State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport
BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Freeport Council Chamber located at 430 North Brazosport Blvd. , Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council:	Mayor Jerry Cain Councilman Larry McDonald Councilman Jarvis Davis Councilwoman Nicolasa Mireles Councilman Winston Rossow
Staff:	Danielle M Kelly, DPA, City Manager Tracy Harrison, Assistant City Manager Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary Toby Cohen, IT Director Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director Loretta Cady, Museum Manager Maria Lopez, Main Street Coordinator John Perez, Interim Public Works Director Laura Cramer, Property/GIS Manager Clifton Beck, Human Resource Director Nick Meeks, Utility Manager

Visitors:	Darlene Wier Linda Marshall Sam Reyna Melanie Oldham Mark Parker Carol Parker	Con McCleester Diane McCleester Pamela Dancy Kenneth Hayes Laini Alley Jeff Pena

Call to Order:

Call to Order - Jerry Cain, Mayor

Mayor Cain called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Freeport City Council to order at 6:01P.M. on July 6, 2026, declaring that a quorum was present.

Invocation - Councilman

Councilman Rossow led the Invocation.

Pledges - Pledge of Allegiance to the United States; Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas.

Councilman Rossow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas.

Matters Subsequent to Posting.

City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly stated that there were no matters subsequent to posting.

Audience Participation – Anyone who has registered to speak prior to the meeting being called to order and desires to address the City Council will be heard at this time, or during the discussion of an item listed on the agenda. These forms are located by the City Secretary. After completing the form, give it to the City Secretary. She will give it to the Mayor. The Mayor will call on you when that item is presented, once a motion has been made by Council then public participation will not be allowed. You will have four (4) minutes to make your comments regardless of the number of agenda items to be addressed.

Kenneth Hayes addressed the Council, offering congratulations to the Lions Club for a successful Fishing Fiesta, praising Tommy Pearson and a handful of volunteers for putting on the event and for the fireworks. Mr. Hayes also took time to respond to a comment made at the previous regular meeting concerning the Brazosport Water Authority (BWA) and his representation on that board. He stated that the individual who made the comment has no idea what the BWA does, and emphasized that the BWA should not be slammed, adding that without the authority, the city would be without water.

Carol Parker, representing the Senior Citizens Commission and residing at 76 Dolphin Lane, announced the upcoming Senior Bingo event scheduled for July 20th, from 10:00 AM to noon at Freeport River Place on Mystery Harbor Lane, with food to be provided by Arlans. She noted that bingo is the commission's most popular event, drawing anywhere from 75 to 100 attendees. Ms. Parker also provided a summary of upcoming senior citizen activities planned through December, noting that all events are held on the third Monday of each month, and offered to leave the activity list for the council's reference.

Manning Rollerson addressed the Council, opening with a personal reflection on the 250th anniversary of American independence, expressing his view that the progress made for his community over that span had been insufficient, citing over policing, underemployment, criminalization, and the school-to-prison pipeline. He stated that he does not celebrate July 4th for those reasons. Mr. Rollerson then turned to the matter of the Brazosport Water Authority, directly responding to the earlier comment by Mr. Hayes. He reiterated his position, stating for the record that Brazosport Water Authority is not being forthcoming to the citizens of Freeport, Texas based on water studies, and that residents are paying for water that is hurting us and harming us. He referenced water spending on industrial canal projects and cited a Texas Supreme Court ruling he characterized as allocating 89 percent of water statewide to industry. Mr. Rollerson then spoke to the recall petition, urging the council to follow legal and judicial and constitutional rights, noting that over 220 citizens had voted for the recall. He called on the council to act with integrity and trust, framing his advocacy as being rooted in the future of his grandchildren.

