

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Tuesday, March 20, 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 McDonald (Absent)
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
Kim Townsend, Parks / Rec. Director
Craig Graham, Police Dept.
David Hoelewyn, Streets Director
Billy Shoemaker, Building Official
Brian Dybala, Golf Course Director
Corey Brinkman, Police Dept.
Leann Strahan, Museum Director

Visitors: Ty Morrow Jerry Meeks
Blanca Bustos Greg Flaniken
James Barnett Sandra Barnett
Lamar Jordan Scott Rogers
Lila Diehl Kenny Kouches
Evelyn Burridge Moby Burridge
Marisol Diaz Norma Hernandez
Guillermo Willie Garcia Jeremy Garcia
Gardner Campbell Melanie Oldham
Jay Mejia Erin Callahan
Manuel Gonzalez Larry Fansher
Ruben Renabato Ruth Renabato
Nick Aluiso Christina Travis
Tommy Pearson Desiree Pearson

Sabrina Brimage
Ricardo Loeza
Steven Davis
David Walton
Jose Montoya
Efrain Rodriguez
Paul Kellie
Edmeryl Williams

Jesse Aguilar
Sandra Loeza
Eric Hayes
Gary Bullard
Regina Niemeyer
Tina Doyle
Angie Williams
Kyle Hammonds

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.

There were none.

Consideration of approving the minutes for March 5, 2018.

Councilman Bass stated that the minutes under the Executive Session needed to be redacted.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Bass, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the March 5, 2018 Council Minutes.

Mayor Brimage closed Open Session at 6:05 PM and opened Executive Session.

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 to be taken in open 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:

1. Discussion with representatives of SRG and possible action regarding the appointment of City Manager.

No action to be taken in open session

Mayor Brimage closed Executive Session at 6:28 PM reopened open session and opened the Public Hearing.

Conduct Public hearing on the Rental Inspection Ordinance.

Ruben Renabato resides at 1507 W. 2nd St. stated that he wanted this item to be postponed and an informed discussion to take place and workshops be held to address these changes. He said Freeport has a housing problem not a landlord problem. He stated that the City has an obligation to the entire community to come up with reasonable and workable solutions to assist all property owners to improve their property. He stated that the State Law Texas Property Code Chapter 92 covers every situation and also informs tenants and landlords of the responsible that each have to each other. Mr. Renabato said that he trusts that additional workshops will take place to obtain good constructive input.

Blanca Bustos presented her argument on the new proposed City Ordinance targeting rental properties and landlords. She asked if this Ordinance with the guide of safety be more about generating revenue or to hire and justify personnel. She stated that she believes this proposed Ordinance is intrusive in asking her to register every rental property that she owns. Mrs. Bustos stated that she doesn't believe that it is a landlord issue. She said why are we not addressing individuals with Code violations. Mrs. Bustos said the City has numerous problems and can't seem to master any. She stated that if we just enforce ordinances already in the books that we would see an improvement in our City. She asked that any action be postponed of the proposed Ordinance as it stands.

Mayor Brimage wanted to make a clarification that he was not passing anything tonight that he wanted to start out fresh and get the citizens input.

Ms. Williams stated that she received a letter from the City about her property. The letter stated they wanted to buy her land because it is unimproved. Mayor Brimage stated that Mr. Hickey sent out a letter to any owner that owned 25 foot lots to see if they were willing to sale it to The City of Freeport.

Mr. Bullard stated that he was glad that the City was going to slow it down and enforce the Ordinances that the City has already.

Billy Shoemaker the Building Official for the City of Freeport presented a slide show that showed the work to different homes and properties that had been completed or work that was still in progress in the last two to three months. He also stated that the front yard parking Ordinance that was just past last October is being addressed.

Greg Flaniken who resides at 56 Chestwood Court Lake Jackson, TX stated that he was glad that the City was working with the existing City Ordinances that they have in the book to clean up the houses like they have been doing. As far as any proposed new Ordinance he feels like the City should not have a requirement that the prospective tenant has to meet with the City to inspect the property so the City can tell them what's wrong with it. Mr. Flaniken said he didn't want to have substandard housing not all standard housing is going to be up to codes. He said that older houses have some grand fathered issues and it will continue to be like that unless it is enforced for everybody including home owners. Mr. Flaniken said he sees the City making progress but not to make an inspection to where the City has to come out and inspect a home so the tenant can move in. He also said that if the City is going to require an inspection that there isn't enough staff to do 10 or 20 inspections a week. He encouraged not making it a requirement on any proposed Ordinance that the City may consider. Mr. Flaniken also said that if the inspections can't happen for two weeks because someone is on vacation then that would make it even more difficult. Councilman Bass asked Mr. Flaniken what if an inspection could happen in one day. Mr. Flaniken stated it would be better if it wouldn't happen that's the way it should be. Councilman Bass stated that he has a couple of clients that are in some rental property that they are running extension cords to rooms to get power to other rooms. It is landlord owned property and not all landlords are bad but we need to target specific folks. Councilman Bass asked Mr. Flaniken what if we could reduce the inspection time frame to one or two days. Mr. Flaniken said if the cost was not outrageous that would be great.

