

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport, Texas met on Wednesday, July 8, 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
- Chris Motley, Fire Chief
- Corey Brinkman, Police Captain
- Craig Graham, Police Lieutenant

Visitors:

Melanie Oldham	Pamela Dancy
Manning Rollerson	Sam Reyna
Jeff Pena	

Call to Order:

Call to Order - Jerry Cain, Mayor

Mayor Cain called the Special City Council Meeting of the Freeport City Council to order at 6:00P.M. on July 8, 2026, declaring 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 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.

Manning Rollerson urged the Council to set aside dysfunction and make decisions that reflect the best interests of Freeport residents. Mr. Rollerson emphasized that the people serving on the Council were elected because residents placed their faith in them, and that their decisions carry real consequences for those who have invested in the community and hope to leave something of value to their children and grandchildren. He cautioned against continued finger-pointing, arguing that doing so only perpetuates existing problems rather than resolving them. Turning specifically to the evening's business, Mr. Rollerson implored the Council to select a city attorney who would genuinely work for the city and its residents not for personal financial gain and to avoid repeating past mistakes with attorneys who he characterized as counterproductive to the city's interests.

Jeff Pena addressed the Council expressing strong and pointed opposition to what he described as a recent decision to engage the law firm of Olson and Olson to handle public information requests on an interim basis. Mr. Pena made clear that, in his view and the view of many residents, no amount of work however limited in scope should be entrusted to that firm, characterizing the engagement as good money going into corrupt, lying, provenly untrustworthy pockets. He proceeded to enumerate a series of specific allegations against Olson and Olson, including: alleged collusion in private negotiations with the Port of Freeport that he claimed nearly cost the city over \$8 million in connection with the East End; alleged involvement in covering up an illegal \$345,000 wire transfer related to a construction matter; alleged efforts to prevent the Council from receiving information related to the suspension of Police Chief Jennifer Howell in what Mr. Pena characterized as an attempt to pressure the Chief into resigning; testimony he alleged was false, given under oath by the firm's lead attorney, David Olson, in what Mr. Pena described as a trial intended to prosecute him for legally posting an agenda; alleged knowledge of the contents of recordings related to a criminal plot against Mr. Pena's own life, which he claimed the firm failed to report to authorities or to the full Council; alleged cover-up of overbilling errors in the Surfside matter; and alleged continued billing of the city after the firm had been terminated. Mr. Pena noted that Mayor Cain had himself previously voted to remove Olson and Olson, and questioned how the firm had come to be re-engaged. He stated that he was uncertain whether the Council had been properly advised of the decision, and called on the firm to immediately cease any work and return any funds received. He closed by affirming his intent to continue pressing the matter until Olson and Olson was fully removed from any association with the City of Freeport, and warned that recall efforts were underway.

Executive Session

Executive Session regarding: Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) 1.) Interview of City Attorney Applicant.

The Regular Session closed at 6:09P.M. and the Council entered into the Executive Session.

Reconvene into Open Session:

Take any action resulting from Executive Session.

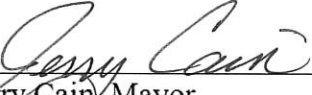
The Executive Session ended at 7:31P.M. and the Council went back into Regular Session.

A motion was made by Councilman McDonald to retain the Bojorquez Law Firm for City Attorney and for the Mayor to sign the engagement letter that is enclosed, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Adjournment

Adjournment – Jerry Cain, Mayor

A motion was made by Councilman McDonald to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Cain with all present and voting "Aye" 5-0. Mayor Cain adjourned the meeting at 7:32P.M.



Jerry Cain, Mayor



Clarisa Fernandez City Secretary