

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met for a 3<sup>rd</sup> budget workshop on Tuesday, August 30th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, to discuss 2011-2012 budget proposals.

City Council: Norma Moreno Garcia  
Michelle Kent  
Fred Bolton  
Nicolosa Garcia  
Sandra Barbered

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Attorney  
Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Larry Fansher, Parks Director  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Chief Ty Morrow

Visitors: Annette Sanford  
Jerry Meeks  
Joyce Adkins

Call to Order.

Mayor Norma Garcia called the budget workshop to order at 6:10 p.m.

Invocation.

Chief of Police Ty Morrow offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Work Session:

- Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Mr. Pynes reviewed the amendments and recommendations requested by council for fiscal year 2011-2012 budget. He presented a PowerPoint presentation for each department, points of the budget including the deductions and additions requested. The proposed budget is 1% less than last year. Mr. Pynes proposes lowering the tax rate from 0.708266 to 0.688053. Total budget expenditures of \$16,222,306 for fiscal year 2011-2012. Proposes a rental and rate increase on the city's four facilities, raising the recreational membership fee and charging a \$10.00 beach permit fee.

Mayor Norma Garcia asked for a breakdown of traffic and crime analysis and a list of city employees and salaries. She asked how much was generated from the water bills for ambulance service. Mr. Welch said \$80,000.

Joyce Adkins asked if a properly equipped vehicle was being considered for the animal control officers. Mr. Pynes said the animal control officer had a vehicle already.

Councilman Bolton asked about the warranty on the street sweeper since it was purchased on a lease option. Councilwoman Kent asked if there was a penalty for paying early.

Mayor Norma Garcia asked for the janitorial contract be reviewed and possibly rebid. She asked about the grant to the Central Lift Station. Mr. Pynes said the grant had been awarded and we had an engineer and grant coordinator on this project.

Councilman Bolton asked how our salaries schedule compared to other similar cities. Mr. Pynes stated that we get our salary survey from Texas Municipal League.

Mr. Pynes showed a presentation of a camera-video that goes underground to evaluate the pipe infrastructure, showing pictures of tree limbs, cracks, defects, and branches. The cost of the camera is \$160,000. Mr. Pynes advises that a grant of \$200,000 had just been awarded to the City for pipe infrastructure and felt this type of equipment might fall under this grant.

Councilman Bolton was in favor of the projections. A good sound budget.

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Budget Workshop Session and opened the Executive Session 7:10 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section: 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matter 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:

- Pending Industrial Districts Agreements

Adjourn

Mayor Norma Garcia reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "aye", Council adjourned the budget workshop at 7:30 p.m.

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Delia Munoz  
City of Freeport, Texas