Eric Hayes stated that we had this Ordinance at one time and it didn't work out well for the City. He stated that it took more man hours. Scott Rogers the Inspector at that time was going from job to job trying to do all these inspections and there was people going without power for as long as two weeks. He stated that we don't have the qualified personnel to do it and to keep it up on a daily basis. Mr. Hayes stated that we have a lot of Ordinances that can be approached and enforced where it doesn't have to be a rental ordinance at all. He stated that the City has enough rules and Ordinances already. Mr. Hayes stated that there has to be some other way then to target renters. Mayor Brimage stated that we were not targeting just rental properties. Mr. Hayes stated that he would like for the City to enforce some of the other Ordinances instead of actually doing anything for landlords itself. He doesn't see why we need a landlord policy or an Ordinance in place for landlords.

Councilman Yates suggested why someone didn't put a committee together and go over the Texas Property Law. He said we were getting nowhere by arguing about everything and that we needed something in writing and some organization.

Manuel Gonzalez resides at 58 Pinecourt Lake Jackson Texas stated that he was an investor in Freeport since 2005. He stated that the City is doing an awesome job and he turned in a construction permit to build on the 400 Block of Broad Street.

Larry Fansher stated that he did prepare a statement but he was not going to read it because he didn't want it to come across negative. He said something that we need to look at is we are asking residents, slum lords, property owners and landlords to comply and we do need to come up with solutions and address the issues and identify who those slumlords are. Mr. Fansher also stated that we can't overlook Infrastructure, Buildings, Structures and Amenities. Mr. Fansher said that in the last couple of years that he has seen deterioration in the Parks system. Mr. Fansher also stated that the million dollars that the City has invested in the landscape along the corridor on 288 has deteriorated also. He stated that we need to clean up our neighborhood and address substandard housing.

Jesse Parker resides at 323 East 7th Street stated that the parks on the West Side of town are not suitable for the children to play that they have to come to play on the East End. Councilman Yates advised that we were waiting on the City's Master Plan to tell us what to do with the Park's and that it was supposed to happen pretty quickly.

Steven Davis was born and raised in the City of Freeport and he currently resides on West 11th Street. He asked if there would be a priority list on what was going to be worked on first in the City. Mr. Davis stated that the sewer smell on the Westside of town was horrible and if that would be part of what would be on the priority list.

David Walton Building Official for the City of Lake Jackson is also working on the Rental Inspection Ordinance for their City. He stated that we were not trying to punish landlords or start something that provides an extra level of beaurocracy. Mr. Walton said that we were trying to see that the homes in this area which benefit the community that we live in meet minimum standards. He stated we can only visually see what we go out and see and from the exterior look of a house is not necessarily an indicator as to the conditions inside the home or the hazards that may be present.

Mayor Brimage closed Public Hearing at 7:27 PM.

Conduct Public hearing on road improvement from Ward A-D.

Mayor Brimage opened Public Hearing at 7:27 PM.

Mayor Brimage stated that we will be starting the budget process soon and wants to know of major road concerns.

Blanca Bustos stated that from Bucee's to Avenue F in front of the Post Office going and coming there are about 6 bumps.

Willie Garcia resides in Lake Jackson and is concerned that a child could get ran over because there are no sidewalks on Avenue D. He said there are just ditches and the kids having nowhere to walk when they are let out of school. Councilwoman Mireles asked David Hoelewyn if the Interlocal agreement included sidewalks. Mr. Hoelewyn said no because the area that Mr. Garcia is talking about the ditches have to be filled in first.

Ruben Renabato said that West 4th Street where Freeport Intermediate School is located that it is terrible and he doesn't think the County needs to come and lay something on top he said that it needs to be redone. He also said from the Methodist Church on Broad Street down three or four Blocks was terrible also.

Jesse Parker stated that there were still heavy trucks going down East 5th and 6th Street and wants the pot holes to be filled in.

The alley on Avenue I and Yellowstone an engineering company came in and tore up the alley.

Blanca Bustos asked when they decide that concrete streets need to just be patched. Mayor Brimage stated that was TX DOT and the City had no control over it.

