

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dow Heritage House, 303 East Park Avenue, 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
Chris Duncan, City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
Chris Motley, Fire Chief
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Stephanie Russell, Finance Director
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Courtland Holman, Economic Development Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Department Director
Clarisa Molina, Administrative Assistant
Donna Fisher, Human Resources Clerk

Visitors: Margaret McMahan Nicole Mireles
Sam Reyna David Towers
Ed Garcia Melanie Oldham

Call to order.

Mayor Troy Brimage called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Brimage said he believes we have a successful team. He asked citizen comments to be respectful.

Mr. Kelty said this would be an annual effort moving forward.

Each department director presented their departmental strategic plan to the audience.

Each member of council discussed areas of importance.

Mayor Brimage said that of course infrastructure was number one priority and felt that a bond would need to be issued and proposed for the bond election several items including reconstruction of the Community House in some fashion. He also stressed the importance of the continued development of the Community House park like the sand volleyball court. In support of the idea of building a City Hall Complex at O.A Flemming property, he addressed the current moisture problem at City Hall, the vacancies on the second floor and the \$300,000 fix to the A/C, saying it would have been better spent on a new Municipal Complex. He stated that he was concerned about the poor condition of the old police station on Avenue A. He further added the importance of rooftops in the city, rooftops being the key to future retail economic development. He said that at ICSC we were told by Golden Coral that they required \$60 million in annual sales in the city to even consider putting a restaurant here. He pointed out the importance of development on the waterfront. Fire Station #2 needs to be manned in a way to give better response to residents who reside on the north side of town. He concluded with the importance for City Hall to make presentations to the right people as this is our opportunity to get a jump start.

Councilman Brook Bass stated that Mayor Brimage said it all. He made it clear that Water and Sewer were his number one concern. He noted that he has concerns over our waster water treatment plant. He said there is one component of the plant that he hasn't seen turn in five months. Also, alleys need focus.

Councilwoman Sandra Loeza stated that the EDC needs to be aggressive and be pushing for Freeport to get noticed. She stated we have a new engineer and water/sewer, streets and drainage need to be examined. She concluded that she agrees with everything that has already been mentioned and she is proud of the city department heads and city staff.

Councilman Roy Yates asked about the \$5 million the city has received and the payment schedule for the remaining money the city would receive in connection to the Golf Course. Finance Director Stephanie Russell stated that in addition to the initial payments the city will receive payments on an annual basis totaling about \$2.4 million over 20 years. He said we need to move as fast as we can regarding economic development. He mentioned that the master plan that was developed hasn't meant much. He added that the plan for City Hall is a good plan and we can make it happen. He advised we need guidance on how to spend the money and get a plan together pretty quick.

Councilman Ken Green stated that he has very much enjoyed the strategic planning meeting and appreciate how hard everyone has worked.

Stephanie Russell informed everyone about the 2019-2020 budget schedule and we should be adopting the budget on September 2, 2019.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

Mayor, Troy Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
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