

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
MARCH 7, 2022**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Trish Hanks	Councilmember
Steve Rockey	Councilmember
Sally Branson	Councilmember
Robert J. Griffon	Mayor Pro Tem
John Scott	Councilmember
Brent Erenwert	Councilmember
 Mike Foreman	 Mayor
 Morad Kabiri	 City Manager
Karen Horner	City Attorney
Leticia Brysch	City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 6:00 P.M.; all members were present.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor David Bridges with Friendswood Friends Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - United States and State of Texas

Mayor Foreman led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and to the State of Texas.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Rockey reported that the Library Gala took place last week and it was very well attended. He thanked the volunteers, sponsors, and staff that helped make the fundraising event absolutely fabulous.

Mayor Foreman thanked the Chamber of Commerce, the City staff and the local businesses for the great State of the City event that was held last week.

Councilmember Erenwert noted that he is now the council liaison to Keep Friendswood Beautiful and they are always looking for volunteers not just as board members, but to support the many programs and events that they hold throughout the year.

Councilmember Erenwert also noted that the Library gala was a wonderful event. He also encouraged everyone to keep those in need and in conflicts in their prayers.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Griffon stated that the Anthony Jones Masonic Lodge is going to have a barbecue cook-off and craft show on April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone to attend and participate. Mayor Pro Tem Robert Griffon presented an overview of the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District's fiscal year 2021 audit results and highlighted the large projects it is handling in the next few years.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Foreman stated that in order to comply with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate any item not listed on the agenda, as such, the City Council will listen to public comment and may (i) refer the item to City Management for further action or (ii) direct staff for the placement of said item on a future agenda. During public comments, speakers shall refrain from any outbursts, or interjections including but not limited to applause, disparaging noises, and remarks. Furthermore, any personnel complaints against a City employee, aside from the City Manager, City Attorney, or Municipal Judge, shall not be discussed and shall be referred to City Management.

Elita Caldwell, 1500 Windsor Drive, spoke regarding skating programs and advocated for the creation of a skate park in the City of Friendswood. She stated that this type of programming is desired in Friendswood, and she would love to support these endeavors.

Mayor Jerry Mouton from the City of Deer Park announced his candidacy for the position of County Commissioner for Harris County, Precinct Two.

Jim Foreman, owner and publisher of the Reporter-News spoke to Council regarding his concern with the disappearance of local newspapers nationwide, which was the main reason he chose to take over the Reporter News after the passing of Laura Emmons, who was a good friend of many years. Mr. Foreman stated that the paper has had some challenges but assured the Council that he has received enormous support from the community and felt the paper could continue to publish paper copies through the end of May. He thanked the Council for their attention and support.

6. COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Receive the Planning and Zoning Commission Annual Report.

Chairperson Joe Matranga presented the Council the annual report for the activities of the Planning and Zoning Commission for 2021.

B. Receive the Zoning Board of Adjustments Annual Report.

Chairperson Philip Ratisseau presented the Council the annual report for the activities of the Zoning Board of Adjustments for 2021.

Mayor Foreman thanked both Mr. Matranga and Mr. Ratisseau for their leadership and hard work in their respective boards.

7. WORK SESSION TOPICS

A. Receive and discuss an update from the Gulf Coast Protection District regarding the Gulf Coast Barrier Project.

Friendswood Deputy Director of Engineering Samantha Haritos stated that the Gulf Coast Protection District was created in 2021 by the 87th Regular Texas Legislature to become the non-federal sponsor of the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management and the Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Feasibility Studies, collectively referred to as the Coastal Barrier System.

Mrs. Haritos introduced Ms. Sally Bakko, Board of Directors, Gulf Coast Protection District and Director, City of Galveston Policy, and Governmental Relations; and Ms. Nicole Sunstrum, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Protection District, and Legislative Director, State Senator Larry Taylor.

Ms. Sunstrum thanked the Mayor and Council for having them at the City Council meeting. She gave appreciation for the opportunity and noted that as the Gulf Coast Protection District matures, it is good to get out into the community.

Ms. Sunstrum presented the following information regarding the Gulf Coast Protection District.

SB 1160 (Taylor/Paul):

- Authored by Senator Larry Taylor and Representative Dennis Paul
- Multiple coauthors and cosponsors
- Passed the Texas legislature in 2021 to create the Gulf Coast Protection District
- Bipartisan support

Purpose:

- To become the non-federal sponsor of the Coastal Texas and Sabine to Galveston study projects located in GCPD counties
- Operate and maintain projects upon completion

GCPD Territories:

- Chambers County
- Galveston County
- Harris County
- Jefferson County
- Orange County

Ms. Sunstrum noted that the District only has jurisdiction over the projects in the five counties meaning that it will not cover the entire length of the Coastal Texas Projects which encompasses eighteen counties. She continued to discuss the Governor Appointees explaining that there are eleven board members.

GCPD Board: Governor Appointees

- Terms expiring June 16, 2025
 - Sally Bakko (Municipal Interests)
 - Michel Bechtel (Harris County)
 - Roger Guenther (Ports)
 - Bob Mitchell (Harris County)
 - Lori Traweek (Environmental Interests)
 - Michael VanDerSnick (Industry)

GCPD Board: County Appointees

- Initial two year, then four-year terms:
 - Commissioner Billy Combs, Chambers County
 - Roger Quiroga, Galveston County
 - Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County
 - Allan Ritter, Jefferson County
 - Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte, Orange County

Ms. Sunstrum continued to discuss related legislation.

SB 2265, 85 (R)
• Authored by Sen. Larry Taylor, Rep. Wayne Faircloth • Failed • Would have expanded the territory of the Gulf Coast Authority and created an advisory board to operate and maintain a coastal spine project
SB 500, 86 (R)
• Provided \$200 million in state funding for matching and project costs on Sabine to Galveston projects • Held by the Texas General Land Office • Applicable Counties: Brazoria, Jefferson, Orange

SB 2212, 86 (R)
• Authored by Sen. Larry Taylor, Rep. Dennis Paul • Passed • Allowed the drainage districts in the Sabine to Galveston Study to sign agreements with the USACE on the Sabine to Galveston projects
SB 1, 87 (R)
• Provided \$200 million, contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 1160 • Held by the Texas General Land Office • Applicable Counties: GCPD counties: Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, and Orange

Ms. Sunstrum listed the partners of Gulf Coast Protection District stating that the projects cover an enormous amount of territory. She stated that a goal of GCPD is to reach out and get more in touch with people who are interested in the projects.

GCPD Partners:

- Environmental Organizations
- Industry
- Texas Ports
- Drainage Districts
- Counties
- Cities
- Texas General Land Office
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Texas Congressional Delegation
- Landowners
- Property Owner Associations
- Texas Legislature
- Engineering Firms
- Academic Institutions
- Trade Associations

Ms. Sunstrum explained the GCPD Timeline as follows:

- June 16, 2021: SB 1160 effective,
- August 18, 2021: First GCPD Board Meeting, GCPD signs letter of intent (LOI) with US Army Corps of Engineers on Coastal Texas,
- September 2021: Coastal Texas Study complete, Chief's Report signed,
- January 2022: GCPD signs interlocal agreements with Orange County Drainage District and Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7,
- Spring 2022: GCPD to sign project partnership agreement (PPA) with USACE on Orange County projects,
- Summer 2022: 2022 Water Resources Development Act, and
- January 2023: 88th Legislative Session, Texas.

Ms. Sunstrum stated that when the session starts again in January of 2023, GCPD will be asking for more money and that they plan to come back every session to ask for more appropriation to help move GCPD forward.

Sally Bakko thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak stating that because she is the municipality's representative on the board it is especially meaningful to her to be able to come and visit with Council on the Gulf Coast Protection District and the Coastal Storm Surge Protection System.

Ms. Bakko explained the federal process. She noted that for a project to proceed to construction it must be authorized. She said that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee represents the House side; and that the Environment and Public Works represent the Senate side. She said that it is those authorizing committees that will give the go-ahead for proceeding with the project.

Ms. Bakko stated that the next step is appropriations and noted that their first and most challenging task is to get the project authorized.

