



City of Freeport
Meeting and/or Executive Session Agenda

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Monday, August 17, 2026, 6:00 PM | Council Chamber | 430 North Brazosport Blvd., Freeport, Texas 77541

Taxpayer Impact Statement

This statement shows the estimated annual property tax bill for the average taxable homestead value in Freeport (\$125,383), comparing the current tax rate, the no-new-revenue rate, the voter approval rate, and the de minimis tax rate options.

Tax Rate Scenario	Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation	Estimated Annual Tax Bill	Difference from Current FY
Current FY 2025-2026	\$0.514210	\$587.62	-
No-New-Revenue Rate	\$0.444922	\$557.86	\$(29.76)
Voter-Approval Rate	\$0.487316	\$611.01	\$23.39
De Minimis Rate	\$0.499186	\$625.89	\$38.27
Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.474988	\$595.55	\$7.93

Proposed Budget

A copy of the proposed budget is available online at <https://www.freeporttx.gov/financial-budget>

In accordance with Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code, this agenda has been posted at Freeport City Hall, and distributed to the appropriate news media within the required time frame. All meetings of the Freeport City Council are open to the public. Public participation and written comments are invited on all open session business items.

The Mayor and City Council request that cell phones be turned off or set to vibrate. Members of the audience are requested to step outside to conduct a phone conversation. The Council Chamber is wheelchair accessible and special parking is available outside the building. If special accommodation is required, please contact the City Secretary a minimum of 72 hours in advance at 979-233-3526.

1: Call to Order:

- 1A. Call to Order - Jerry Cain, Mayor
- 1B. Invocation - Councilman
- 1C. Pledges - Pledge of Allegiance to the United States; Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas.
- 1D. Matters Subsequent to Posting.

- 1E. 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.

2: Proclamations - Presentations and Updates

- 2A. Upcoming Events -
Cotton Spinning and Historic Textiles, August 29, Freeport Museum, 11:00AM-3:00PM
16th Annual KidFest, September 12, Historic Downtown Freeport, 3:00P.M.-7:00P.M.
Haunting Tales of the Texas Coast, September 12-October 31, Freeport Museum, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibit, September 15-October 15, Freeport Museum
Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play, September 26, Freeport Museum, 11:00AM-4:00PM
Seniors Bingo, September 21, Freeport RiverPlace, 10:00AM-12:00PM

3: Consent Agenda:

All items listed are part of the Consent Agenda. Public Hearing and review are held collectively unless opposition is presented, in which case the contested item will be heard separately.

- 3A. Action regarding Minutes, August 3, 2026 - Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary
3B. Action approving changing the date of the first meeting in September 2026 due to Labor Day Holiday to Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary
3C. Action approving Road Closures for the 16th Annual KidFest – Dare to Dream, Maria Lopez, Main Street Coordinator
3D. Action approving the Monthly Financial Report through July 31, 2026 - Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director
3E. Action approving the Employee Holiday Calendar for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 - Clifton Beck, Human Resources Director
3F. Action approving Resolution No. 2026-3063 accepting the actions of the City of Freeport Employee Benefits Trust.- Clifton Beck, Human Resources Director

4: Business

- 4A. Consideration and possible action approving Resolution No. 2026-3064 updating the City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule.(Dr. Danielle Kelly)
4B. Consideration and possible action approving Resolution No. 2026-3065 adopting Chapter 5.27 AI Policy.(Toby Cohen)

- 4C. Consideration and possible action on setting the City of Freeport proposed 2026 tax rate, setting the public hearing, and directing staff to publish the Notice of Proposed 2026 Tax Rate.(Ashlee Hurst)
- 4D. Consideration and possible action approving the Public Works Department purchase for 3 pieces of equipment to be used for streets/drainage/sidewalks.(Tracy Harrison)

5: Work Session

The City Council may deliberate and make inquiry into any item specifically listed as a Subsection under the itemized Sections A-F 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. Councilman McDonald Ward A announcements and comments.
- B. Councilman Davis Ward B announcements and comments.
- C. Councilwoman Mireles Ward C announcements and comments.
- D. Councilman Rossow Ward D announcements and comments.
- E. Mayor Jerry Cain announcements and comments.
- F. City Manager announcements and comments.

6: Executive Session

The City Council may take action on any Executive Session item posted. 551.071. Texas Government Code. Consultation with Attorney. The City Council may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legal posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items:

- 6A. 1) Meet in executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): Covarrubias Lawsuit Update.
- 2) Meet in executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1). To deliberate the letter of intent received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.

7: Reconvene into Open Session:

7A. Take any action resulting from Executive Session.

8: Adjournment

8A. Adjournment – Jerry Cain, Mayor

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 consult with the city attorney or discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), but cannot vote or take action on any item unless it is set forth above in this agenda. 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).

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Clarisa Fernandez,
City Secretary, City of Freeport, Texas