Sam Reyna resides at 2002 North Avenue G. opened by stating he had a complaint, objecting to Jeff Pena having submitted a public comment form after the meeting had already been called to order. Mr. Reyna cited the ordinance requiring forms to be submitted prior to the meeting being called to order. Mr. Reyna stated that, according to Councilman Davis quoted in The Facts that former City Attorney Christopher Duncan had invited newly elected council members and the mayor to meet with him individually following the election to discuss city projects and legal matters, which he stated violated Texas Government Code Section 551.071, noting that a government body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except when seeking legal advice and that none of the three new members had sought his advice. He further spoke about how Mr. Duncan had prepared legal memoranda for EDC board members and met with them individually, which Mr. Reyna characterized as a walking quorum prohibited under the Texas Open Meetings Act, carrying fines of $500 to $2,500. He stated that Mr. Duncan had used his personal email account to conceal these communications despite being instructed on multiple occasions to use his official city email for public record purposes. Mr. Reyna also took issue with Mr. Duncan allegedly providing Councilwoman Mireles's name to council members on a list of pending lawsuits against the city, calling this inaccurate and directing the public to consult Brazoria County Clerk public records, where he stated her name does not appear. He noted that Mr. Pena and Mr. Duncan himself had each filed lawsuits against the city, with Mr. Duncan's federal case being terminated in January 2024 and yet Mr. Duncan was rehired as city attorney approximately a year later. Mr. Reyna expressed the opinion that Mr. Duncan's contract, which classifies him as an independent contractor rather than a city employee, is not binding in part due to a provision entitling him to benefits afforded city officials.

Darlene Wier resides at 1118 West 6th Street. She opened her remarks with a scripture passage: "Do not be hasty to speak and do not be impulsive to make a speech before God. God is in heaven. You are on earth. So let your words be few" and then offered a prayer on behalf of the Council, the city, and the community. Ms. Wier prayed for guidance, integrity, and selflessness for each council member and the mayor, asking that they turn to God for their decisions and resist selfish desires. She expressed that Freeport was small and dying and that she did not want that to continue, and offered thanks specifically to City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly.

Following audience participation, Mayor Cain addressed the matter of Mr. Pena's late submission, reminding those present that per the agenda rules, comment forms must be submitted prior to the meeting being called to order in order to speak during citizens' comments.

Proclamations - Presentations and Updates

Upcoming Events -
"Snocial", July 7, Freeport Splash pad on 2nd Street, 2:00PM - 6:00PM
Shark Exhibit, All Summer, Freeport Historical Museum, Tuesday-Saturday 10:00AM-4:00PM
Story Time, July 15, Freeport Historical Museum,11:00AM
Senior Bingo, July 20, Freeport Riverplace, 10:00AM-12:00PM

City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly gave updates on upcoming events.

Business

Consideration and possible action approving meeting minutes, June 13, 2026, June 15, 2026, and June 25, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman McDonald to approve the meeting minutes, June 13, 2026, June 15, 2026, and June 25, 2026, seconded by Councilman Davis with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Consideration and possible action approving Ordinance No. 2026-2767 calling a Recall Election for the Office of Mayor to be held on November 3, 2026.

Mayor Cain introduced the item, reading the staff recommendation. He noted that this was the third time the council had considered Ordinance No. 2026-2767, which, if approved, would order a recall election for the office of mayor to be held on November 3, 2026, the next authorized uniform election date under the Texas Election Code.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve Ordinance No. 2026-2767 calling a Recall Election for the Office of Mayor to be held on November 3, 2026, seconded by Councilman McDonald with discussion that followed.

Councilwoman Mireles raised a procedural note, reminding staff of the deadlines that apply to getting election materials submitted to the county in time for a November ballot, indicating she had already contacted the county elections office and was familiar with those timelines.

Councilman McDonald offered a personal reflection, noting that he himself had been subject to a recall when he previously held the mayor's position. He expressed some reservation about the cost of the election estimating it to be somewhere between $15,000 and $25,000, but stated he intended to support Mayor Cain through the process. He was going to try to have Mayor Cain's back on this.

Mayor Cain read a prepared statement for the record. He acknowledged that this was the third time the ordinance had come before the council, reviewing the history of the item. In April, the council had voted against ordering the recall. In May, the ordinance returned, and the council's position at that time was not that the recall should be denied, but rather that the city charter should be followed in its entirety specifically that Section 6.11 of the charter, which directs the county judge of Brazoria County to act if council fails or refuses to discharge its duties, should have been invoked after the April denial before the matter returned to council. Mayor Cain read key provisions of the Home Rule Charter into the record, including Section 6.03, requiring that petition circulators affirm by affidavit that they witnessed signatures and believed each to be genuine, and Section 6.07, which obligates the council to order and fix a date for a recall election upon finding the petition sufficient. He acknowledged that concerns had been raised about the petition process, including allegations that petition pages had been left unattended at local businesses, that some signatures may not have been personally signed by the named individuals, and that some citizens alleged they were misled about the nature of the petition. He stated that while these were legitimate concerns, they did not alter the fundamental question before the council. Mayor Cain closed by directly appealing to each member of the council: a vote in favor of Ordinance No. 2026-2767 is not a vote to remove the Mayor from office… it is simply recognizing that our citizens now deserve the opportunity to make the final decision. He asked council to vote in favor not because all legal questions had been resolved, but out of respect for the rule of law, the city's Home Rule Charter, and most importantly, the right of our citizens to decide this question for themselves.

Mayor Cain called the motion to a vote with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

<u>Consideration and possible action approving the proposed 2026 Illumination Light Locations.</u>

Property/GIS Manager Laura Cramer presented the item, explaining that she was before the council to receive input on the 2026 street lighting plan. She noted that City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly had previously distributed blank ward maps to council members for them to identify up to 12 desired light locations per ward, but that no completed maps had been returned.

Councilman Davis acknowledged that he had received the maps, had been driving around his ward taking notes, but had misplaced his map. He agreed to transfer his notes to the new map and return it to Property/GIS Manager Laura Cramer by Friday. The Police Department had also submitted a list of light locations, Ms. Cramer noted, and some lights previously flagged as outages were already in the repair queue with CenterPoint Energy, with an estimated repair timeline of two to three weeks. Councilman Davis also raised the issue of a street light near Peppermint Park at 8th Street being obscured by tree overgrowth, effectively shadowing the light and rendering it non-functional. Ms. Cramer confirmed that tree trimming could be arranged.

Mayor Cain asked whether the item was time-sensitive. Property/GIS Manager Laura Cramer explained that while there is no hard deadline, the goal is to submit locations to CenterPoint by mid-year May or June to allow sufficient time for engineering review and installation within the same calendar year. Mayor Cain directed all council members to complete and return their ward maps to City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly, so that she would know when all four wards had been submitted and could place the item back on a future agenda for formal approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to table this item (3C), seconded by Councilwoman Mireles with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion to table this item.

<u>Consideration and possible action approving Resolutions appointing/reappointing members to various</u>

Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Cain announced that, in consideration of volunteers present for board appointments, he would be moving agenda item 3D ahead of 3A.

City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly introduced the item, explaining that terms on each of the boards and commissions had expired on May 31, 2026, and that several positions had also been left vacant by members who stepped down before their terms concluded. She noted that applications had been received from interested individuals and that board representatives had provided recommendations based on discussions at their respective meetings.

Mayor Cain identified two boards with openings: the Historic Commission and Main Street Advisory Board, with one vacancy, and the Board of Adjustments, with one regular member opening and one alternate opening.

Councilman McDonald, serving as liaison to the Main Street board, conveyed that the Main Street Board had met and voted to recommend Toni Mladan for the vacancy.

Con McCleester resides at 97 Dolphin Lane. He stated that he currently serves as an alternate on the Board of Adjustments. He expressed his desire to move into the permanent member role now that a vacancy had opened. He noted his professional background of 27 years with the Harris County Appraisal District prior to retiring and relocating to Freeport eight years ago.

Melanie Oldham resides at 531 West Brazos Street. She expressed her interest in serving on the Board of Adjustments. She explained that she had watched the board's meetings and appreciated the importance of its work, particularly in handling variance requests and working with property owners to bring properties into compliance rather than ordering demolitions. She acknowledged Mr. McCleester's strong record as an alternate and indicated she would be interested in any available position on the board, including the alternate role.

A motion was made by Councilman McDonald to appoint Toni Mladan to the Historic Commission and Main Street Advisory Board, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Mayor Cain took a moment to commend the appointment process, noting that Ms. Mladan had initially appeared at a prior meeting without having submitted an application, introduced herself, expressed a desire to serve, was encouraged to apply, and followed through. He called it an example of the importance of showing up and participating.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to appoint Con McCleester as a regular member of the Board of Adjustments, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to appoint Melanie Oldham as an alternate on the Board of Adjustments, seconded by Councilman McDonald with all present and voting "Aye" 4-1. The Council approved the motion. Councilwoman Mireles voted "Nay".

Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2026-3058 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program for the Water Line Replacement and Fire Protection Project.

City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly presented the item, recommending approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program. Dr. Kelly noted that the estimated total project cost was $16,380,870. She explained that this is a one-time, competitive grant opportunity intended to support water supply and infrastructure projects. Dr. Kelly described the proposed project as a water line replacement and fire protection project, as addressing undersized water lines, improving fire flow, eliminating dead-end water lines, adding fire hydrant coverage, and improving overall water system resiliency throughout a significant portion of Freeport's water distribution system. She outlined the specific estimated improvements to be funded, including: abandonment or replacement of approximately 52,310 linear feet of water lines four inches in diameter or smaller, installation of approximately 41,310 linear feet of new 6-inch water lines, installation of 5,340 linear feet of 8-inch water lines and 1,560 linear feet of 12-inch water lines, approximately 534 service reconnections, installation of approximately 67 water valves, installation of approximately 26 new fire hydrant assemblies and relocation of 2 existing hydrants. Dr. Kelly noted that the estimated total project cost was $16,380,870, encompassing engineering design, environmental study, construction, grant administration, and escrow fees. She clarified that submitting the application does not guarantee funding and does not obligate the city to proceed with the project; any required local match, grant conditions, or related funding obligations would be evaluated and returned to council as part of a future award acceptance process.

A motion was made by Councilman McDonald to approve Resolution No. 2026-3058 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program for the Water Line Replacement and Fire Protection Project, seconded by Councilman Davis with discussion that followed.

Mayor Cain expressed strong support, noting his enthusiasm for improving infrastructure without raising taxes.

Mayor Cain called the motion to a vote with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Consideration and possible action to Accept the Texas General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Resilient Communities Program Grant, Contract No. 23-160-208-F790, in the Amount of $250,000 for the Development and Adoption of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents.

Finance Director Ashlee Hurst presented the item, recommending that the council accept the Texas General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Resilient Communities Program Grant in the amount of $250,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and any related documents. Ms. Hurst explained that the city had previously applied for this funding to develop a comprehensive planning framework integrating resilience, hazard mitigation, infrastructure planning, and sustainable growth. The award of $250,000 will fund a comprehensive planning process resulting in the adoption of a city comprehensive plan and supporting implementation documents. She described the full project scope, which includes: Identification and assessment of local hazard risk and vulnerabilities, a population study estimating current population and projecting growth over the next 20 years, a housing study evaluating existing housing conditions and projecting housing needs for the next 10 years, development of a comprehensive land use plan with a future land use map, existing land use inventory, and land use policies for all property within the city's jurisdiction, an infrastructure assessment covering water, wastewater, drainage, and street systems, preparation of a capital improvement plan prioritizing infrastructure improvements based on community needs and resilience objectives, development of zoning ordinances and regulatory recommendations to support and implement the comprehensive plan, formal adoption of the comprehensive plan by the city council following public engagement and stakeholder participation. Ms. Hurst emphasized that there is no local match required for this grant and that acceptance will not adversely impact the city's operating budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mireles to accept the Texas General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Resilient Communities Program Grant, Contract No. 23-160-208-F790, in the Amount of $250,000 for the Development and Adoption of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents, seconded by Councilman McDonald with discussion that followed.

Councilman Davis expressed appreciation to Finance Director Ashlee Hurst and City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly, commending the shift away from my way or the highway mentality and toward professional outside expertise and research. He also welcomed the city's two newest leadership team members: Assistant City Manager Director Tracy Harrison and Human Resource Director Clifton Beck who were present in the audience. He praised the collaborative direction of the city and expressed confidence in the team being assembled.

Mayor Cain highlighted the significance of the comprehensive plan's requirement for public engagement and stakeholder participation, encouraging the city to do everything possible to drive citizen involvement and urging residents to attend and participate.