Ms. Bakko stated that in February of 2022, Water Resources and Environment, subcommittee of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, held a hearing with stakeholders where Michel Bechtel, GCPD Chairman and Morgan's Point Mayor, testified and presented GCPD's argument for the importance of the project as an essential project for the State of Texas and the nation to protect essential supply chains that affect every business and industry in the country.

Ms. Bakko noted that supply chains are impacted by storm damage. She stated that a glitch in the supply chain can cause significant rippling effects on the cost of doing business and the ability to manufacture goods. She continued that with a reduced worker capacity to help with the recovery process at facilities, there has been a significant impact on the supply chain. She noted that this is especially apparent at the Houston Port that has over \$800 billion in national economic value. She noted that the Gulf Coast Protection District and the Storm Surge Protection Project is essential for the State of Texas.

Ms. Bakko stated that it is their hope that the Authorization Bill, the Water Resources Development Act, will go forward and be presented to the president for signature.

Mayor Foreman thanked the speakers for their presence and overview of this very important subject.

8. APPENDIX C ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS REGARDING PUD AMENDMENTS

A. Conduct a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Appendix C "Zoning," Section 7.J "PUD, Planned Unit Development, general purpose and description" of the Friendswood City Code to add criteria to qualify for a PUD, decrease the percentage of allowable change in land use, add an expiration of two years, and add standards for revocation.

At 7:02 P.M., Mayor Foreman opened a public hearing and requested that staff give council an overview of the item.

Ms. Aubrey Harbin, Director of Community Development, presented that item and stated that these proposed amendments will amend the general purpose and description of Planned Unit Developments to address past concerns by Commissioners and Councilmembers regarding concerns with the PUD process. She noted that the proposed changes will:

- (1) add criteria to qualify for a PUD,
- (2) decrease the allowable change in land use from 25% to 10%,
- (3) add an expiration of two years, and
- (4) add standards for revocation.

Ms. Harbin stated that currently the seven general purposes of a PUD are in the Zoning Ordinance which will remain unchanged. However, the addition of the criteria to qualify for a PUD align with the general purposes, and an applicant need only meet one of the criteria to qualify. She further noted that as it relates to the decrease in the allowable changes in land use, this percentage affects proposed alterations to an already approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow an applicant/developer to alter the land area or square footage, as appropriate, covered by a category of use by not more than 10% (current ordinance is 25%). The ordinance also states that in no case shall such variations change traffic or circulation patterns, substantially alter the number or arrangement of buildings, increase the height of buildings,

lessen the amount or effectiveness of open space or landscaped buffers, or result in a greater impact on adjacent properties or neighborhoods.

Additionally, multiple requests that would exceed the allowed percentage are not allowed to be approved administratively and would require a new application. Ms. Harbin stated that staff also added an expiration period of two-years to the PUD, which is the same as a Specific Use Permit. She further noted that applicants will have an option to apply for a one-time extension for an additional two-years, but if the PUD does expire, a new zone change application will be required.

The Planning and Zoning Commission discussed this item at two meetings, with one commissioner missing at each, but had a final vote 6 to 0, to recommend these changes.

At 7:05 P.M., with there being no one signed up to speak, Mayor Foreman closed the public hearing.

B. Consider the first reading of an ordinance amending Appendix C "Zoning," Section 7.J " PUD, Planned Unit Development, general purpose and description" of the Friendswood City Code to add criteria to qualify for a PUD, decrease the percentage of allowable change in land use, add an expiration of two years, and add standards for revocation.

Mayor Foreman opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Rockey stated that he likes the idea of dropping the percentage of allowable change in the land use to 10% as well as the revocation date and inquired who would be responsible for deciding that these thresholds have been met. Ms. Harbin stated that it would be the Planning and Zoning Commission who would make that determination; however, if the Planning and Zoning Commission felt it was appropriate, the item could go to Council, as the Commission is an advisor to the City Council. Planning and Zoning Chair Joe Matranga stated that either the Planning and Zoning Commission or the City Council could add requirements to a case if they felt it was appropriate.

Councilmember Hanks stated that there have only been two PUDs in fourteen years that have needed to use the 25% exception, so it is not something that is being abused. She further noted that she believes that 25% is too much; and those two out of the three developers that she talked to about this item also agreed that 25% is too much. Councilmember Hanks also mentioned that if it was merited, the City Council could call special meetings to help shorten the timeline for this process, which would help developers. City Manager Morad Kabiri stated that the City could decrease the timeline from the typical sixty to ninety days for a PUD; however, there is still the state-mandated requirements for fourteen days' notice in the local newspaper, so the City can work to limit the timelines when possible.

Councilmember Scott stated that he appreciates everyone's efforts on this item and believes that it is moving in the right direction.

Mayor Foreman asked if the Whitcomb Property which will require a PUD to develop, would be approvable by the Planning and Zoning Commission under these new guidelines. Ms. Harbin stated that this development would be approvable as a mixed-use development.

Mr. Kabiri stated that he has seen development standards go from one extreme to the next like a pendulum; i.e., overregulating in one respect, then scaling back immediately, so while this item may need tweaking in the future, he applauded the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Staff for their efforts.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-06, related to Item 8.b. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX C, "ZONING," SECTION 7 "SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS," SUBSECTION J "PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, GENERAL PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE TO ADD CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR A PUD, DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF ALLOWABLE CHANGE IN LAND USE, ADD AN EXPIRATION OF TWO YEARS, AND ADD STANDARDS FOR REVOCATION; PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Conduct Present an update on EMS Billing.

City Manager Kabiri stated that the City is now within the third year of EMS billing and went over the collections and calls as follows:

Fiscal Year	Months	EMS Revenue	# of EMS Calls	# of Transports
FY2019	Jan-Sept	\$485,589.95	2,405	1,237
FY2020	Oct-Sept	\$849,063.28	3,167	1,646
FY2021	Oct-Sept	\$885,165.28	3,678	1,922

Mr. Kabiri stated that the City is very happy with the services and has found them to be very responsive when issues are brought forward.

B. Present an update regarding the Friendswood Library receiving the Texas Municipal Leagues' Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award for 2021.

City Manager Kabiri presented the item and stated that the Library was selected for the 8th year in a row for the Excellence in Library Award from the Texas Municipal League. He noted that there are 565 libraries in the state of Texas and only 59 of them received this honor, which is just outside of the top 10%. Mr. Kabiri thanked Library Director Matt Riley and his staff for doing such a wonderful job with the Library and its programs.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consider awarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Concrete Street Maintenance to Greenscape Six, LLC.

Engineering Director Jil Arias presented the item and stated that this item is for the yearly maintenance of concrete streets within the City of Friendswood (asphalt contract will be presented separately at an upcoming Council meeting). This concrete contract job, worth \$400,000, will kick off the next round of street maintenance using Greenscapes Six, LLC ("G6") as the City's contractor, who did the same work during the 2021-2022 budget cycle. The City opened bid submittals on Thursday, February 17, 2022. The bid was issued upon a unit bid basis, and individual bid items will be for work to be done until the spending cap is met. Funding for this package is through the 21/22 FY General Fund allocation for street maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rockey and seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve awarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Concrete Street Maintenance to Greenscape Six, LLC. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

B. Discuss accepting the bid of GSD Companies for the sale of surplus water meters.

Public Works Director Rene Ibarra presented the item and stated that the City had recently moved forward with the replacement of the City's existing customer-based water meters with an improved Automated Meter Infrastructure. He noted that this project is progressing forward, and staff has been in the process of storing the collected brass meters in preparation for their sale through the competitive bidding process. In recognition of the potential total monetary amount to be paid to the City (\$50k plus) and for added

transparency assurances, the Public Works Department and Administrative Services Department jointly coordinated to obtain sealed bids for the sale of the surplus meters (BID 2022-03).

Mr. Ibarra noted that staff received three sealed bids, and they were opened on Thursday, February 10, 2022. GSD Companies provided the highest bid proposal with two separate payment options for consideration. In the review of the proposed options and coupled with the unknowns in fluctuations of the metal market, Staff wishes to proceed with option two for a guaranteed lump sum payment of \$125,000.00 for a quantity of 14,164 meters. Should the final quantity of meters delivered to GSD be higher or lower at the end of the project, the final payment to the City or reimbursement to GSD will be adjusted accordingly. Mr. Ibarra noted that staff recommended approval of this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Erenwert to accept the bid of GSD Companies for the sale of surplus water meters. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

A. Consider the second and final reading of an ordinance granting a franchise agreement to Waste Connections of Texas for the collection, hauling, recycling, and disposal of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials in the City of Friendswood.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and noted that this is the second and final reading of a proposed ordinance granting a franchise agreement to Waste Connections of Texas ("Waste Connections") for the collection, hauling, recycling, and disposal of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials in the City of Friendswood.

Mr. Kabiri noted that Waste Connections currently provides these services to the City under a franchise which is set to expire on April 1, 2022. The proposed franchise agreement is like the previous one, but has a three-year term, which is designed, in part, to afford the City the opportunity to create an automated collection service pilot program. At the Council Meeting in November 2021, representatives from Waste Connections presented information about the program. This franchise will allow the City to test, receive public input, and evaluate the costs to establish such a program city-wide. From the feedback received from the citizens and City staff, Waste Connections continues to provide outstanding service. Mr. Kabiri also noted that this agreement does not exclude anybody's ability to get a roll-off dumpster for construction material or any debris services that pick-up on a routine basis, whether they are doing some home renovations or not. The City Council approved the first reading of this ordinance at a special meeting held on February 9, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Griffon to approve Ordinance No. 2022-05, related to Item 11.A. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, GRANTING TO WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TEXAS THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AND FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, HAULING, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS; PRESCRIBING COMPENSATION FOR THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AND FRANCHISE CONFERRED HEREUNDER; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

B. Consider the first and final reading of an ordinance amending the City's General Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by approving "Budget Amendment VI" and providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds.

This proposed ordinance approves budget amendments for the following projects:

1. TML-IRP Insurance Reimbursement, \$8,932. Appropriate insurance reimbursement received from TML-IRP. The City received a reimbursement for Sgt. Dement's funeral services. Funding will be appropriated to the Human Resources Risk Management division operating services budget.
2. PEG Channel-Studio Electrical Fixtures, \$3,925. Appropriate PEG Channel funds to install electrical fixtures in the studio. The funding source will be restricted general fund balance from PEG Channel revenue.
3. City of Houston Southeast Transmission Water Line Project, \$1,367,901. Appropriate funds for the cost-sharing agreement with the City of Houston and co-participants for the 42-inch Water Main Replacement project. Council included this as part of the 2018 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds for utility capital improvements. The funding source will be from 2018 Water and Sewer Bond proceeds.
4. Interlibrary Loan Lends (ILL) Reimbursement Grant, \$4,494. Appropriate grant funds received in September 2021 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for interlibrary loan lends. Funds will be used by the Library to purchase mobile shelving units. The funding source will be unassigned general fund balance.

