

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, August 7th, 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/Interim Police Chief
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Nat Hickey, Property Manger
Billywayne Shoemaker, Building Department
Chris Motley, Fire Chief
David Hoelewyn, Street Supervisor
Raymond Garivey, Police Captain

Visitors:

Gina Aguirre Adams	Lance Adams
Sabrina Brimage	Peggy Yates
Sandra Loeza	Edward T. Garcia
Ana Silbas	Margaret McMahan
Melanie Oldham	Ondra Waddy
Patsy Waddy	Larry Fansher
Ruth Renobato	Ruben Renobato
Angie Williams	Sam Reyna
Edmeryl Willams	Amber Newman
Ashley Ramos	Daniel Carreon
Christina Travis	Linda Matcheski

Call to order.

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

Invocation

Dajon King, graduate of Brazosport High School and plays on the Exporters Basketball Team offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Melanie Oldham of 922 W. 5th Street complained that the City of Freeport's Annual Financial reports are no longer presented by Kennemer, Masters & Lunford LLC. She believes an incorrect entry in the budget was done and failure to report grant revenues and expenditures on the Community Block Grant. She requested that Kennemer, Masters & Lunford be allowed to present the annual financial report again for an open discussion and to be able to ask questions.

Ruben Renobato of 1507 W. 2nd Street is interested in attending the Charter Review and Economic Development Corporation meetings. He requested the posting of upcoming meetings on the City's website.

Consideration of approving the July 17th, 2017 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the July 17th, 2017 Council Minutes.

Presentation: Pastor Ondra Waddy and their youth from First United Missionary Baptist Church attended a program called Mission Lab in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pastor Ondra Waddy and wife Pasty from the First Unite Missionary Baptist Church and 13 youth went on a mission trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. They attended a program called Mission Lab, where the students did yard work, helped the elderly, worked in the Food Pantry, fed the needy, passed out care packages to the homeless and simply shared the Love of Christ with others. They are ready and willing to do Mission Lab work in their own community.

Consideration of approving and awarding the contract for Disaster and/or Storm Monitoring Services to Rostan Solutions LLC as the primary contractor and True North Emergency Management as the secondary contractor.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Fire Chief Chris Motley's recommendation to approve and award the contract for Disaster and/or Storm Monitoring Services to Rostan Solutions LLC as the primary contractor and True North Emergency Management as the secondary contractor.

Consideration of approving and signing a replat of the North Half of Lot 41, Block 8, Bastrop Bayou Acres, John Musquez Survey, A-332, Brazoria County.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved a replat of the North Half of Lot 41, Block 8, Bastrop Bayou Acres, John Musquez Survey, A-332, Brazoria County. Councilman Roy Yates opposed.

Consideration of approving a request from Gina Aguirre Adams, President & CEO of the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for a lease agreement at City Hall, Suite 228 for three years.

This item was reagendaed.

Consideration of setting a date for a joint public hearing with the City Council and the Planning Commission of said City to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City, adding a new zoning district, to be known as PUD-2, and changing the zoning classification for the real property in the attachment hereto from the present zoning classification of such property to a new zoning classification of PUD-2.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved September 18, 2017 for a joint public hearing with the City Council and the Planning Commission of said City to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City, adding a new zoning district to be known as PUD-2, and changing the zoning classification for the real property in the attachment hereto from the present zoning classification of such property to a new zoning classification of PUD-2.

Consideration of accepting the offer of \$3,150.00 by the Texas Department of Transportation for a temporary construction easement upon a part of Lot 2, Block 60 of the Freeport Townsite, known locally at 207 East Second Street, Freeport Texas, and authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Secretary to attest any and all necessary grant documents.

This item was reagendaed.

Consideration of selling the City’s interest on Block 626, Lot 12, Velasco Townsite, known as 702 North Ave. D, Tax Id. No. 8110-2236-000.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved selling the City’s interest on Block 626, Lot 12, Velasco Townsite, known as 702 North Ave. D. Tax Id. No. 8110-2236-000.

Non-Emergency Notice of Addendum

Propose a tax rate for the 2017-2018 tax year and announce the dates for two (2) public hearings, August 17th and August 24th, 2017 each to be held at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles to propose a tax rate of \$.628005, which is a tax increase of 5.89% above the Effective Tax Rate, to be adopted at a future meeting, seconded by Councilman Bass. Announced two public hearings for the proposed tax rate; August 17th & 24th, 2017 @ 6:00 pm.

Record Vote:	Mayor Troy T. Brimage	<u>“Aye”</u>
	Councilman Larry L. McDonald	<u>“Nay”</u>
	Councilman Brooks Bass	<u>“Aye”</u>
	Councilman Nicole Mireles	<u>“Aye”</u>
	Councilman Roy E. Yates	<u>“Aye”</u>

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Formal Session and opened the Work Session at 6:56 p.m.

Work Session:

Mayor T. Brimage attended the Park and Beautification Board meeting, talked about the lighting on Peppermint Park. The dual program with Brazosport ISD and Brazosport College has been a great success, 28 Freeport citizens attended and passed. The Summer Intern program ended today. They did a great job with KidFest Event on July 29, 2017. He has been meeting with department heads and the City Manager in reference to their needs on budget. Budget Work Shop is scheduled for August 15 & 16, 2017. City Wide Cleanup went well with 1000 tires picked up and 630 gallons of paint were removed from the City. Waste Connections and city employees helped pick up over 1,700 cubic yards of trash. He thanked Jerry Meeks and his crew for working through the night on a main water break. He asked if you observe drainage problems to send a pic to the City’s website to address.

Announcements and comments from Council Member Ward A.

Councilman McDonald talked about the drainage issues. He drove during the rain and observed plastic bottles, styrofoam cups, grass, trees growing in the ditch blocking the water from drainage inlets. He requested Jerry Meeks look at 1530 W. 4th Street, a sewer that overflows needs to be addressed.

Announcements and comments from Council Member Ward B.

Councilman Bass has attended the Charter Review meeting twice. The 1300 Block of West 5th street looks like a lake when it rains. He has observed grass in the gutters. He announced his parents 63rd Wedding Annivary; Odgen Bass from Freeport and Nan Chambers of 108 N. Ave. A from Velasco. He praised Mayor Troy T. Brimage on a good job.

Announcements and comments from Council Member Ward C.

Councilwoman Mireles talked about the flooding on Victoria Street and the RV Park. There are pot holes on Ave. G and hard to travel when there are cars parked on the street. She thanked Mayor Troy T. Brimage for the openness and the communication.

Announcements and comments from Council Member Ward D.

Councilman Yates is working on a Master Plan and encourages everyone email to him ideas, suggestions and what their priorities are. Meetings will be scheduled later. A new Domino's Pizza on Gulf Boulevard is being built. He reported to the Highway Department the bumpiness on Hwy. 288. He attended the Library meeting and they complained that when it rains the carpet gets wet. Karankawa Street has pot holes that need to be addressed.

Presentation on fiscal year 2017-2018 budget time line.

Mr. Pynes announced budget workshop on August 15th & 16th, 2017 and a Public Hearing on August 17th, 2017 for the propose tax rate.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas