

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Tuesday, November 26, 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-Absent  
Councilman Brooks Bass  
Councilman Ken Green  
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza  
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager  
Betty Wells, City Secretary  
Laura Tolar, Assistant City Secretary. Special Events Coordinator  
Chris Duncan, City Attorney  
Brenda Miller-Ferguson Human Resource Director  
Kim Townsend-Parks Department Director  
Craig Graham-Freeport Police Department

Visitors:	David Towers	Robert Koole
	Melanie Oldham	Keith Stumbaugh
	Ruth Renobato	Gina Aguirre Adams
	Landis Adams	Ana Silbas
	Sam Reyna	Ashley Malone
	Larry Fansher	Jerry Meeks
	Sandra Barnett	Jim Barnett
	Doug Dominguez	Stephanie Bass
	Caroline Bass	Brooks Lee Bass
	Ty Morrow	Jerry Cain

Call to order.

Mayor Pro Tem, Brooks Bass called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## REGULAR SESSION

### Swearing in of Mayor Brooks Bass.

City Secretary Betty Wells swore in Mayor Pro-Tem, Brooks Bass as Mayor of the City of Freeport.

Mayor Brooks Bass spoke about the obligation and sacred duty of the employees and elected officials of the City of Freeport to our constituents. Mayor Bass said that he will continue to give this the best effort that he has, and he will continue to work for the entire City of Freeport. He said that it has been his honor to serve with the present and past Council over the last three years. Mayor Bass introduced his family.

### Consideration and possible appointment of Freeport resident to fill the Council position for Ward B.

City Attorney Chris Duncan said that regarding this item, it belongs in Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.074. He recommends Council to take this item up in Executive Session and come back to Open Session after they deliberated. Mayor Bass asked if this is the consensus of Council. Councilwoman Loeza, and Councilman Green said yes.

Mayor Brooks Bass introduced the candidates for Ward B, there were six total candidates. Jerry Cain, Theodore Baker, Ana Silbas, Tyrone Morrow, Loren "Eric" Hayes, and James Barnett. Each candidate was given five minutes to share what they feel that they can add to the Council.

Tyrone Morrow spoke to Council of his past service of Chief for Freeport Police Department and his separation from City Service. He said that he is a very strong advocate to make sure the City is doing what needs to be done. Mr. Morrow said that he is lucky to be part of Ward B, he said that he lives here. He sees that the City is moving in a great direction and the city has great leadership in place. Mr. Morrow said that he can bring a lot of things to the table based on his background, to make sure the City continues to move in the right direction. From contracting, doing bids, and identifying the best practices out there in the industry. He will bring all of these to the table. He wants to make sure the City of Freeport has the best possible processes and protocols. Mr. Morrow said that he has given back to the school district and is giving back to the kids over the last six years he wants to make sure the kids that have issues have the best possible outcome. Mr. Morrow said that with this position available in Ward B he can bring his talents to this board, and he feels that he is well deserving to do that.

Jerry Cain introduced himself to Council. He said that he was born in The City of Freeport. Mr. Cain said that he went to high school in the Hill Country. He attended Brazosport College, and The University of Texas. After school he managed Midas Muffler and Brakes for eighteen years. He now is the Shop Foreman for United Rentals, he has held this position for six years. He said that his involvement with the community and government has been more of a backseat approach. When this opportunity came up, he decided to apply for this position. Mr. Cain said that he is stepping out of his comfort zone, but with his management experience he is aware that tough decisions must be made. He knows that as long the decisions are made for the better of the purpose and in this case, the City of Freeport then it is well worth standing up for. He said that he is not a business man or a politician, he is just an average guy who loves this city. He said that he has no personal agenda or nothing to gain, other than to help the City be a better City. He said that he likes the direction the city is going, and he will continue to the direction we are going. He said that his promise if chosen is to work hard and do his best to make every decision that he makes for the better of the City of Freeport.

Miss Ana Silbas thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to them. She also thanked everyone that was in attendance to listen to each candidate in hopes to earn their vote for Ward B. Miss Ana Silbas said that she was born and raised in the City of Freeport, she is twenty-four years old. She graduated from Brazosport High School in 2014. Ana graduated from the University of Houston in May of 2018 with her BA in History, double minor in law values and policy as well as Mexican American Studies. Ana is employed by Texas Gulf Bank as a Bank Branch Specialist. She said that she feels that she will be able to use the skills which she has gained from her job as well as all the organizations she is in these have helped her to build relationships. Ana said that she brings a new set of ideas and visions to the community. She said that she is interested in this position because she wants to make a difference in the City of Freeport. She said that at her young age she has a lot of potential, and she is excited to have this opportunity. She believes all her visions that she has will push forward the community involvement, the infrastructure and the Economic Development that is taking place in the City of Freeport.

James Barnett said that he is 81 years old and has been a resident of Freeport and Ward B since 1968. He said that he has been married for 49 years to Sandra. He went to Houston public schools and graduated from University of Houston with a bachelor's in science Degree. He was employed for twenty-five years with the Brazosport Facts. He spoke to Council about his past term as Mayor which he served for twelve years. He said that he loves public service. He said that he initiated getting the City Hall building from Texas Gulf Bank. And that he initiated the repair to the sewer and water system that needed to be replaced, and that Council approved a ten-year plan. This was the same for the street repair that he initiated. He said these were cut short by future administration. Mr. Barnett got Council approval for the entrance beautification plan from Brazosport Boulevard to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He said that he negotiated several industrial district contracts which brought additional revenue to the city. Mr. Barnett said that he will be an advocate for better pay for Police and Fire personnel. He also said that he would like to see greater emphasis on our boards and commissions. He would like to encourage greater citizen participation in the Governmental and City affairs. He would like to create a system of government that will adequately serve all the people and establish a strong sense of pride and community.

Mayor Brooks Bass closed Open Session at 6:39 PM to go into executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 deliberation on the appointment of a public official.

Mayor Brooks Bass reopened Regular Session 7:07 PM.

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

Councilman Yates made a motion to appoint Jerry Cain to fill out the remainder of the term for council member from Ward B, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously appointed Jerry Cain as Councilman of Ward B.

Mayor Brooks Bass announced that Jerry Cain was appointed Councilman of Ward B.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brooks Bass adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

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Mayor, Brooks Bass  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary, Betty Wells  
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