5. KFB Fall Haul, \$633. Appropriate funds received from the KFB Fall Haul event. The appropriation will be recorded in the Keep Friendswood Beautiful division operating maintenance budget for landscaping.
6. 2017 CDBG-DR (Harris County) Grant Reimbursement, \$2,042. Appropriate funds received from the CDBG-DR (Harris County) grant program for the Blackhawk Emergency Shelter. The City received a reimbursement of \$2,042 for engineering services. Advance funding for engineering services was originally approved at the August 2, 2021, City Council meeting. Therefore, the funds will be appropriated back to unassigned general fund balance.
7. 2017 CDBG-DR (Galveston County) Grant Reimbursement, \$120,239. Appropriate funds received from the CDBG-DR (Galveston County) grant program for the Utility Relocation at the Clear Creek Utility Bridge. The City received a reimbursement of \$120,239 for engineering services. Advance funding for engineering services was originally approved at the January 21, 2021, and May 3, 2021, City Council meetings. Therefore, the funds will be appropriated back to unassigned general fund balance.
8. 2017 CDBG-DR (Galveston County) Grant Reimbursement, \$44,035. Appropriate funds received from the CDBG-DR (Galveston County) grant program for various appraisal and property acquisition management services related to the Frenchman's Creek, Woodvine, and Deepwood flood control projects in addition to reimbursable staff wages. The City received a reimbursement for \$44,035. Advance funding for these services was originally approved at the January 21, 2021, Council meeting. Therefore, the funds will be appropriated back to unassigned general fund balance.
9. HMGP Buyout Grant Reimbursement, \$71,146. Appropriate grant funds received from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Hurricane Harvey buyout properties. The City received \$71,146 for 807 Penn and 1204 Myrtlewood. Advance funding for these purchases were originally approved at the January 11, 2021, and May 3, 2021, City Council meetings, respectively. Therefore, the funds will be appropriated back to unassigned general fund balance.
10. Library Book Sales Revenue Appropriation, \$3,343. Appropriate Library book sale revenue received to the Library department's community events budget. The funds will be used to supplement summer reading programs.
11. Easement land-use fees for Utility Relocation at Clear Creek Utility Bridge, \$2,700. Appropriate advance funding for land-use fees for two easements associated with the Utility Relocation Project at the Clear Creek Utility Bridge. The City applied for and was awarded a grant through the 2017 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery with Galveston County. The funding source will be unassigned general fund balance and will be reimbursed once grant funding has been received from the State agency.
12. Police Investigation Fund-Police FSU Laptops, \$7,794. Appropriate funds to purchase two laptops for Police Department Field Support Unit (FSU). The laptops will be portable so they can be used both inside and outside of officers' vehicles. The funding source will be restricted Federal Police Investigation Fund balance.
13. FVFD Reimbursement for Conex Boxes, \$3,900. Appropriate funds received from the FVFD for the reimbursement associated with cost overruns for two Conex boxes. The City originally estimated the cost of two Conex boxes for the temporary fire station would be approximately \$5,500. However, actual prices exceeded estimates by \$3,900.

FVFD agreed to reimburse the City for the overage. The appropriation will be recorded in the Non-departmental/CIP division operating equipment budget.

14. Communications Recording System, \$39,095. Appropriate funds to upgrade the police department's Eventide communications recording system. The system records dispatcher phone lines, several internal staff phone lines, and radio traffic between officers/dispatch. The information is critical for following up to a call to confirm the correct information was received and when units are dispatched to a call out. The existing system is almost nine years old and near the end of its useful life. The funding source will be unassigned general fund balance.
15. Friendswood Downtown Signage, \$4,323. Appropriate funds for the purchase of custom street signs for the Downtown District. At their January 11, 2022, board meeting, Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (FDEDC) approved the costs associated with the replacement of existing street signs which hang across FM 518. This item was approved at the February 7, 2022, Council Meeting. Funding will come from the 1/8th cent sales tax approved in May of 2016 for capital improvements in downtown Friendswood.
16. Police Investigation Fund-Night Vision Helmet Mounts, \$2,500. Appropriate funds to purchase six sets of night vision helmet mounts. These mounts will accommodate the night vision optics that were acquired through the military. The funding source will be restricted Federal Police Investigation Fund balance.
17. PEG Channel-Camera Replacements, \$1,410. Appropriate PEG Channel funds to replace two conference room cameras. The cameras record and broadcast meetings to the City's PEG Channel. The funding source will be restricted general fund balance from PEG Channel revenue.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hanks and seconded by Councilmember Scott to approve Ordinance No. 2022-07, related to Item 11.B. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-22, PASSED AND APPROVED SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S GENERAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, BY APPROVING "BUDGET AMENDMENT VI" THERETO; PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND/OR TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS;

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Rockey requested that Item 12.E. be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Branson to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 12.A through 12.D and 12.F through 12.J. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, Councilmember Sally Branson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

- A. Consider a resolution in support of maintaining the 2018 Harris County Flood Control Bond Prioritization Framework as approved by the County's voters and the Harris County Commissioner's Court.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE 2018 HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL BOND PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY'S VOTERS AND THE HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- B. Consider a resolution ratifying and approving the City of Friendswood's application to the Office of the Governor for the FY2022-23 State Homeland Security Grant Program to fund the purchase of training equipment for use in the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course for EMS, Police and Fire first responders; and authorizing a representative to accept or affirm any resulting grant award.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE FY2022-23 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 99/100 DOLLARS (\$7,749.99) TO FUND TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE COURSE FOR EMS, POLICE AND FIRE FIRST RESPONDERS;

AUTHORIZING THE REPRESENTATIVE TO ACCEPT OR AFFIRM ANY GRANT AWARD THAT MAY RESULT THEREFROM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C. Consider a resolution ratifying and approving the City of Friendswood's application to the Office of the Governor for the FY2022-23 State Homeland Security Grant Program to purchase Emergency Medical Response Equipment for first responders in the City's Fire and Emergency Medical Services Divisions and authorizing the representative to accept or affirm any resulting grant award.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE FY2022-23 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND 88/100 DOLLARS(\$11,157.88) TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE CITY'S FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISIONS; AUTHORIZING THE REPRESENTATIVE TO ACCEPT OR AFFIRM ANY GRANT AWARD THAT MAY RESULT THEREFROM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

- D. Consider a resolution authorizing a multi-year agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way with the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for the temporary closure of FM 518 between FM 2351 and Whispering Pines for the Annual Fourth of July Parade.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- F. Consider authorizing the final acceptance of the City of Friendswood's Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II Package "A" Project and the release of the associated one-year maintenance bond.**

This item approves the final acceptance and release of its related one-year maintenance period for the City of Friendswood's Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II Package "A" Project. Staff conducted a one-year warranty inspection and found everything to be in working order.

- G. Consider approving the purchase of a new ambulance chassis and the remount of an ambulance box thereon to replace Ambulance 48.**

This item approves the purchase an ambulance chassis and the remount of the ambulance box thereon to replace Ambulance 48, which includes a 2016 International Chassis and a 2015 Frazier Box. Ambulance 48 is included in the VFD Capital Equipment Plan and is scheduled to be replaced this budget year. The total cost for this item is \$160,250.00, which includes a \$600.00 increase for the H-GAC fee and a \$3,500.00 decrease for the trade-in of the 2016 International Chassis.

H. Consider the reappointment of the City Manager to the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department TESRS (Texas Emergency Services Retirement System) Local Board of Trustees.

This item approves the reappointment of City Manager Morad Kabiri who currently serves as a trustee on this Board, and whose term is set to expire on February 28, 2022. If reappointed, Mr. Kabiri will serve another two-year term.

The City Council approved Resolution R98-07 in March of 1998 which was the official action indicating the City's decision to participate in the Texas Emergency Services ("TES") Retirement Fund. This fund, formerly known as the Texas Statewide Volunteer Fire Fighters' Retirement Fund, provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for volunteer fire fighters. Our emergency medical service volunteers are also covered in this plan, as they are members of the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department.

Participation in the TES Retirement Fund requires that a local board of trustees be formed. The local board is composed of the following:

- one (1) representative selected by the City Council;
- three (3) members of the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department chosen by a majority of fire fighters in qualified service; and
- two (2) members chosen by the other members of the Board.

I. Consider accepting the January 2022 tax report.

J. Consider approving the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting, held on February 9, 2022.

Mayor Foreman stated that as it related to Item 12.E. he would be recusing himself from this item and noted that he had filed the appropriate conflict of interests forms with the City Secretary prior to the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Griffon took over the meeting as the presiding officer and Mayor Foreman left the meeting.

E. Consider a resolution designating The Galveston County Daily News as the official newspaper of the City of Friendswood.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Hanks to approve the Agenda, Item 12.E. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Councilmember Trish Hanks, Mayor Pro Tem Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott, and Councilmember Brent Erenwert.

Nays: Councilmember Steve Rockey and Councilmember Sally Branson,

Other: Mayor Mike Foreman (Abstain)

The item passed.

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Griffon adjourned the March 7, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting at 7:36 P.M.

Mike Foreman, Mayor

Attest:

Leticia Brysch, City Secretary