Desiree Pearson said that she lives on South Front Street and they don't have sidewalks and bumpy streets but that they are being patient.

Melanie Oldham stated that it was a wonderful open public meeting and that she was glad that we could all share our concerns. She asked if the City was going to hire a consult civil engineer to look at all the problems throughout the city and if it was still something the city was considering. Mayor Brimage replied that it is part of the Master Plan.

Mayor Brimage closed the public hearing at 7:40 PM.

Consideration of authorizing preparation of documents closing, abandoning and selling to adjoining land owner(s) a portion of Wharton Street ROW between Blocks 809 and 790 abutting Lot 12, Block 809 and Lot 1, Block 790.

Mr. Hickey stated that this particular property was closed on August 14, 1964, and was closed to Avenue V but Mr. Hickey stated he was not sure why it was closed. Mayor Brimage stated that he met with Lamar Jordan and they talked about different options. Mayor Brimage stated that the ditch runs from Yellowstone to Skinner and to make a road out of that he doesn't know if it is possible with Velasco Drainage District because the culverts that they would have to put in would restrict the flow in such a way to where it could never be a road. They have spoken with Jerry Meeks also and they don't see any problems in the future.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents closing, abandoning and selling to adjoining land owner(s) a portion of Wharton Street ROW between Blocks 809 and 790 abutting Lot 12, Block 809 and Lot 1, Block 790. Councilman Yates voted no.

Consideration of authorizing preparation of documents closing, abandoning and selling Wharton Street ROW between Blocks 788 and 811 to the adjoining land owner(s).

Mayor Brimage stated this is just one side of the ROW. Councilwoman Mireles asked if eventually Wharton Street would be closed. Mr. Hickey stated that Wharton Street is already closed from Avenue L to Avenue V.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing preparation of documents closing, abandoning and selling Wharton Street ROW between Blocks 788 and 811 to the adjoining land owner(s). Councilman Yates voted no.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Secretary to attest seven (7) 380 agreements for Guillermo Willie Garcia in the amount of \$5000.00 each for houses to be built on lots 5-6, Block 626, Lots 7-8 Block 626, Lots 9-10 Block 626, Lots 1-2 Block 84, Lots 3-4 Block 84, Lots 5-6 Lot 84 and Lots 7-8 Block 84.

Mayor Brimage stated that these seven houses are ones that Mr. Garcia has not started working on. Mayor Brimage said that we called City of Houston and several other cities that offered 380 agreements and they do not allow 380 agreements on projects that they have started. He stated that they have asked Olson & Olson on their legal opinion but they haven’t gotten back with us yet. Mayor Brimage said that once we would hear back from Olson and Olson we would put the other three back on the agenda.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Secretary to attest seven (7) 380 agreements for Guillermo Willie Garcia in the amount of \$5000.00 each for houses to be built on lots 5-6, Block 626, Lots 7-8 Block 626, Lots 9-10 Block 626, Lots 1-2 Block 84, Lots 3-4 Block 84, Lots 5-6 Lot 84 and Lots 7-8 Block 84.

Mr. Willie Garcia stated that on the prior three 380 agreements he wanted to know what it states or if he could get a copy of it and what pertains to Freeport. Mr. Welch stated that we don’t have an Ordinance. Mr. Garcia asked how were we able to initiate these without having guidelines. Mayor Brimage stated because we had a man running a city on his own that’s how and we will change that. Councilman Yates asked if we had 380 agreements back then. Mr. Garcia asked Mayor Brimage prior to being Mayor did he ever get any 380 agreements. Mayor Brimage said yes he had received a 380 agreement and he would have never started a project without a 380 agreement. He stated his 380 agreement in 2013 has nothing to do with Willie Garcia’s 380 agreements in 2018. Councilman Bass stated that he was the one to make sure legally that we

could retro actively do this. He stated that he didn't want to get involved in anything that was improper or illegal. Councilman Bass said he was the one that asked to get the legal advice from Olson and Olson. Mr. Garcia said he just wanted to get the something that was offered prior to another investor.

Consideration of authorizing interim City Manager to advertise for bids on fuel contract.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing interim City Manager to advertise for bids on fuel contract.

Consideration of authorizing advertising for bids on improvement to (1) Fourth Street, beginning at the East side of Dixie Drive to apron at Brazosport Blvd. (2) Eight Street, intersection with Riverview and additional street as needed (3) Yaupon Street and its intersection with 11th Street, and additional street (4) Yaupon Street and its intersection with 10th Street.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing advertising for bids on improvement to (1) Fourth Street, beginning at the East side of Dixie Drive to apron at Brazosport Blvd. (2) Eight Street, intersection with Riverview and additional street as needed (3) Yaupon Street and its intersection with 11th Street, and additional street (4) Yaupon Street and its intersection with 10th Street.

Councilman Bass asked who came up with these projects. Mayor Brimage said David Hoelwyn from the Street Department. Councilman Bass asked if this was just authorizing for bids it's not approving or anything to that extent. Mayor Brimage said yes.

Consideration of changing scope of work and pricing in Section 9.1.5 of the Agreement for operation, maintenance and management service between the City of Freeport and Veolia Water North America-Central, LLC dated 9-14-15 to either

- A. For the current home being constructed tap the existing 4" line on Stratton and provide water service for it (customer has paid for the tap). Sewer Service for this house is existing no cost,
- B. Extend the water service from Stratton on North Avenue S toward Skinner to provide service for the present construction and future construction on this block and extend the sewer main for future construction. The cost is \$30,320.00 or
- C. Looking not only to provide water for this block but look at placing a fire hydrant at the corner of Skinner and North Avenue S but also looking at the future of increasing the current water main going West on North Avenue S and looping back around to North Avenue Q, T and U for fire hydrants. At present North Avenue R has a 6" main and fire hydrants. The 6" water main would be extended from Skinner to North Avenue R North on Skinner turning on North Avenue S going west to Stratton and connecting with the present 4" main. This would set the stage for future upgrading of the water main on North Avenue S going west; with the extending the sewer main in the 1200 Block of North Avenue S the cost is \$57152.26.

Jerry Meeks said there is a builder by the name of Larry Bass that built a house on Avenue S and Stratton. The 1200 Block of Avenue S has no water and on Avenue R and Stratton there were 2 modular homes. Avenue R had water but no sewer and according to the city ordinance 150 feet is what Mr. Bass wanted so that's what was put in. When Mr. Meeks spoke to Mr. Bass he stated that he plans to develop the rest of the block. Councilman Bass asked Mr. Meeks on his recommendation. Mr. Meeks said if you want to look at it money wise it would be option B if you are looking for long term then option C.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing looking not only to provide water for this block but look at placing a fire hydrant at the corner of Skinner and North Avenue S but also looking at the future of increasing the current water main going West on North Avenue S and looping back around to North Avenue Q, T and U for fire hydrants. At present North Avenue R has a 6" main and fire hydrants. The 6" water main would be extended from Skinner to North Avenue R North on Skinner turning on North Avenue S going west to Stratton and connecting with the present 4" main. This would set the stage for future upgrading of the water main on North Avenue S going west; with the extending the sewer main in the 1200 Block of North Avenue S the cost is \$57152.26.

Consideration of authorizing Veolia Water to have an engineer to look at the water tower near the Velasco Community House and give us cost for engineering the rehabbing and painting of the water tower near the Velasco Community House along with a cost estimate for the project.

Jerry Meeks stated that this would be to get an engineer to give us an estimate to rehab the tower to paint it outside, two new logos and make some repairs. Councilman Bass asked if the City was paying for the engineer or Veolia. Mr. Meeks stated that John Mercer has not charged us on giving us an estimate.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing Veolia Water to have an engineer to look at the water tower near the Velasco Community House and give us cost for engineering the rehabbing and painting of the water tower near the Velasco Community House along with a cost estimate for the project.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 15, Block 116 also known as 1026 West 4th Street.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the sale of City interest in Lot 15, Block 116 also known as 1026 West 4th Street.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lots 15-18, Block 36 also known as 617-623 South Avenue G.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the sale of City interest in Lots 15-18, Block 36 also known as 617-623 South Avenue G. Councilman Bass voted no he said he would like to see the company build a house first and then buy the rest of the property.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 13, Block 48 also known as 523 South Avenue G.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the sale of City interest in Lot 13, Block 48 also known as 523 South Avenue G. Councilman Bass voted No.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 6 Block 63 also known as 312 South Avenue H.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council approved the sale of City interest in Lot 6 Block 63 also known as 312 South Avenue H. Councilman Bass voted No.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 24, Block 715 also known as 1223 North Avenue M.

A motion by Councilman Yates to consider the sale of City’s interest in Lot 24, Block 715 also known as 1223 North Avenue M died for lack of a second.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 24, Block 717 also known as 1222 North Avenue O.

Tabled due to wrong address.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 24 (N/75’), Block 744 also known as 1423 North Avenue M.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the sale of City interest in Lot 24 (N/75’), Block 744 also known as 1423 North Avenue M. Councilman Bass voted No.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 24 (S/50’), Block 744 also known as 1423 North Avenue M.

On a motion by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council approved the sale of City’s interest in Lot 24 (S/50’), Block 744 also known as 1423 North Avenue M. Councilman Bass voted No.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 6, Block 775 also known as 1614 North Avenue M.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Yates, with all present voting “Aye”, Council approved the sale of City interest in Lot 6, Block 775 also known as 1614 North Avenue M. Councilman Bass voted No.

Discuss and consider the sale of City interest in Lot 14, Block 778 also known as 1601 North Avenue Q.

A motion by Councilman Yates to sell City’s interest in Lot 14, Block 778 also known as 1601 North Avenue Q died for lack of a second.

Discuss and consider preparation of documents for sale of City owned Lots 13-19, Block 729 known as 1301 thru 1313 North Avenue M.

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved and preparation of documents for sale of City owned Lots 13-19, Block 729 known as 1301 thru 1313 North Avenue M.

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

No action taken.

Work Session:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage announcements and comments.

Mayor Brimage stated that the construction over at Olin that they have been addressing it daily and it’s been horrible for some residence and businesses but that it should be over soon.

Councilman McDonald Ward A.

Absent

Councilman Bass Ward B.

Councilman Bass asked David Hoelwyn what he does with the concrete roads that we can’t go in and cut out the top. Mr. Hoelwyn said you could probably just tar it. Councilman Bass said he drove through his ward and wrote down a lot of the areas that have big holes and could be patched. Councilman Bass stated that there were still a lot of cars, boats and trucks in the streets in his Ward B he wanted to know if they were issuing tickets. Billy Shoemaker stated there were some that have and some that haven’t.

Councilwoman Mireles Ward C.

Councilwoman Mireles stated she emailed her list of concerns to David Hoelwyn.

Councilman Yates Ward D.

Councilman Yates stated that the Urban Renewal tract is looking incredible. He said that he got into looking in Mr. Wong's website and he has developments all over Harris County. He also stated that Mr. Willie Garcia wants to build on Gulf Blvd. and they will be taking up all his property with a detention pond. He stated that the drainage district needs to do their job and take the water out of it.

Updates on current infrastructure.

Sewer line installation on South Avenue I - complete
Lower water line 1500 Block West Broad and 4th
Commerce Street water and sewer project- Engineering phase
Lift station and force main South Avenue A
SSO plan camera inspection - hasn't started
Alley paving - not complete
SSO plan sewer main replacement West 2nd to West 8th - complete
Repair street 1900 Block North Avenue G
Victoria Street Drainage work - complete
1600 Block 5th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk
1600 Block 6th Street – curb, gutter and sidewalk

Update on Hwy 288 and Brazosport Blvd.

Mayor Brimage stated that they seen some work being done closer to Dow on 288 but that they haven't seen anyone since.

Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

Leann Strahan stated that they had a Spring Fling during Spring Break and had about 600 in attendance in over a 3 day period. She said they spent no money on advertising and they actually made money. She also stated that they have 9 booths reserved for the Farmer's Market on April 15th & May 13th.

Kim Townsend stated that it saddens her heart from all the negative comments that were made earlier. She said certain comments were made about certain areas but this has been 5 to 15 years of neglect and we are moving forward and we can't change this overnight. Parks are being mowed and the playground equipment is coming in next week.

David Hoelewyn gave updates on Broad Street and Avenue D and he also said the entrance off Hwy 36 to Velasco is also going to be repaired.

Brian Dybala stated that he is still recovering from Harvey. He said that he is trying to make the Golf Course more family oriented and that he applied for the 1st year Tee program and he was approved.

Discuss beach rake.

Mayor Brimage said it picks up the finest pieces and saves a lot a time and labor.

Discuss Museum quotes for roof and recommendation from Tom Allen.

Leann Strahan stated that Billy Shoemaker came out with Tom Allen with All Sides Inspection to take a look at the roof and talk about the recommendations. They determined that they don't think it's the roof itself but the cap covers have huge gaps in between. Billy Shoemaker said the biggest issue is when they did the siding work in the past they never resealed the caps. Mr. Allen's recommendation was to remove all the caps around the building and replace them. Ms. Strahan said that Councilman McDonald asked her to look into whether or not they looked to remove the roof and if they were going to need to reroof it. They are not going to and she is looking to try to getting updated bids.

Councilman Bass said that on April 20, 2018 Brazosport High School with be selling fish plates for Project Graduation.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bass, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Brimage adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Mayor, Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Ursula Reyes
City of Freeport, Texas