

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
OCTOBER 3, 2022**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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	Councilmember
John Scott	Councilmember
Brent Erenwert	Mayor Pro Tem
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 Lorenz, Friendswood First Baptist Church.

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

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

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Hanks invited the members of Council and the public to attend and participate in a Human Trafficking Prevention Event scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at the Lonestar Flight Museum at Ellington Airfield. She stated that she and Gina Hunt, the City's Crime Victim Liaison are serving as the City's representatives on this planning committee and encouraged everyone to attend and learn how to prevent these types of crimes in our community.

Councilmember Griffon asked City Manager Morad Kabiri to give an update regarding the interlocal agreement for the 1959 Project at Whitcomb. Mr. Kabiri stated that as it was mentioned last month by Deputy Director of Engineering Samantha Haritos during her drainage update presentation, the City is nearing its final stages of said interlocal agreement. However, there were some concerns with the funding request from Harris County, which calls for the City to provide its portion of the funding all upfront, and

the City does not have those funds in the bank. As such, staff has been working on this issue and anticipate that the interlocal is nearing completion and should be on the agenda next month for approval.

Mayor Foreman congratulated Councilmember Scott on his birthday and encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Domestic Violence donation drive.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Don Johnson requested to speak before the Council regarding the upcoming deadline related to an interlocal agreement for the Dixie Farm Road Detention Project and offered his support should the Council need it.

Ms. Mary Catherine Terrell requested to speak before the Council regarding flooding issues on Brigadoon Lane and requested the City consider repairs to help mitigate said issues.

Mr. David Allen requested to speak before the Council regarding his concerns of federally mandated climate lockdowns and their potential impact on the upcoming November midterm elections.

Mayor Foreman took the agenda out of order and moved on to item 7.A.

7. COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Receive the Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation's Annual Report.

FDEDC President, Dr. Rebecca Hillenburg presented the item and stated that in August 2016, the City Council appointed a seven-member board of directors to the Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (FDEDC), which include herself, Bubba Johnson, Vice President, Paul Marx, Secretary-Treasurer, Ron Cox, Dr. Pat McGinnis, Trey Hill, and Alton Todd.

She also noted that the FDEDC vision statement is "Friendswood Downtown, Friendswood! A family-friendly destination with beautiful streetscapes and unique businesses," and its mission is to (1) communicate and engage with citizens, (2) make well-planned and strategic recommendations to the city council regarding improvements to the downtown district, and (3) exercise fiduciary responsibilities to the taxpayers.

President Hillenburg stated that as of last year's annual report to the city council, the FDEDC has held eight meetings with the two staff liaisons (1) Community Development Director, Aubrey Harbin and (2) Assistant City Manager, Steven Rhea, who have done an extraordinary job in supporting the FDEDC.

President Hillenburg gave the following summary of the FDEDC's work for the last year:

- Progress continued on the Texas Department of Transportation sidewalk, curb ramps, and mast arms project. The wiring is being installed on the new traffic signals as well the pedestrian signals at the crosswalks. Once operational, the existing mast arms, signals, and crosswalk signals will be removed. New street signage with the updated downtown color scheme has been mounted on the

new mast arms and will also be installed at the cross streets along FM 518 in the coming months. Updated directional signage for the downtown attractions like the rotary pavilion and the brown museum is on the horizon as well.

- The downtown lighting project has officially begun with awarding of the contract to Pfeiffer and Son Ltd. New Street and pedestrian lighting will illuminate farm-to-market 518 and from 2351 down 518 to Castlewood with the remaining portion of downtown Castlewood to Whispering Pines being installed at a future date.
- The financial report shows the ending fund balance as of August 31, 2022, of approximately \$2.8 million with projected revenue for the fiscal year 2022-2023 being \$765,326, which includes sales tax and interest.

President Hillenburg thanked the Council for their continued support of the FDEDC and looked forward to overseeing the FDEDC's completion of the ongoing and upcoming projects as well as planning for future projects that will benefit Downtown Friendswood.

The Council voiced their support of the work and projects of the FDEDC.

B. Receive the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Annual Report.

Mayor Foreman stated that the report was attached to the agenda item and thanked the members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation staff for another great year of programs and events.

Mayor Foreman returned to agenda item 6.A.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

a. Present the City of Friendswood 5 Star Spirit Awards for the Second Quarter of 2022 to Kaylub Mull in the Parks and Recreation department.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and stated that Kaylub Mull began his career with the City in 2013 as a Crew Leader and is now the Parks and Building Superintendent in the Parks and Recreation Department. Kaylub was nominated for this award by a co-worker because of his daily dedicated service and positive attitude, his supervisor says that it is more about who Kaylub is and the positive attitude he has, than it is about doing something beyond his job duties. He does all his job duties in an excellent manner. He is proactive, strives to gain new knowledge and certificates; and he is always on top of his game. Kaylub is one of the most respectful and polite employees. He supports management and has a servant's heart. I wished we had a handful of guys with his experience, knowledge, and work ethic. Mr. Kabiri thanks Kaylub for his hard work and dedication to the City.

Mayor Foreman returned the agenda to its original order and took item 7.C.

C. Receive the Chamber of Commerce Annual Report.

Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Board Member, Mr. Dan Garza presented the item and noted the following highlights of the Chamber of Commerce's work with and for the City of Friendswood.

- hosted the State of the City luncheon for the Mayor, which is open to the public,
- hosted the Spring Chamber Reception for all businesses, also known as the party on the patio, which was a hit,
- hosted the Safety Awareness Seminar for the Friendswood Police Department,
- held the Annual Business Expo to encourage ongoing shopping local initiative,
- candidates' forums,
- multiple meet & greet events, and
- hurricane awareness and preparation seminars.

Additionally, the Chamber partnered with the City of Friendswood to put on well-attended events like Santa in the Park, the Christmas Parade, Halloween in the Park, and the Car Show. Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce will be used as an official polling place for the upcoming November midterm election. Ms. Carol Marcantel, the Chamber President and her staff also attend many Galveston County events and City emergency management meetings and represents Friendswood at various other organizations and committees. Mr. Garza thanked the Council and City Staff for their continued support and partnership.

Council thanked Mr. Garza and the Chamber of Commerce for their hard work and support.

8. WORK SESSION TOPICS

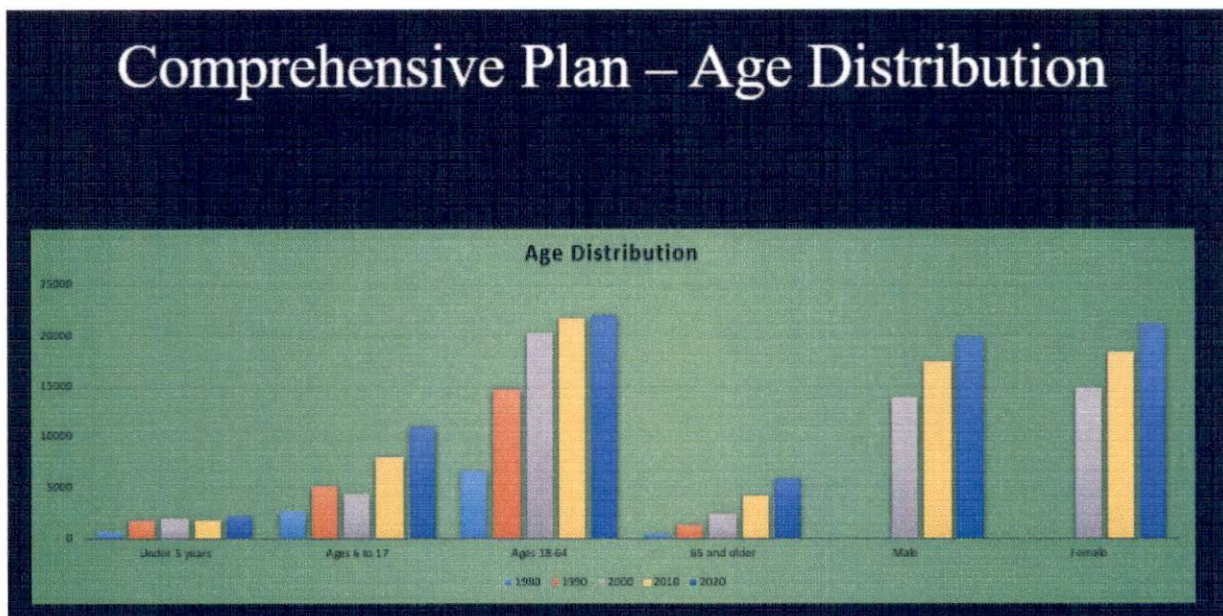
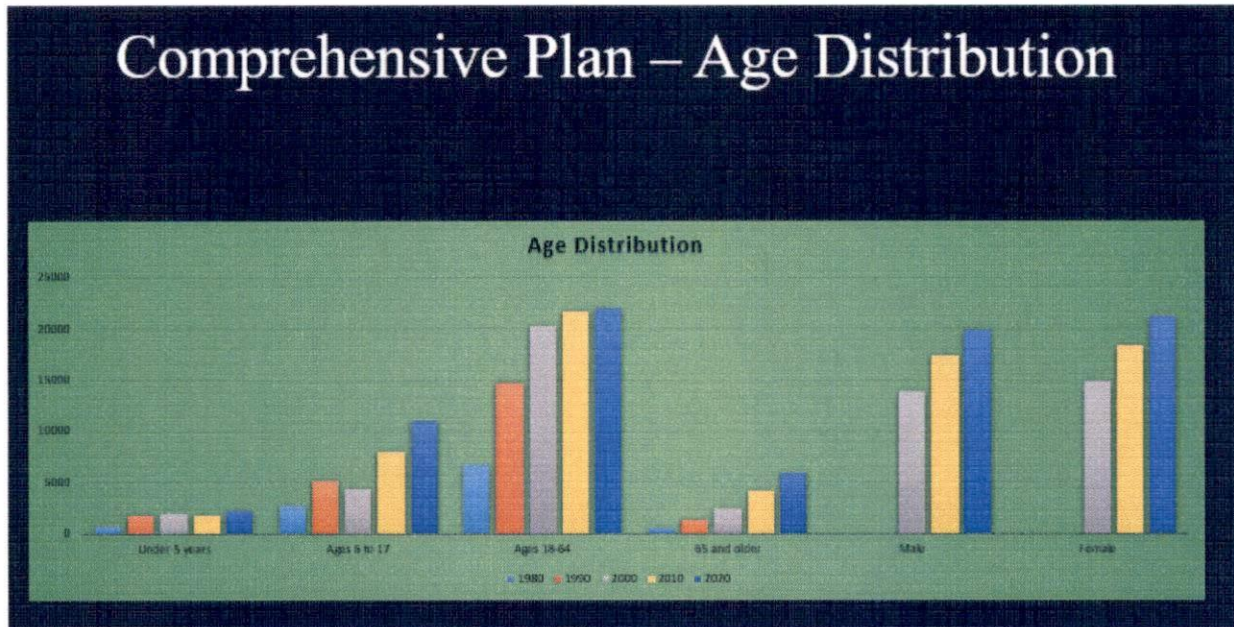
A. Receive and discuss an update regarding the City of Friendswood Comprehensive Plan.