Mayor Cain called the motion to a vote with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Consideration and possible action approving a budget amendment for Main Street Board training services related to the Main Street America Four-Point Approach and board roles and responsibilities.

Main Street Coordinator Maria Lopez presented the item, recommending approval of a budget amendment in the amount of $2,500 for professional consulting and training services for the Freeport Main Street Board. Ms. Lopez explained that the program was requesting approval to retain consultant Norma Ramirez, a San Antonio-based professional with extensive experience working with Main Street communities throughout Texas and at the national level to provide a one-time, two-to-three-hour Saturday workshop for the Main Street board on the Main Street America Four-Point Approach and the roles and responsibilities of board members. Ms. Lopez noted that because there was no staff member serving in the Main Street Coordinator role at the time the FY2025-26 budget was adopted, funding for board development and consultant-led training was not included. She explained that as a designated Texas Main Street community, the program is expected to provide annual training opportunities for board members, and that she anticipated facilitating future trainings in-house once the program matures but that for the first year, bringing an experienced outside consultant would provide the board with a stronger foundation. The training had been approved by Texas Main Street State Coordinator Amy Hammonds.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve a budget amendment for Main Street Board training services related to the Main Street America Four-Point Approach and board roles and responsibilities, seconded by Councilman McDonald with discussion that followed.

Councilwoman Mireles questioned Main Street Coordinator Maria Lopez about her own background and qualifications, to which Ms. Lopez responded that she holds a background degree in mass communication and broadcasting, has a background in public service and customer service, and has personally owned a business all of which she described as directly relevant to the work of engaging businesses and property owners in downtown revitalization. Councilwoman Mireles also asked whether the city had explored online alternatives. Ms. Lopez acknowledged that online resources and videos are regularly shared with board members, but emphasized that the in-person Saturday workshop would be more engaging and impactful, particularly for the largely new board hearing from someone who had worked and lived on that Main Street program outside city government.

Councilman McDonald asked whether Ms. Ramirez would be attending the Main Street board's monthly meetings on a continuing basis. Main Street Coordinator Maria Lopez clarified that this was strictly a one-time event and not an ongoing engagement, noting that the $2,500 also covers Ms. Ramirez's travel from San Antonio.

Councilman Davis offered enthusiastic support for Main Street Coordinator Maria Lopez reflecting on his time as the council liaison to the Main Street board. He praised her passion, organization, and vision. He expressed confidence in the direction of the Main Street program and framed the investment in training as necessary to elevate volunteers to a shared level of understanding and purpose.

Mayor Cain added his own praise for Main Street Coordinator Maria Lopez, calling her passion contagious and her work ethic incredible. Before calling the vote, he confirmed with Finance Director Hurst that the budget amendment was feasible.

Mayor Cain called the motion to a vote with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Work Session

Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.

Councilman McDonald reported that the obstruction on Oak Street had been resolved, as had a separate issue in front of the old City Hall on 2nd Street, and extended thanks to City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly for the follow-through. He noted that a recent storm had passed through Ward A, prompting him and city crews to go out and assist residents, including flushing drainage lines in portions of the ward. He expressed concern about water entering homes, calling it a sign that drainage issues in the ward needed more attention. He identified plastic debris as a particularly damaging material for the drainage system and stated that he had personally driven through the area that day, finding a deteriorated culvert near the lift station on Gulf Boulevard where his truck tire had sunk. He concluded by commending Main Street Coordinator Maria Lopez and the Main Street program for a well-received Saturday downtown event.

Councilman Davis Ward B announcements and comments.

Councilman Davis opened by thanking everyone in attendance and acknowledging his fellow council members, the Mayor, and City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly, expressing optimism about the collaborative tone of the meeting. He noted the completion of a sidewalk repair near a church in Ward B and flagged a remaining alley project between 7th and 8th Streets for which staff indicated work was ongoing. He raised a concern about potholes in his ward, including some that had been partially addressed but still needed additional fill. He praised the Main Street downtown event, noting that he appreciated the cooling station at the Freeport Historical Museum, which gave him an opportunity to tour the full museum and the shark exhibit. He applauded all city officers and staff who supported the event. He recognized Carol Parker for consistently bringing senior citizens commission reports to council meetings. He reported attending fireworks shows in Angleton and Lake Jackson for informal comparison purposes, ultimately concluding that Freeport put on the best show of the three, particularly due to the unique experience of watching fireworks over the water. He suggested that an additional $2,000 investment could add two more minutes to the show and secure victory over the competing cities. He also gave a shout-out to Finance Director Ashlee Hurst, whom he called a celebrity, praising the positive news about Freeport in the press related to finance and transparency.

Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.

Councilwoman Mireles expressed regret at having missed the downtown event, explaining that she had been at MD Anderson with her brother due to a family illness but had followed along on social media and described the coverage as fantastic. She reported that alley work in Ward C was still ongoing and acknowledged that a constituent had contacted her about a drainage ditch issue. She noted that a city worker had responded promptly, walked the area with her, and identified that the primary problem was not the smaller ditch but a larger ditch nearby where water had ceased flowing. The worker indicated a return visit was planned to complete the job. She also relayed a citizen complaint about a large pothole on Yellowstone Street, adjacent to the Bottom Dollar store, describing it as significant enough to potentially cause vehicle damage.

Councilman Rossow Ward D announcements and comments.

Councilman Rossow thanked all attendees for coming to the first Monday meeting. He gave a special acknowledgment to Finance Director Ashlee Hurst, calling her a celebrity in the city of Freeport for all the good work she had been doing. He also recognized Maria Lopez for the downtown event, noting he was blown away by the turnout despite the approximately 90-degree heat and observed that many attendees were not from Freeport, suggesting the event was drawing outside interest. He encouraged senior citizens 55 and over to attend the July 20th bingo event at the River Place, noting the facility can hold up to 200 people. He announced that he was actively compiling a pothole list for the City Manager and invited residents to call City Hall with any issues.

Mayor Jerry Cain announcements and comments.

Mayor Cain echoed the praise for the July 4th downtown celebration, noting that more than 109 people were counted on-site before the event even officially started at 9:00 AM, calling it incredible. He specifically praised the Freeport Historical Museum serving as the cooling station for the event as top notch, commending Director Loretta Cady for the quality of the experience and noting that he, too, spent time playing with the Legos and Lincoln Logs during his visit. He addressed the ongoing concern about drainage ditch maintenance across the city, noting the difficulty of asking citizens to maintain their properties when city-owned ditches were not being kept up. He shared that the slope mower used to mow ditches was currently out of service for repairs, and stated that if the repair timeline was extended, alternative solutions would need to be explored. He noted he had been told staff was already looking into alternatives. He closed by congratulating Finance Director Ashlee Hurst on receiving a nationally recognized award, calling her and the broader staff team outstanding people. Mayor Cain also announced two upcoming special meetings: a special meeting on Wednesday to interview a candidate for City Attorney, and a budget workshop the following Saturday beginning at 9:00 AM.

City Manager announcements and comments.

City Manager Dr. Danielle Kelly shared her appreciation for the July 4th celebration, expressing how meaningful it was to see children enjoying the water slides and splash pad. She re-emphasized the Snocial event the following day July 7th at the splash pad on 2nd Street, offering free snow cones. She provided a preview of an upcoming city mobile application discussed at a prior budget workshop that would allow residents to report issues such as potholes and drainage problems directly through their smartphones by snapping a photo and dropping a geolocation pin, eliminating the need to call City Hall. She indicated the app was anticipated to be included in the FY2027 budget. Dr. Kelly also formally welcomed two new members of the city's leadership team: HR Director Tracy Harrison and Clifton Beck, both in their third week and described as already making a strong impact.

Executive Session

Executive Session regarding a.) Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) 1.) Six-month performance evaluation of City Manager.

The Regular Session closed at 7:36P.M. and the Council entered into the Executive Session.

Reconvene into Open Session:

Take any action resulting from Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 8:16P.M. and the Council went back into the Regular Session.

There was no action from the Executive Session.

Adjournment

Adjournment – Jerry Cain, Mayor

A motion was made by Councilman McDonald to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Davis with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. Mayor Cain adjourned the meeting at 8:16P.M.

Jerry Cain
Jerry Cain, Mayor

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Clarisa Fernandez City Secretary