

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, January 8, 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 Larry L. McDonald  
Councilman Brooks Bass  
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles  
Councilman Roy E. Yates

Staff:

Bob Welch, Finance Director / Interim City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Ursula Reyes, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Chris Motley, Fire Chief  
Billy Shoemaker, Building Official  
Kim Townsend, Parks Supervisor  
Loni Kershaw, Human Resources  
Danny Gillchriest, Police Department  
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corporation  
David Hoelewyn, Street Department

Visitors:

Edward Garcia	Eric Hayes
Annette Sanford	Melanie Oldham
Manning Rollerson	Desiree Pearson
Sabrina Brimage	Christina Travis
Sam Reyna	Anna Silbas
Bill Morris	Steve Massolletti
Doug Domingues	Larry Fansher
Darlene Wier	Jerry Meeks
Rudy Reyna	Jesus Villasana
Jim Barnett	Sandra Barnett
Danny Pearson	Marinell Music

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.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Edward Garcia addressed he would be speaking about item 12: Interim City Manager to advertise for bids to make improvements to parking lot between the 100 block of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and the 100 block of E. Broad St.

Marinell Music addressed she would be speaking about item 12: Interim City Manager to advertise for bids to make improvements to parking lot between the 100 block of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and the 100 block of E. Broad St.

Manning Rollerson addressed he would also be speaking about item 12: Interim City Manager to advertise for bids to make improvements to parking lot between the 100 block of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and the 100 block of E. Broad St. and then declined to speak.

Mr. Jesus Villasana, a 4 year resident of Freeport was concerned about the city's streets and he wanted to know if it has been presented to the state he said the streets are not a good presentation for the City of Freeport.

Mayor Brimage response was that he has contacted TX. DOT personally and they had it on schedule but with Hurricane Harvey it set it back they assured us the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year that it would be addressed. Mr. Yates added that it would be good if everyone would contact their representatives to address the street situations also.

Consideration of approving the minutes for November 6, 2017 Council Meeting, November 7, 2017 Workshop and December 4, 2017 Council Meeting.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the November 6, 2017 Minutes, November 7, 2017 Workshop & December 4, 2017 Minutes.

Public Hearing to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries for the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement.

A 0.6514 acre tract of land, being all of the Unrestricted Reserve "A", in Block 1 of the SAIRAM SUBDIVISION, in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof Recorded in the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas, under Clerk's File No. 2008006429, being the same land described in the deed for DIGANAT PATELPROPERITES, LLC, to DIGPRI INVESTMENT, INC., recorded in the official Records of said county under Clerk's File No.2008006429, and known locally as 1701 North Avenue K, Freeport, Texas 77541.

Mayor Brimage opened the meeting at 6:07 pm to consider designating the following described real property located within The Corporate boundaries for the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement known locally as 1701 North Avenue K, Freeport, Texas 77541.

Councilwoman Mireles wanted to know if the drainage problem was fixed in the area that the hotel would be located. Billy Shoemaker responded yes it is on the street department schedule to put in the culvert in the next couple weeks.

Councilman Bass asked Mr. Welch if we had to have the reinvestment zone considering granting the tax abatement Mr. Welch said yes we do.

Manning Rollerson added that his daughter lives right close to where they are building the new motel and the water has nowhere to go. Mayor Brimage said the street department has it on schedule to put in the culvert.

Mayor Brimage closed the public hearing at 6:14 pm.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2018-2143 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said city as a reinvestment zone to be known as Digpri Investment Inc. reinvestment zone and providing for its initial term and the renewal thereof.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting Council approved Ordinance No. 2018-2143 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said city as a reinvestment zone to be known as Digpri Investment Inc. reinvestment zone and providing for its initial term and the renewal thereof with Mayor Brimage, Councilman Yates, Councilman McDonald, and Councilwoman Mireles voting Yes and Councilman Bass voting No.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2018-2534 granting a tax abatement to Digpri Investment Inc., pursuant to the terms and conditions of and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively, a tax abatement agreement with the said Digpri Investment Inc.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2534 granting a tax abatement to Digpri Investment Inc., pursuant to the terms and conditions of and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively, a tax abatement agreement with the said Digpri Investment Inc. Councilman Bass opposed.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2018-2535 authorizing taser update for operation by the Freeport Police Department during 2017-2018 fiscal year.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2018-2535 authorizing taser update for operation by the Freeport Police Department during 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Consideration of approving an Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County and City of Freeport for repair of streets for fiscal year 2017-2018

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County and City of Freeport for repair of streets for fiscal year 2017-2018

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of agreement with Veolia Water concerning the West Broad Street water main lowering.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the Mayor to sign a letter of agreement with Veolia Water concerning the West Broad Street water main lowering.

