

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 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 Brooks Bass
Councilman Ken Green
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff: Bob Welch, Finance Director / Interim City Manager
Laura Tolar, Asst. City Secretary/Special Projects Coordinator
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources Director
Kim Townsend, Parks Director
LeAnn Strahan, Museum Director
David Hoelewyn, Streets Director
Ray Garivey, Police Chief
Sam Crosby, Police Officer
Danny Gilcrest, Police Captain
Jennifer Hawkins, EDC Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Official

Visitors: Christina Travis Trey Sullivan
Doug Dominguez Nicole Mireles
Melanie Oldham Tommy Pearson
Desiree Pearson Erin Callahan
Sam Reyna Angel Barbosa
Sandra Barnett Jim Barnett
Ron Spier Sabrina Brimage
Ronaldo Cantu Larry Fansher
Erin Callahan

Call to order.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Proclamation declaring September 17th thru September 23rd, 2018, as Constitution Week

Mayor Brimage read and then presented Susan Chappell, Committee Chairman of the Fort Velasco DAR, a proclamation recognizing Constitution Week from September 17 – 23, 2018.

Consideration of approving the minutes for August 20, 2018, August 22, 2018 and August 27, 2018 meetings.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the minutes for August 20, 2018, August 22, 2018 and August 27, 2018 meetings.

Consideration of voting for a Trustee for the board of trustees, TML Region 14, of the TML MultiState Intergovernmental employee benefit pool.

Mayor Brimage announced that Mr. Jose Sanchez from Lake Jackson was recommended as a good choice for the TML Region 14 Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the City’s vote for Mr. Jose Sanchez of Lake Jackson.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2018-2556 authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a Deed without Warranty for the sale of Lot 23, Block 729 Velasco Townsite, Known locally as 1321 N Avenue M to Guillermo Willie Garcia, the highest bidder.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2556.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2018-2557 reappointing Kenny Hayes to the BWA Board.

Mayor Brimage announced that Mr. Hayes currently serves on the BWA Board and attends every meeting. Mayor Brimage recommended that Mr. Hayes continue to serve as the City’s representative on this board.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously voted approved Resolution No. 2018-2557 reappointing Kenny Hayes as the City’s representative in the BWA board..

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2018-2558 authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a Deed without Warranty for the sale to Paul Crow and Ron Spier of the 0.291-acre tract adjoining their 0.212-acre tract known as Lot 2B, Block 211, in the C. Henninger Subdivision known locally as 200 Front Street, Freeport.

Mayor Brimage noted that this sale had already been approved and this item was just to have the Council approve a resolution number authorizing the deed.

Melanie Oldham spoke to ask the council to table this item.

On a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2558 authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a Deed without Warranty for the sale to Paul Crow and Ron Spier of the 0.291-acre tract adjoining

their 0.212-acre tract known as Lot 2B, Block 211, in the C. Henninger Subdivision known locally as 200 Front Street, Freeport.

Consideration of approving and awarding the bid for contract mowing, grounds care and flowerbed maintenance and authorizing Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest such contract.

Parks Director Kim Townsend presented the bids that were received at the bid opening the same day at 2:00pm.

Cornerstone Lawn Service bid an annual price of \$74,999.99. Yellowstone Landscape bid an annual price of \$79,969.27.

Councilman Ken Green asked how the service has been with the current contractor.

Kim Townsend said it has been sufficient and added that the prices have dropped \$5,000 from the last year. Ms. Townsend said that it takes four workers two days to complete the contracted area.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously awarded the three-year contract for mowing, grounds care and flowerbed maintenance to Cornerstone Lawn Service.

Consideration of paying a loan payment of \$60,000.00 to Southside Bank for joint final loan payment in the name of the City of Freeport and the Freeport Economic Development Corporation

Melanie Oldham spoke to ask the council to table this item.

Mayor Brimage explained that this loan is for beautification and is in the name of the City of Freeport and the Freeport Economic Development Corporation has been making the payments since this loan was setup in 2003.

Freeport Economic Development Corporation Director Jennifer Hawkins explained that the sales tax has dropped 25%. She added that they will be paying the city back next month and this requested payment will pay off the loan.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the City paying the loan payment of \$60,000 to Southside Bank.

Consideration of adopting an ordinance authorizing use of "Bill Pay" via internet or telephone

Mayor Brimage commented that this will assist in the large volume of residents paying their bills at the water/court department

Interim City Manager stated that there will be a markup of 3% which is the same if you used a credit card inside City Hall. Also, he added that the kiosk units will be returned and those are \$8,000 per year.

This item was tabled to allow Mr. Shaw to draft an ordinance.

Discuss with Code Enforcement coin operated game room businesses current status and future in the City of Freeport

Mayor Brimage commented that the city currently has 11 game rooms and over 600 machines.

Billy Shoemaker commented that there are currently 448 tax stamps

Police Chief Ray Garivey stated that there have only been 3 robberies

Freeport Economic Development Director commented that potential new businesses are hesitant to open in locations near a coin operated game room because they are not conducive with upstanding businesses.

It was decided that it was the pleasure of the council to enforce the current ordinance.

Mayor Brimage closed open session at 7:04 PM and opened Executive Session.

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evolution, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit:

Interview prospective candidates for City Manager

Reopen Open Session:

Mayor Brimage reopened regular session and closed Executive Session at 9:30 PM.

No action taken

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

Assistant City Secretary, Laura Tolar
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