

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, June 19th, 2017 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 T. Brimage
Councilman Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Brooks Bass
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Asst. City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
LeAnn Strahan, Administrative Assistant
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Billy Shoemaker, Acting Building Official
Chris Motley, Fire Chief
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corp.

Visitors: Louie Jones Kenny Hayes
Moby Burrige Evelyn Burrige
Greg Flaniken Jerry Meeks
James Barnett Sandra Barnett
Mary Garcia Edward Garcia
Manning Rollerson Sam Reyna
Amy Carrales Sabrina Brimage
Darlene Weir Jason Travis
Desiree Pearson Tom Pearson
Ruth Renobato Ruben Renobato
Margaret McMahan Kenny Kouches
Brendan Brimage Breanna Brimage

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Cub Scouts Pack # 345 sponsored by the First United Methodist Church led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Brimage observed two members of the Cub Scouts Pack # 345 picking up trash at Bryan Beach and he personally thanked them for contributing to the community. Mayor Troy T. Brimage and wife Sabrina made a personal donation to the Cub Scouts # 345.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson of 126 West 6th Street complained that the Police Officers are not patrolling his neighborhood. His vehicle was stripped and a church vandalized and graffiti damage was done to the community church.

Louie Jones was disappointed that he received a certified registered letter from the City at his business Latigo Land Company, 1740-1744 W. 4th Street. The letter stated that his property was found to be in violation of neglected premises & public nuisance. He would have preferred that the Code Department personnel come and sit down with him to discuss the problems. He commented that the pictures taken of his property were fake. He requested a 6 months continuation to correct the problems.

Consideration of approving the June 5, 2017 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the June 5, 2017 Council Minutes.

Introduction of the City’s 2017 Summer Interns from Brazosport High School who are organizing a “KidFest” event for July 29, 2017.

Jacob Lerma managing this year’s 7th Annual Kidfest along with co-managers, Kayla Prince and Mariah Carrales, introduced 28 interns working in all departments of the City. He thanked the City for giving the initial startup money. The rest of the money is raised from local corporations and business leaders. He announced the 7th Annual Kidfest is scheduled for July 29, 2017 at Freeport Memorial Park – Downtown Freeport.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2519 reappointing qualified persons to the Planning Commission of said City; Cindy Cain and Eddie Virgil.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2519 reappointing qualified persons to the Planning Commission of said City; Cindy Cain and Eddie Virgil.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2520 reappointing qualified persons to the Library Board of said City; James Walker, June Strambler, Nancy Hughes, and replacing Lila Lloyd and Margie Edwards with Christina Travis and Amy Garcia.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2520 reappointing qualified persons to the Library Board of said City; James Walker, June Strambler, Nancy Hughes, and replacing Lila Lloyd and Margie Edwards with Christina Travis and Amy Garcia.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2521 reappointing qualified persons to the Board of Adjustment of said City: Roddy Mohler, Jim Pirrung, Sammye Moore and Tim Closs.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2521 reappointing qualified persons to the Board of Adjustment of said City: Roddy Mohler, Jim Pirrung, Sammye Moore and Tim Closs.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2522 reappointing qualified persons to the Urban Renewal Board of said City: Annette Sanford, Ken Tyner and Raul Ramirez.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2522 reappointing qualified persons to the Urban Renewal Board of said City: Annette Sanford, Ken Tyner and Raul Ramirez.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2523 reappointing qualified persons to the Beautification, Parks and Recreation Committee of said City; Guadalupe Gonzalez, Margaret L. McMahan, Michael Dole and Michelle Backman.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2523 reappointing qualified persons to the Beautification, Parks and Recreation Committee of said City; Guadalupe Gonzalez, Margaret L. McMahan, Michael Dole and Michelle Backman.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2524 appointing qualified persons to the Economic Development Corporation of said City ; Ed Garcia, Jeff Pena, Trey Sullivan and Brad Stephens.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2524 appointing qualified persons to the Economic Development Corporation of said City ; Ed Garcia, Jeff Pena, Trey Sullivan and Brad Stephens.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2525 reappointing qualified persons to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City; Ona Johnson, Sammye T. Moore, Martha Westbrook.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2525 reappointing qualified persons to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City; Ona Johnson, Sammye T. Moore, Martha Westbrook.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2526 appointing qualified persons to the Charter Review Commission of said City; Sandra Barbree, Amy Carrales, Donna Hayes, Ana Silbas and Rita Cundieff.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved the Resolution No. 2017-2526 appointing qualified persons to the Charter Review Commission of said City; Sandra Barbree, Amy Carrales, Donna Hayes, Ana Silbas and Rita Cundieff. Councilman McDonald and Councilwoman Mireles opposed.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2527 appointing a qualified person to the Brazosport Water Authority of said City; Kenny Hayes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Bass with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2527 appointing a qualified person to the Brazosport Water Authority of said City; Kenny Hayes.

Consideration of rebidding and setting a bid date for August 2, 2017 a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Disaster and/or Storm Recovery Monitoring.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved that a bid date be 30 days from today for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Disaster and/or Storm Recovery Monitoring.

Consideration of the approval of any action items discussed in the Executive Session.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage reconvened the formal session at 7:22 p.m.

No action taken.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage opened the Work Session at 6:36 p.m.

Discuss council budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

City Manager Jeff Pynes asked for input from Council members and community for their priorities for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Councilman Bass’ concern is the flooding on Velasco Street all the way from 2nd Street to the loop. Councilwoman Mireles concern is flooding on Ave. C, Ave. G, corner of Victoria and the RV Park. Mayor Troy T. Brimage looking into streamlining the Council Meetings.

Review General Fund Revenue Summary.

Mr. Pynes reviewed the General Fund Revenue Summary budget for 9/30/17 is \$12,955,920 and projected for 9/30/18 is \$13,018,092.

Review Property Tax Revenue.

Mr. Pynes reviewed the Property Tax Revenues. The taxable values at the current rate as of 9/30/17 is \$407,085,943. Estimated for 9/30/18 is \$444,649,065. Current Tax Rate is 0.628005.

Present and discuss proposed rental inspection ordinance.

Billywayne Shoemaker, Acting Building Official reviewed the rough draft ordinance of the proposed rental inspection ordinance. It would require a registration and inspection fee of all rental single-family, duplex dwelling units and multi-family complexes alike.

Greg Flaniken stated that the regulations seem strict and that most houses will not pass.

Desiree Pearson asked if the Building Official would be liable if he passes inspection and later that night the house burns down. Mr. Wallace Shaw said no.

City Manager Jeff Pynes stated that it would be on the City's website for suggestions and comments from the community.

Troy T. Brimage closed the Formal Session and Opened the Executive Session at 7:12 p.m

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code:

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- Discuss and review water rates at the Freeport Apartments, 1001 N. Ave. J., Freeport Texas.

No action taken.

Adjourn

With no other business before Council, Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas