



**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

Mayor:

Brooks Bass

Council Members:

Jeff Pena

Jerry Cain

George Matamoros

Winston Rossow

City Manager:

Lance Petty

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, WILL MEET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 AT 6:00 PM, AT THE FREEPORT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM, 430 NORTH BRAZOSPORT BOULEVARD FREEPORT TEXAS

This meeting will be live streamed via YouTube Live and may be accessed on the City of Freeport Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/freeporttexas> or by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/@cityoffreeporttx8375/streams>

THE MEETING IS BEING HELD FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor will call the meeting to order, declare a quorum if present, and declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (Council Member)

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Members of the public are allowed to address the City Council at this time, and must include name and address. Note, specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to an inquiry made, but any deliberation, discussion, or decision with respect to any subject about which the inquiry was made shall be limited to a proposal to place such subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting for which notice is provided in compliance with the Texas Open meetings Act unless said notice appears herein. The public is reminded that there is a (4) minute time limit as approved by City Council on June 21, 2010.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements by Mayor, City Council and/or Staff.

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Status Update From Freese and Nichols Engineering (**Lance Petty**)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion. Any item requiring additional discussion may be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda by the Mayor, Councilmember or City Manager, and acted upon separately.

2. Consideration and possible action on the approval of City Council Meeting Minutes, from January 8, 2024. (**Clarisa Molina**)
3. Consideration and possible action on the approval of road closures for Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 10, 2024. (**Ana Silbas**)
4. Consideration and possible action on the approval of road closures for Community Resource Fair on Saturday, February 24, 2024. (**Ana Silbas**)
5. Consideration and possible action approving the date change for the 2nd meeting in February from Monday, February 19, 2024 to Tuesday, February 20, 2024 for the President's Day Holiday. (**Clarisa Molina**)
6. Consideration and possible action approving Resolution No. 2024-2831 for the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County and the City of Freeport. (**Clarisa Molina**)

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

7. Consideration and possible action on awarding Professional Engineering Services to Kimley Horn. (**Lance Petty**)
8. Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2024-2717 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the first Saturday in May, being May 4, 2024 at which voters of said City residing in Wards B and D shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions B and D on the City Council of the City of Freeport and at which voters of said City shall elect at large a Mayor for said City. (**Clarisa Molina**)
9. Consideration and possible action regarding the recommendations of the Freeport Charter Review Committee to place items for consideration on the upcoming ballot for the Freeport Elections in May of 2024. (**Lance Petty**)
10. Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-2718 calling the Charter Amendment Election. (**Lance Petty**)
11. Consideration and possible action on re-allocation of golf course green re-surfacing funds to fairway and turf improvements. (**Brian Dybala**)

12. Consideration and possible action on reallocation of golf course equipment funds to purchase two mowers. **(Brian Dybala)**
13. Consideration and possible action approving Resolution No. 2024-2832 amending the personnel policy handbook regarding changes to the City's social media policy. **(Donna Fisher)**
14. Consideration and possible action approving the sale of Block 46, Lot 13. **(Laura Cramer)**
15. Discussion on Payment of Hotel Occupancy Taxes by Short Term Rental Businesses **(Lance Petty)**

WORK SESSION:

16. The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item specifically listed as a Subsection under the itemized Sections A-H below, an item appearing on the City Council agenda for this meeting, on matters related to community events, or on matters that are not within the jurisdiction of the City for consideration by City Council. The City Council may not deliberate on any City matters not specifically disclosed under this Work Session or on this posted City Council Meeting agenda. City Council members and the Mayor always reserve the right to request that a matter be placed on a future agenda for consideration.
 - A. Mayor Brooks Bass announcements and comments.
 - B. Councilman Pena Ward A announcements and comments.
 - C. Councilman Cain Ward B announcements and comments.
 - D. Councilman Matamoros Ward C announcements and comments.
 - E. Councilman Rossow Ward D announcements and comments.
 - F. City Manager Lance Petty announcements and comments.
 - G. Updates on current infrastructure.
 - H. Update on reports / concerns from Department heads.

CLOSED SESSION:

17. Executive Session: regarding (Personnel Matters) a.) Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; (contract with City Manager - Lance Petty) and Update on Investigation into complaints filed against Councilman Pena pursuant to section 551.074. (Deliberations about Real Property) b.) Deliberate agreement on property located at 1201 N. Avenue H pursuant to section 551.072. (Consultation with Attorney) c.) Update on Covarrubias action pursuant to section 551.071.

COUNCIL BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:

18. Take any action resulting from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

19. Adjourn

Items not necessarily discussed in the order they appear on the agenda. The Council at its discretion may take action on any or all of the items as listed. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act. (Chapter 551, Government Code).

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (979) 233-3526.

CERTIFICATE I certify the foregoing notice was posted in the official glass case at the rear door of the City Hall, with 24 hours a day public access, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport Texas, before 6:00 p.m. in accordance with Open Meetings Act.

Clarisa Molina

Clarisa Molina,
City Secretary, City of Freeport, Texas

