Councilman Yates said he wasn't much of a beach person and he thinks we should still build a wall.

Councilman Yates said he had a book for Lotte Wit the lady from Holland. He said the book she needed to get was called Texas Dow 1940-1976 it would tell her everything she needed to know about the chemical business here.

Updates on current infrastructure.

Lower water line 1500 Block West Broad and 4th - completed
Commerce Street water and sewer project- Engineering phase
SSO plan camera inspection - hasn't started
14 Alley pavings – complete
1200 Block of Avenue S - water and sewer line
Alley Pot hole repairs
1600 Block of North Ave T – culverts being put in
1500 Block of Broad – alley improvements
1600 Block 5th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk
1600 Block 6th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk
Yaupon and 11th Street – replacing concrete

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

Kim Townsend said that Freeport Community House playground is completed; just missing two swings that are going on the side of it.

Stephen F. Austin park put signs up because people were driving on the grass and doing donuts.

Pocket park painted the atrium.

Arrington Park the lights are up.

Kim Townsend showed a picture of the beach and how they leave it after a weekend. Tommy Pearson asked if glass containers were prohibited at the beach. Kim said yes.

Kim also said that the pool should be opened by June 11, 2018.

David Hoelewyn showed a few pictures of streets that he and his crew had patched with base.

Sabrina Brimage asked Mr. Hoelwyn if Fisher and Avenue A was going to get fixed. Mr. Hoelwyn said that it is on the Interlocal this year.

Chris Motley said they have purchased the auto pulse CPR devices that have only been used three times this year. These devices they take care of the CPR compression going to the hospital.

Chris Motley said that the Fire Truck is on order and will probably be here after October.

Chris said that he is sending 6 Fire Fighters to training.

Chris said that the General Land Office has grants but he needs grant writers to go after it. Councilman Bass advised Mr. Motley to try and identify the projects he needs.

Councilman Bass asked if the boat would be available for Hurricane season or year round. Mr. Motley said that it would be available year around.

Billy Shoemaker stated that the front yard parking is still a big issue and they have lots of new cases that they are dealing with. He also said that he is dealing with Waste Connections issues and finally spoke to Abel Moreno who is the district manager. Mr. Moreno stated that they are up to date on handicap pickup and boxes at the service center. He did say they are not up to date on brush. Mr. Moreno stated that the issue has stemmed from equipment and they have inquired about getting rental truck.

Councilman Yates asked Mr. Moreno why the boxes at the service center don't take soft plastic. Mr. Moreno said it goes to the land field and gets separated and he isn't sure why we can't put the soft plastic in those boxes.

Leann Strahan said that the roof on the museum is complete. She encouraged everyone to continue to come out to the farmer's market and that she needed donations for Kidsfest for July 28, 2018.

Master Plan Update.

Jennifer Hawkins said she had a Master Plan meeting last week and about 7 people showed up. She said that the next meeting will take place in June and that they should be done in October.

Mayor Brimage closed Open Session at 7:16 PM and opened Executive Session.

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:

1. Expansion of Port Freeport into and its purchase of property in the East End of the City of Freeport.

No action taken

Mayor Brimage closed Executive Session at 7:36 PM and reopened open session at 7:37 PM.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Ursula Reyes
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