

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met for a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the 2017-2018 budget proposals:

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 Chief of Police
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Bob Welch, Finance Director
David Hoelewyn, Street Supervisor
Kim Townsend, Parks Supervisor
Brian Dybala, Golf Director
Chris Motley, Fire Chief
Billywayne Shoemaker, Building Dept.
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources
Kari Perez, Recreation Dept.
Danny Gillchriest, Police Captain

Visitors:

Sam Reyna	Ruben Renobato
Melanie Oldham	Larry Fansher
Donna Hayes	Kenny Hayes
Jerry Meeks	Sabrina Brimage

Call to order.

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

Work Session:

Discuss and review proposed fiscal year budget 2017-2018.

City Manager Jeff Pynes and Mayor Troy T. Brimage met with administrative staff to prepare and forecast revenues and expenditures, working with directors and supervisors related to their needs for fiscal year 2017-2018. He presented an overall budget expenses summary by fund of each department showing increases and decreases for the following:

Mayor & Council, Administration, Service Center, Municipal Court, Police Department, Fire Department, Code Department, Building Department, Garbage Collection, Street Department, Historical Museum, Senior Citizens Commission, Library, Parks Department, Recreation Center, Golf Course Enterprise Account, Beach Fund, EMS Enterprise Account, Water & Sewer Fund.

Presented a budget summary for infrastructure/capital expenses.

Recommends the current tax rate of .628005 per \$100 of valuation. Water, Sewer & Garbage recommends no rate increase for the proposed budget year. The proposed budget will show an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$2,533.115.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage asked if there were any questions from audience or staff.

Melanie Oldham asked if we were providing water to FLNG and water lines to Vernor Material . Mr. Pynes said yes that the City Council had approved that request but was on hold, because of new business park coming into the area. She asked if the Code Department had new employees. Mr. Pynes said they had one. She asked if the Brazoria County still was assisting the city in repairing the streets. Mr. Pynes said yes and repairing 2 miles a year. Also asked if the City had future plans to purchase property. Mr. Pynes said no.

Councilwoman Mireles asked where the splash pad would be located. Mayor Troy T. Brimage said it would be behind the Freeport Community House. She asked how many employees were at the Street Department. David Hoelewyn Street Supervisor said he had 11 but 3 short. She asked who was in charge of "Riverfest". Mr. Pynes answered that it was the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announced the Freeport Host Lions Club was donating \$75,000 for a splash pad for their 75th Anniversary.

A visitor asked if any of the street improvements were on the east end of town. Mr. Pynes said yes, on East Broad and Sycamore. Because of the Port's activities, the East End will not be excluded from improvements.

Larry Fansher asked for the cost of gas and the wear and tear of city vehicles driven home. Mr. Pynes said he would get an answer for him.

There being no more comments or questions, Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the Budget Workshop.

Adjourn.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport Texas

City Secretary, Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas