

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday December 12, 2022 at 3:00 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 Brooks Bass
Councilman Jeff Pena
Councilman Jerry Cain
Councilman Mario Muraira

Staff: Tim Kelty, City Manager
Lance Petty, Assistant City Manager/PWD
Betty Wells, City Secretary
David Olson, City Attorney
Jennifer Howell, Chief of Police
Chris Motley, Chief of Fire
Toby Cohen, IT Manager

Visitors: Kent Holle, Facts Newspaper
David McGinty
Pam Dancy
Ruby Marshall
Eric Hayes
Syd Falk, Bickerstaff
Karla Clark
Shonda Marshall
Kenny Hayes
Gerald Slack

Call to order.

Mayor Bass, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was led by City Manager Tim Kelty, pledge was led by Mayor Bass.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Bass opened Public Hearing at 3:04 PM

Public Hearing: Public hearing on and possible action approving Resolution No. 2022-2771, Approving an order for the Redistricting of City Council Wards.

City Manager Tim Kelty presented to council Resolution No. 2022-2771. At the November 21st meeting an additional drawing session was held, and two additional options were developed. And the consensus from Council was option D. He said it offered the cleanest and best option for the redistricting of the City Wards providing for a 7.1% deviation between the largest and smallest wards.

There was discussion from Council on some of the blocks. There was clarification on the change between ward B and C with the North side of 5th Street going to Ward B, and the South Side of 5th Street staying in Ward C.

Shonda Marshall asked the process of notifying the residents of this redistricting change. Mr. Kelty said there will be a press release to the paper, it will be posted on the City Website, Facebook and notice will be mailed in the water bills.

The question was asked when the voters registration cards will be mailed out with this new area. Mayor Bass said the County will have all the information for voters. He does not think there will be time for the cards for this Special Election.

Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Bass at 3:25 PM.

A motion was made by Councilman Cain to approve Resolution No. 2022-2771 with Option D, seconded by Mayor Bass. With all present voting "Aye" 4-0, council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2022-2771 with Option D, Approving an order for the Redistricting of City Council Wards.

Consider and possible action to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Freeport.

City Manager Tim Kelty presented to Council the action to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Freeport. He said this is necessary for retaining the \$1,837,967 Grant from the GLO. He said the application is due by January 9, 2023.

A motion was made to approve the Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Freeport, by Councilman Muraira, seconded by Councilman Pena. With all present voting "Aye" 4-0, council unanimously approved approve the Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Freeport.

CLOSED SESSION:

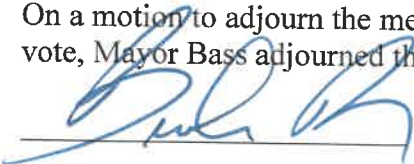
Open Session was closed at 3:33 PM.

Executive Session was closed at 4:03 PM

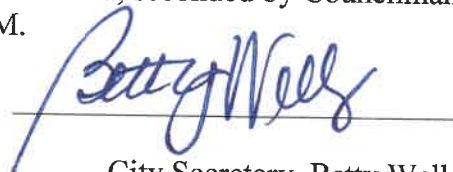
No action was taken from Closed Session.

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Muraira, seconded by Councilman Pena, with a 4-0 vote, Mayor Bass adjourned the meeting at 4:03 P.M.



Mayor, Brooks Bass
City of Freeport, Texas



City Secretary, Betty Wells
City of Freeport, Texas