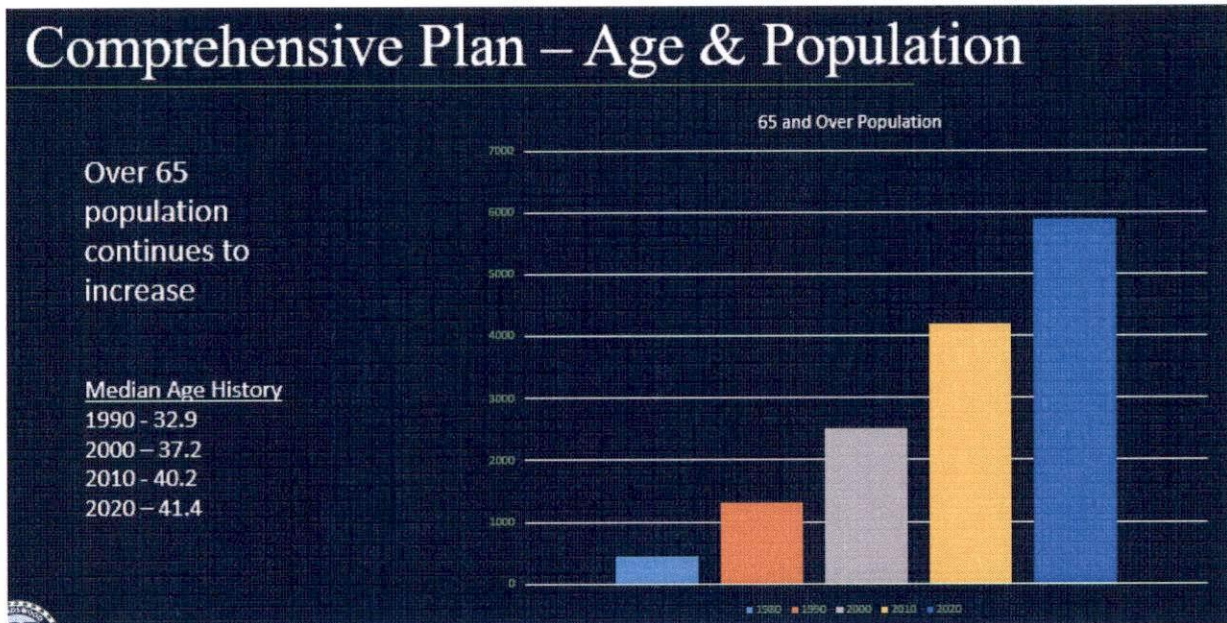
Director of Community Development Aubrey Harbin presented the item and stated that staff is updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, which is a process that they started about a year and a half ago. She noted that in 2021, staff worked on updating the City's Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and that process included multiple town halls and public meetings before being placed on Council for final review and approval of the final map. Ms. Harbin noted that the FLUM is just one piece of the Comprehensive Plan, and now that the final map is approved, staff is now working on updating all of the related written policies.

Ms. Harbin stated that in 2022, staff began updating the written portions of the plan, but have had to wait on the 2020 census data, which was a little delayed. Staff started gathering data on its own and using these unofficial numbers to begin updating the plan. She stated that the information will be presented to the subcommittee for their review, along with staff, in order to establish proposed policies for Council's review and approval.

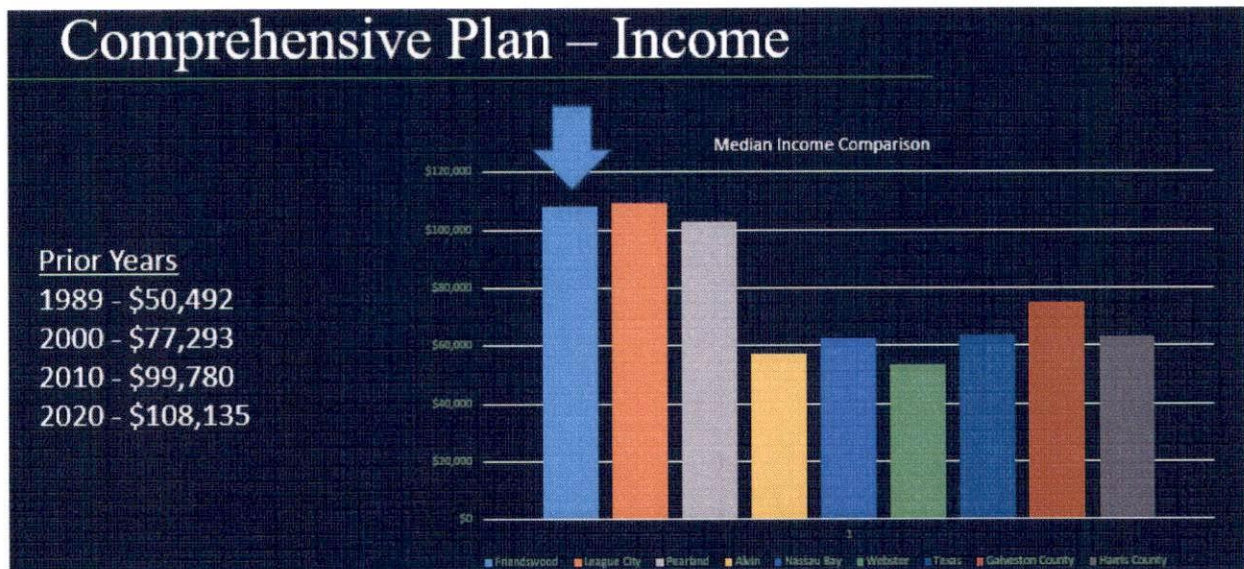
Ms. Harbin stated that the City's Comprehensive Plan as of December 2021, shows that the City has 1884 undeveloped acres, which is not a lot of land, with 62% of that being zoned Single-Family Residential, 25% of it being zoned Downtown District and Planned Unit Development; i.e., both Mixed-Use Districts, about 4.5% is zoned Business Park and Office Park District, 14% is zoned CSC Neighborhood Commercial, and the remaining 18%, is zoned Light Industrial, and Industrial. Ms. Harbin noted that as people drive around town today, a lot of things do not look the same, and the empty lots are filling in quickly.

As it relates to the City's population, the new 2020 population is 41,213, which is a 15% increase from 2010. However, she noted that this is the City's lowest increase since 1900, but also noted that historically the largest population increases were the result of annexations, and the City is now landlocked. Ms. Harbin showed the Council the following charts showing different data points in comparison with adjacent cities:

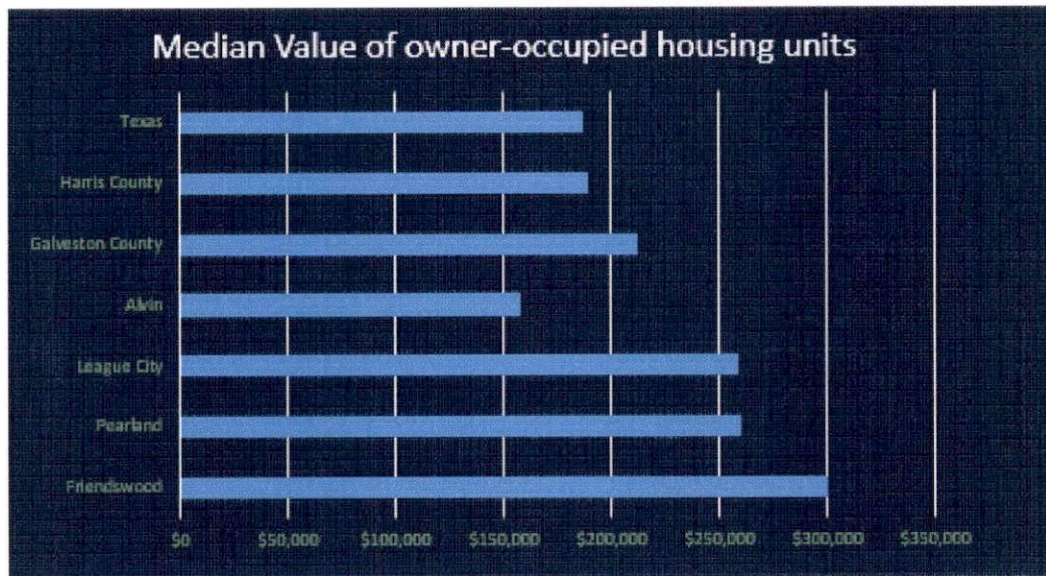




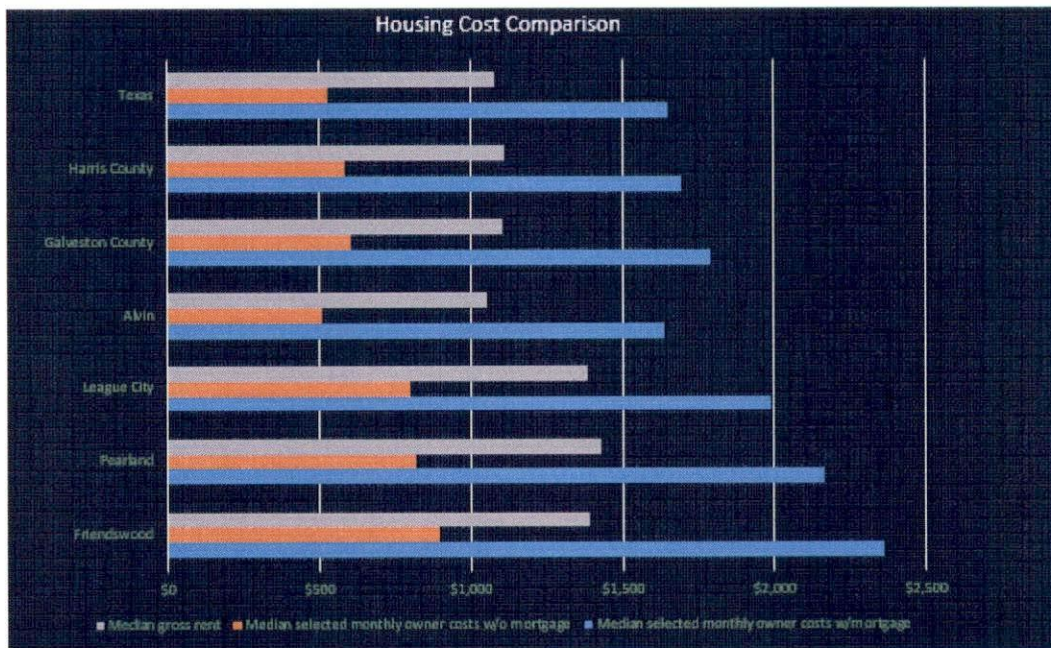
Ms. Harbin stated that the City's median income is now \$108,135, which is up from \$99,780 in 2010. She noted that this amount is very comparable to League City and Pearland.



She noted that as it relates to housing the City's median value for housing is \$300,100, and showed the Council the following slide:

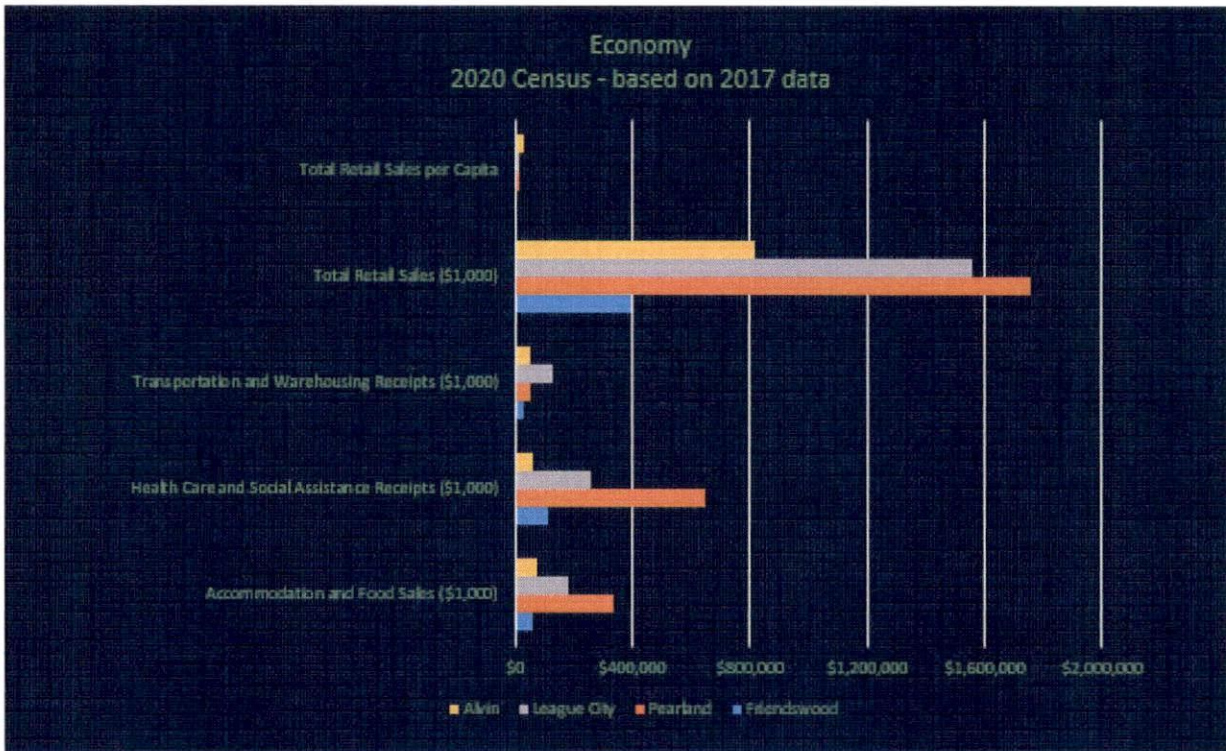


Additionally, there are three housing cost comparisons categories related to median, gross rent. She noted that (1) Friendswood is number two to Pearland, (2) the median selected owner cost without a mortgage is \$899 and (3) the median selected monthly costs with a mortgage is \$2363.



Ms. Harbin stated that as it relates to the labor force, the City's total workforce is 20,499 people, with 75% of that being white collar, which includes management, business financial, computer mathematical, architecture, engineering, legal education, office administrative support, and in other categories; 15% are blue collar; and 10% is services. She also noted that the City's unemployment is about 10% of the labor force, which is about 2070 people.

In regard to the City's economy, Friendswood is the lowest in all categories except for health care and social assistance. She noted that an interesting thing about the City of Alvin for that for its population of only 27,098, its retail sales per capita is pretty amazing. Ms. Harbin clarified that these different retail categories in the chart show the amount of money taking place in the city limits and are based on 2017 data.



Ms. Harbin stated that in regard to education attainment, the City is most comparable to League City and Pearland in this category. She noted that all three cities are about 95 to 96% for high school graduates; and 48-49% Bachelor's degrees, compared to Galveston County at 89.6% High School, and 32.1% Bachelor's; Harris County at 81.8% of High School, 32.3% Bachelors; and the State of Texas at 84.4% for High School and 30.7% for Bachelor's degrees.