Consideration of authorizing the Interim City Manager to advertise for bids to make improvements to the parking lot between the 100 block of East Second Street and the 100 block of East Broad Street using approved parking lot material and setting a bid date.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the Interim City Manager to advertise for bids to make improvements to the parking lot between the 100 block of East Second Street and the 100 block of East Broad Street using approved parking lot material and setting a bid date.

Edward Garcia suggested spending money on infrastructure and not paving these roads.

Marinell Music is considering expanding her business and thinking about downtown Freeport but she says parking will be an issue.

Doug Domingues said that paving these roads would cause more drainage issues.

Consideration of approving selling the City's interest on Block 777, lot 15 Velasco Town site, known as 1603 N. Ave. P, Tax ID 8110-3847-000.

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 777, lot 15 Velasco Town site, known as 1603 N. Ave. P, Tax ID 8110-3847-000.

Consideration of approving selling the City's interest on Block 755, Lot 16 Velasco Town site, known as 1507 N. Ave. Q, Tax ID 8110-3556-000.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 755, Lot 16 Velasco Town Site, known as 1507 N. Ave. Q, Tax ID 8110-3556-000

Consideration of nominating and appointing a qualified person(s) to the Planning Commission Board.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved nominating and appointing Eric Hayes to the Planning Commission Board.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, opposed were Councilman Bass and Councilman Yates, Mayor Brimage voting No to nominating and appointing Melanie Oldham to the Planning Commission Board.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved nominating and appointing Stuart Herbst to the Planning Commission Board.

Consideration of taking action on any item discussed in Executive Session.

No action taken.

Mayor Brimage opened the work session at 7:05 pm.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

523 bridge closing the bridge is not safe and they have put up signs and will not be any trucks passing thru pine street bridge.

Hudgins Estates have opened and are very nice

Turner Industries on Zapata Street put in about 2 million dollars where they are located.

Bella Roma will be opening in the shopping center of Baywood.

Single Family dwellers are looking for single family homes.

Flooding Water Park

Mayor Brimage commended Parks Department, Code Enforcement and Street Department.

A. Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.

Councilman McDonald has been contacted about Alleys on Pecan St. Also, about drainage issues 1300 blk. – 1500 blk. W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street and heavy traffic on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

B. Councilman Bass Ward B announcements and comments.

Councilman Bass said all was covered had no comments.

C. Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.

Councilwoman Mireles wanted to know who they needed to contact regarding the Mystery Boat.

Councilwoman Mireles stated that the parking lot in front of AR's floods in a small area right in front of the restaurant.

D. Councilman Yates Ward D announcements and comments.

Councilman Yates had concerns about the detention pond by domino's pizza on Gulf Blvd.

Updates on current infrastructure.

Sewer main replacement between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Sewer line replacement on East 6<sup>th</sup> St & Popular

Sewer line replacement on South Ave I

Lowering of the water lines on 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Water leak on Ave G was a water main break

Drainage work being done on Jones Road

E. Discuss the condition of the Mystery Boat.

Mystery boat is in horrible condition and needs lots of work done to it.

F. Discuss nominating and appointing a qualified person(s) to the Planning Commission Board.

Mr. Eric Hays and Mr. Stuart Herbst were nominated and appointed to be on the Planning Commission.

G. Discuss truck route due to TX. DOT closing Dow Canal Bridge to heavy truck traffic on 523.

Pine Street Bridge will be 523 bridge closing the bridge is not safe and they have put up signs and will not be any trucks passing thru pine street bridge.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage closed the formal session and opened the Executive Session at 7:27 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:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding claims asserted by Jeff Pynes in connections with the termination of his employment with the city and any counterclaims or other response the City may have to such claims.

No Action Taken

2. Discussion and possible action regarding claims the City may have concerning streets and alleys and other matters relating to the East End, i.e. any portion of the City located East of Navigation Boulevard, formerly known as Pine Street.

No Action Taken

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:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of another City Manager to serve until a City Manager is appointed.

No Action Taken

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

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Mayor, Troy T. Brimage  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary, Ursula Reyes  
City of Freeport, Texas