

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, April 1, 2019 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 Brimage
Councilman Brooks Bass
Councilman Ken Green
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Laura Tolar, Asst. City Secretary/Special Projects Coordinator
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Danny Gillchriest, Police Captain
Kim Townsend, Parks & Recreation Director
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
David Hoelewyn, Street Department Director
Stephanie Russell, Finance Director
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Jerry Meeks, Veolia
LeAnn Strahan, Historical Museum Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director

Visitors: Kenny Hayes Desiree Pearson
Tommy Pearson Melanie Oldham
Lovie Phillips Sabrina Brimage
Olan Massingill Angie Williams
Edmeryl Williams

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Comments

Lovie Phillips spoke regarding the new construction on Avenue D and presented a petition to council requesting the alley to be asphalted.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation by Freeport Historical Museum and Amanda Danning regarding the forensic facial reconstruction.

Amanda Danning spoke regarding the live facial reconstruction exhibit that is at the Historical Museum.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council meeting minutes from March 18, 2019.

Consideration of ratifying act of authorizing City Manager seeking extension of time required by IRS for filing income tax return for the Freeport Historical Museum Foundation.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Consent Agenda.

REGULAR SESSION

Consideration of approving Resolution 2019-2575 approving an investment policy for the city

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that the last time the city approved an investment policy was in 1993 and that we must pass one to be in compliance with the law.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution 2019-2575 approving an investment policy for the city.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2019-2570 adopting an amendment to the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year

Stephanie Russell presented items needing a budget amendment and stated that the industrial district revenue was underbudgeted.

Mayor Troy Brimage stated that there is no negative impact to the budget.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2019-2570 adopting an amendment to the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Authorization to send out Request for Proposals (RFPs) for bank depository authorization

Stephanie Russell stated that 2014 was the last time the city acted on a bank deposit service. She stated that there are many new security features that the city will want to implement. Ms. Russell stated that a 10-mile radius is an appropriate distance from city hall to be considered.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2019-2570 adopting an amendment to the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Councilwoman Loeza abstained from voting.

Discuss and consider approval to submit an application to the State of Texas Commercial Charge Card program

Ms. Russell informed council that we currently use credit cards through Texas Gulf Bank. She stated that the procurement cards are through the state and are can all be accessed electronically.

Councilman Bass asked if there was more control with these cards.

Ms. Russell replied there is more control.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved to submit an application to the State of Texas Commercial Charge Card program.

Discuss and consider approval to submit an application to the State of Texas Fuel Card program

Ms. Russell stated that the city should see an immediate savings and that most companies use this fuel card program.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved to submit an application to the State of Texas Fuel Card program.

Discuss and consider approving a change order for the Freeport Water tower

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments

Mayor Brimage reminded everyone that council and staff are here to serve the public. He added that Abigail Arias was made an honorary Exporter. Street Department are currently working on alleys

Councilman Green Ward A announcements and comments

Councilman Green had nothing to report.

Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments

Councilman Bass asked the scheduling of when the county will be asphaltting again. Street Department Director David Hoelewyn replied approximately June. Councilman Bass expressed concerns regarding the street crowns. Mr. Hoelewyn stated that the crowns will be lowered. Councilman Bass asked about the relocating of water and sewer lines and Mr. Hoelewyn stated that he is working with Jerry Meeks.

Councilwoman Loeza Ward C announcements and comments

Councilwoman Loeza expressed concern about Waste Connections and trash issues. Mr. Kelty stated that he will review the contract expiration. Mrs. Loeza stated that a resident had a broken trash can with no wheels for two weeks and it had not been replaced. She also inquired as to the status of Church's Chicken building.

Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments

Councilman Yates questioned the levee and the coast guard downplaying it's importance. He also stated that he had received a phone call from a resident regarding a sewer line in a trailer park. He also added that he wanted to see legal bills regarding the Wong property.

City Manager Tim Kelty announcements and comments

City Manager Tim Kelty reported that he had contacted 13 firms regarding the request for proposals for engineering services and would like mayor and some staff to sit on the committee to interview. Interviews are taking place for the Economic Development Director position. The EDC Board members, Mr. Kelty and Councilman Green will be attending the ICSC May 19-22, 2019. Mr. Kelty stated that he will begin having lunch one a month with employees drawn at random to get know the employees and for them to get to know him. Mr. Kelty also stated that once a month an employee will be selected as employee of the month and will receive ½ day off. He also added that at the 2nd city council meeting of each month directors will be submitting monthly reports for council review.

Parks Director Kim Townsend stated that the Easter Egg hunt will be on April 13th, Riverfest will be 26-28th.

Historical Museum Director LeAnn Strahan said that the museum had about 250 people attend their Spring Fling.

Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that she has been busy updating account and just digging into the accounts.

Fire Chief Chris Motley stated that the new fire truck was delivered and outside in the parking lot were the new fire truck, stair chair and the gurney for obese patients for the public to see.

Golf Course Director Brian Dybala reported that the Brazosport Golf Team played well. He added that the weather is doing better but the first 15 days of the month were wet but still beat his goal. A two-day club championship had its biggest attendance in 10 years. He added membership is up to 110.

Street Department Director David Hoelewyn stated that they had been repairing a lot of alleys, sidewalks on 1600 of 5th Street, assisted Parks with solar lighting, worked with the Golf Course to improve the are around the new building

Building Department Director Billy Shoemaker stated that there had been 4-5 house plans submitted and working to clean out old city hall.

Police Captain Danny Gilchriest said everything was going smooth and there was a good turnout for the "Circle the Wagons" BBQ event for sick kids. He added that narcotics was staying busy.

Open session was closed at 7:14 pm and Council entered into Executive Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Session regarding economic development (Projects 2019-2 and 2019-3) in accordance with Vernon's Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551, 551.087

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Troy Brimage opened regular session at 7:18 pm

Consideration in open session of taking action on any matter discussed in closed executive session

No action taken.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
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