Ms. Harbin also stated that the comparisons with the neighboring cities was not always fair as the neighboring cities are either larger or much smaller than Friendswood, so she did a comparison with cities in Texas that has similar demographics as Friendswood and selected Hurst, Texas, Schertz, Texas, and Coppell Texas. The comparison chart is listed below:

Comparison of other Texas cities with Similar Population				
	Hurst, Tx	Schertz, Tx	Friendswood, Tx	Coppell, Tx
Population (2020)	40,413	42,002	41,213	42,985
Persons 65 years and over, percent	16.9%	13.4%	14.3%	8.9%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$ 209,000.00	\$ 223,400.00	\$ 300,100.00	\$ 414,000.00
Households	14,340	14,853	13,540	15,231
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons 25 years and older	89.4%	94.6%	96.0%	97.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons 25 years and older	32.5%	37.2%	48.1%	69.5%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017	\$ 167,613.00	\$ 80,480.00	\$ 58,828.00	\$ 114,545.00
Total retail sales (2017)	\$ 1,350,011.00	\$ 426,737.00	\$ 399,427.00	\$ 1,821,560.00
Median household income	\$ 64,441.00	\$ 84,527.00	\$ 108,135.00	\$ 128,476.00

Upon completing the review of the comparative data, Ms. Harbin noted that the next part of the Comprehensive Plan is the inventory of the City's community facilities, which are the following:

Facility	SQFT	Year Built	# Employees
City Hall	22,320	1994	46
Activity Building*	6,300	1983	3
Public Safety Building	26,108	2008	101
Animal Control	6,695	2013	4
Blackhawk	36,890	1992	61
Library	15,520	1979	22

Ms. Harbin stated that in her observations, she believed the Public Safety Building, Animal Control, Blackhawk and the Library to be pretty sufficient. She noted that the Activity Buildings needs some attention, either in part or a complete replacement. There are some repairs or renovations scheduled for the Blackhawk facility for the creation of office spaces for Public Works, Engineering, Parks Maintenance Division, a shop area and later an emergency shelter.

She also noted that the Public Safety Building, Phase 2 is currently underway, and Fire Station 2 was demoed and is being rebuilt with three bays and a training facility. She noted that the City's four fire stations are pretty evenly placed throughout the city for responsive time and coverage.

Ms. Harbin stated the next steps in the plan include incorporating the Parks Master Plan, the Drainage Plan and the Utility Master Plan, which will all be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission who will use this data to establish policies and proposed goals for the future that will have to be approved by the Council.

Councilmember Hanks stated that when she first got on Council, they discussed doing an update to the City's vision and goals which had a price tag of \$75,000 to hire someone for that process, and she appreciated that the City decided not to that. She also commended Ms. Harbin for doing a great job and noted that the information provided was a good needs assessment and looks forward to the proposed goals. Mr. Kabiri stated that once the draft is complete, it will be shared with the subcommittee, and then ultimately brought to the citizens in the form of town hall and charette formats for input and discussions before bringing the plan to Council for approval.

Councilmember Branson stated that the proposed plan and process is great as it has been over 20 years since the last update.

In response to Councilmember Griffon's question of what kind of timeline this plan would take, City Manager Morad Kabiri stated that it would be about 18 to 24 months as there are a lot of moving parts that staff is attempting to undertake in addition to regular duties and operations. It was noted that in the future, staff may consider getting outside help with this item.

Mayor Foreman thanked Ms. Harbin, her staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission for all their work on the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Receive and discuss an update on the City's Water System Improvements Project.

Director of Engineering Jil Arias presented the item and stated that over a year ago, the City kicked off its Water System Improvements Project, which was meant to take a comprehensive look at the City's water system. The City's consultant Garver has been working with the City in reviewing the City's water system, its processes and procedures, the manner in which the infrastructure is maintained, as well as in the creation of a water model. Mr. Wade Parks with Garver will provide the Council with an update on the project as well as take any feedback that Council may have.

Mr. Wade Parks with Garver began his presentation by thanking the Engineering Department and Public Works Department for providing a ton of institutional knowledge and helping them prepare something eventful and purposeful for the City.

Mr. Wade stated that they completed wire-to-water tests that go into the City's booster pump stations as well as condition assessments of the surface water plants. He noted that the pumps were physically tested at different operational ranges in order to see how they can be ramped up and ramped down and everything performed well, even though there was one pump that was being worked on at the time. Mr. Wade also noted that for the condition assessment summary they went to every water plant and every tank and noted that none of the assets are at a point where they are just going to fail tomorrow.

In response to a question from Council Member Griffon what does BRE mean? Mr. Wade noted that's your risk exposure. The BRE is the score rating of your risk exposure.

Mr. Wade also noted that for the water system assessment report they met with city staff every month to make sure that they correct and relevant information for the report. He noted that the report summary includes the following sections: Introduction, Existing Water System, Population and Demand Projections, Facility Conditions Assessments, Hydraulic Model Development and Calibration, Water

System Assessment and Capital Improvements Program. He also went over the evaluation criteria for the report which focused on ensuring that the staff's desires to maintain its high level of service to the citizens. The evaluation criteria included the following:

Criteria	Limiting Source	Description
Minimum Pressure	TCEQ	35 psi
Total Storage	TCEQ	200 gallon per connection
Elevated Storage	TCEQ	100 gallons per connection (>80 ft above highest service)
Pump Capacity	TCEQ	Peak hourly demand with the largest pump out of service (0.6 gpm per connection if >200 gallons/connection elevated storage)
Minimum Water Line Size	Friendswood DCM	6" (1-hydrant), 8" (>1 hydrant)
Dead-end Lines	Friendswood DCM	8" to second-to-last hydrant, then 6" (not to exceed 800 ft)
Fire Flow Rate	Friendswood DCM	IBC Table B105.1 1,000 gpm minimum residential, 1,500 gpm minimum commercial
Fire Flow Pressures	TCEQ	Minimum pressure of 20 psi
Maximum Flow Velocity	AWWA (guideline)	5 ft/s (guideline to identify hydraulic constraints)
Maximum Head Loss Gradient	AWWA (guideline)	7 ft/1,000 ft for smaller pipes (diameter < 16 inches) 3 ft/1,000 ft for larger pipes (diameter ≥ 16 inches)

In the inventory portion of the assessment, the big takeaway is that the City has a lot of 8-inch and 6-inch pipes throughout the city, and outside of this, there was nothing too noteworthy.

Mr. Wade stated that they also worked with the Community Development Department in order to identify the City's growth areas in order to assess how the existing system is performing now and will perform in future. He noted that the big takeaway on this item relates to the City's storage. He stated that he believed that the City's storage capacity is great, and the City has all the water it needs. Mr. Wade also stated that he understood that the City was in negotiations with acquiring more water supply, but the City's total source water required by TCEQ is exceeding with the current City of Houston water contract and the existing groundwater wells.

In regard to the water storage, the City has enough elevated storage tanks and ground storage tanks to meet TCEQ requirements. The same is true with pumping capacity, as the combination of the City's two pump stations exceed the TCEQ pumping capacity requirement.

Mr. Wade stated that on the maximum velocity, there are some pressure issues as the water comes across Clear Creek because the water has to overcome moving into a smaller pipe to get it to the rest of the city.

He further noted that there is good coverage throughout the city; however, there are some smaller segments in the water system that should funds be available could be upsized to help address some of those flow issues.

Mr. Wade stated that the big takeaway of the City's water quality is that for certain parts of the city where it takes a long time for the water to get over to the south, during the really hot months, i.e., June, July and August, sometimes the water can sit in an elevated storage for too long and result in some chlorine residual. This is an issue that staff has been working to address and have some good short-term changes while they work towards a long-term solution.

Mr. Wade stated that Garver's proposed improvement is a progressive system to maximizes the city's budget and reduce stranded capital by breaking up improvements into bite-size pieces.

Mr. Wade, in response to question regarding the location of elevated copper and lead levels in the water noted that that tends to happen in the older parts of the city, mostly around the Downtown area; however, none of those levels have resulted in a violation with TCEQ. Mr. Wade further noted that the from 2019 to the present the City has zero TCEQ violations.

Mr. Wade stated that the City's existing system limitations are the following:

- Transmission Capacity across Clear Creek and Chigger Creek is Limited
 - South Water Plant 2 discharge pressures >80 psi is required to maintain at least 10% volume in EST 2 and prevent low pressure events; and
 - EST 1 and EST 2 operate with up to a 15-foot HGL difference.
- Pumps at the Surface Water Plants are designed for different head conditions
 - South Water Plant 1 BEP = 3 MGD at 140 ft TH (currently operates near the BEP), and
 - South Water Plant 2 BEP = 6 MGD at 200 ft TH (currently operates near minimum speed).

He further stated that the recommended improvement goals are the following:

- Reduce high headloss and velocity through existing 16-inch Clear Creek Crossing,
- Reduce maximum system pressure to below 80 psi,
- Maintain minimum system pressure above 45 psi,
- Reduce EST 1 and EST 2 HGL difference to 4 feet or less, and
- Increase system resiliency.

Mr. Wade stated again that their focus was to maximize the dollars that the City has invested in the community and has given the staff a playbook to address issues as opportunities are identified. The report is being reviewed by staff now and they include detailed design and construction phase for recommended rehabs and projects; including the:

- Full rehabilitation of Tank Rehab of Water Plant No. 4 Ground Storage Tank-1, estimated cost of \$426,800,
- Full rehabilitation of Water Plant No. 3 Ground Storage Tank-1, estimated cost of \$421,500,
- Replacement of Ground Storage Tank 1, estimated cost of \$1,254,000, and

- Full rehabilitation of Ground Storage Tank-2, estimated cost of \$421,500.

Councilmember Branson noted that the proposed rehabilitation costs more than what the City has available at this time, does the report have a phased approach for the suggested rehabilitation. Mr. Wade responded that the plan package does include a phased approach and can be tackled based on the City's budget needs.

Councilmember Branson asked if it was too late or cost prohibitive to add an additional crossing over Clear Creek to the plan. Mr. Wade stated that that item is part of one of their goals and the plan includes a proposed new 24-inch water line parallel to the existing water line in order to add another redundancy and help meet the City's level of service.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated that the existing line across Clear Creek is location at FM 2351 in Clear Creek and reminded the Council that the Friendswood water system is a function of subsidence regulations. Mr. Kabiri noted that when the city first developed, it worked off of groundwater wells and plants located strategically throughout the community which worked on a pressure plane. When the City was forced to convert to surface water, the staff at that time, thirty or so years ago, evaluated the options and secured water rights with City of Houston which is sourced out of the Trinity River. Thus, all the City's water, the vast majority of the water consumed and utilized comes from the Southeast Water Purification Plant. Mr. Kabiri further noted that now that the water has to be pumped to the farthest reaches of the town, the pressure plane does not work as effectively. He further noted that the City does not have a choice and must use surface water, and there is no other source of surface water that's cost-effective that can help get water to the southern end of town to provide that pressure plane as all those rights have already been committed.

