

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at Freeport City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room, 200 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Brooks Bass  
Councilman Ward A Jeff Pena  
Councilman Ward B Jerry Cain  
Councilman Ward C Mario Muraira  
Councilman Ward D Troy Brimage

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager  
Cathy Ezell, Finance Director  
Betty Wells, City Secretary  
Laura Tolar, GIS  
LeAnn Strahan, Freeport Destination Director  
Chris Motley, Freeport Fire Chief  
Danny Gillchrist, Freeport Interim Police Department Chief  
Kacey Roman, Building Official  
Lance Petty, Freeport Public Works Director  
Brian Dybala, Freeport Municipal Golf Course, Director  
Clarisa Molina, Administrative Assistant  
David Fernandez, Freeport Police Department  
Donna Fisher, Human Resource

Visitors: Shonda Marshall Melanie Oldham  
Billy Toomer Jared Barber  
Roger Rowe James Carter

Mayor Bass called the Strategic Plan Workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

**WORK SESSION:**

City Manager Tim Kelty said the opening prayer.

Finance Director Cathy Ezell spoke of Financial outlook for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**Department Heads presented their individual Strategic plans to Council**

Each Director presented their plans to council.

During presentations Council asked questions and spoke about improving Customer Service, Sidewalk Repair, Infrastructure, and Golf Course.

Councilman Pena said he is excited about the plan, and he wants continued customer service. He said he wants to make sure we help our businesses, and our residents. He thinks some of these projects will help us achieve this. He said the Capital Projects he thinks will help generate revenue, and improve the quality of life.

Councilman Cain, thanked all of staff for the hard work and the presentations. He said customer service is the utmost importance. He spoke of staff for Code and Fire, he said if they need more employees, to ask for them, this will help with customer service. Councilman Cain said the Golf Course is beneficial for the City, and is he anxious to see the design. He said to Mr. Petty, he would like to see the cost to put reflectors on all city owned roads with the yellow stripes, he said these are the most traveled. Councilman Cain said he would still like to see the entrance road to the Park at the boat ramp, widened.

Councilman Muraira said as he sees it, eventually the things that the department heads spoke about will be cut down to what we need. He said the sidewalk program is definitely needed. He said the parks need improvements, he said the levee trail needs to be looked at, and decide if we want to expand it. He said he would like to see more lighting down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 288. He spoke of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, he said we need to stop passing the bucket. Councilman Muraira said the volleyball court has grass growing, he said this needs to be looked at. He said customer service needs improvement, he personally gets information from the public that they hear employees talking about other individuals.

Mayor Bass said presentation were done very well, he appreciates everyone. He said with infrastructure being addressed his new passion is going to be the Fire Department. He said with 1495 Bridge going down it can cause some problems. He said we will have to do some readjustments.

City Manager discussed some of the projects that have not been completed in this FY. They include the pedestrian bridge on Ave M for \$75,000. The Museum Façade for \$100,000, he said the cost for this has more than doubled. The Landing Project repair, \$30,000 he said the cost for this is now \$65,000. Mr. Kely said the EDC will donate \$35,000 towards this project. Mayor Bass said this may be part of the discussion held at the special meeting to be held at Riverplace with the other projects, he said we will have to check into this.

#### Adjourn

There was no motion made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

  
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Mayor, Brooks Bass  
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