

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met for a Special Meeting on Monday, August 13, 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 (Absent)  
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  
Ray Garivey, Police Chief

Visitors: Jerry Meeks Angie Williams  
Edmeryl Williams Larry Fansher  
Erin Callahan

Call to order.

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

Discuss and record vote to propose 2018 ad valorem tax rate.

Mr. Welch stated that the meeting was for Council to take a record vote and make a motion to propose a tax rate of \$.628005.

Councilwoman Loezaa made the motion to propose a tax rate of \$.628005. It was seconded by Councilman Green. The following record vote was taken:

Councilman Green – Aye  
Councilman Bass – Absent  
Mayor Brimage – Aye  
Councilman Yates – Aye  
Councilwoman - Aye

Discuss and announce dates, times and location for two public hearings to discuss ad valorem tax increase.

Councilman Green asked if this was a city tax. Mr. Welch said yes.

Larry Fansher stated that Homeowners would still see a tax rate increase.

Councilman Yates asked where the two hundred and eighty three thousand dollars was coming from if we increased the tax rate and Mr. Welch said from residential homes, commercial buildings and new construction.

Councilman Yates asked if Mr. Wong recieved a tax abatement. Mayor Brimage stated Mr. Wong did get a 380 agreement but wasn't sure if he had gotten a tax abatement.

Larry Fansher said he still felt like this was a tax rate increase.

Mayor Brimage stated that if we lowered the tax rates then we would not be able to do things like we are wanting to do.

Councilman Yates still wanted to know where the two hundred and eighty three thousand dollars was coming from. Mayor Brimage stated that it could be coming from new homes or new business he said he didn't know.

Councilman Yates stated that he resigned and walked out of the meeting.

Mayor Brimage set the two next Public Hearings for the Tax Rate are August 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Council Chambers.

### Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM.

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Mayor, Troy T. Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary, Ursula Reyes  
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