Council Member Griffon asked where the City of Alvin got its surface water. Mr. Kabiri responded that the City of Alvin uses groundwater and can draw water out of the ground as Friendswood did many years ago. He further noted that Alvin is in Brazoria County and is still under subsidence regulation; however, the State of Texas has recently issued subsidence regulations for Brazoria County but they're lagging behind Friendswood by about 25 years.

Mayor Foreman thanked Mr. Wade for his report and thanked staff for all their hard work on this item.

9. APPOINTMENT POLICY

- A. Consider an ordinance on the first reading repealing Chapter 2 "Administration," Article II "Boards, Committees and Commissions"; Chapter 10 "Animals," Article VII "Animal Shelter Advisory Committee"; and Chapter 46 "Library," Article II "Friendswood Public Library," Section 46-19 "Board of Trustees" of the Friendswood City Code; amending Chapter 14 "Buildings and Building Regulations," Article I "In General," Section 14-3 "Construction board of adjustment and appeals"; Article II " Building Code," Section 14-24 "Amendments to International Building Code"; " Article III " Electrical Code," Division 2 "Appeals," Section 14-93 "Appeal of decisions by the building official or inspector"; Article IV " Plumbing Code," Section 14-253 "Amendments"; Article V "Mechanical Code," Section 14-275 "Amendments"; Article VI "International Fuel Gas Code," Section 14-300 "Amendments"; and Article X " Residential Code" Section 14-389 "International Residential Code for One-and Two-Family Dwellings adopted," Subsection (b) of the Friendswood City Code; and amending Chapter 2**

"Administration" of the Friendswood City Code to add a new article to be numbered and entitled Article II "Boards, Committees, and Commissions" to codify all of the City's boards, committees, and commissions and update the references to such boards, committees and commissions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Erenwert to approve the first reading of a proposed ordinance (1) repealing Chapter 2 "Administration," Article II "Boards, Committees and Commissions" of the Friendswood City Code; (2) replacing the same with a new Article II "Board, Committees and Commissions; and (3) repealing and/or amending other sections of the Friendswood City Code in order to include all standing boards and commissions in the same article of the Code and to update references to such committees contained throughout the Code. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

B. Consider a resolution updating the Appointment Policy for Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Griffon to approve Resolution No. R2022-30 as submitted. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN APPOINTMENT POLICY FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CITY; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. R2021-22 AND ALLOTHER RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Receive an update on the City receiving a City-County Communications & Marketing Association Award.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and stated that Ms. Katy Blanchard from the City Manager's Office won first place in the Graphic Design Category from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) for her design of the Fairy Trail at Stevenson Park map. Mr. Kabiri congratulated Ms. Blanchard and all staff involved in this great recognition.

B. Receive an update on the City hosting a Texas City Manager's Association Region 6 meeting.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and stated that Friendswood hosted the September luncheon for the Texas City Managers Association Region 6 meeting at the Friendswood Library. He noted that there were 21 area city manager professionals represented, and they received a 2023 legislative update from Representative Greg Bonnen and Representative Ed Thompson. Mr. Kabiri thanked the staff in the City Manager's Office and the Library for their support and coordination on this event.

C. Receive a Public Safety Update from the Friendswood Police Department.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and gave the Council the following data related to the City's public safety:

Almost every category of crime is down in 2022, compared to 2021. The numbers reflected are through August 31, 2022. Aggravated Assaults are down 67%, Simple Assaults are down 12% and Intimidation offenses are down 36%.			
Offense	2021	2022	Increase/Decrease
Aggravated Assault	9	2	-67%
Simple Assault	89	78	-12%
Intimidation	33	21	-36%
Sex-related offenses such as rape have increased. There were 3 sexual assaults reported in 2021; compared to 9 in the same period in 2022. It is important to note that these are not acts committed by strangers. They are either familial or are incidents involving high-school age victims who know their offenders.			
Burglary reports remain steady with 24 incidents being reported in both 2021 and 2022 by the close of August.			

D. Receive an update to recognize Samantha Haritos for being accepted into the American Public Works Association (APWA) Emerging Leaders Academy.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the item and stated that Deputy Director of Engineering Samantha Haritos was accepted into the Emerging Leaders Academy by the American Public Works Association. He noted that this is a year-long national program that provides intensive leadership and management training within the context of Public Works and was the only person selected from the State of Texas. Mr. Kabiri congratulated Ms. Haritos for this distinction.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Pension System Contract Amendment with the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System and the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department to increase the monthly contribution rate for the Department's pension.

This item allows the Council to authorize an amendment to the contract for the volunteer pension program that FVFD provides for their volunteer membership. The change will increase the current pension by \$24.00 per month per volunteer, moving the pension amount from \$108.00 to \$132.00 per month per volunteer.

The costs for this increase are incorporated within the FVFD annual budget as currently proposed, as such signing this amendment does not further increase city costs. The City's FY 23 adopted budget includes funding for the FVFD contract inclusive of the volunteer pension increase.

A motion was made by Councilmember Griffon and seconded by Councilmember Branson to authorize the City Manager to execute a Pension System Contract Amendment with the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System and the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department to increase the monthly contribution rate for the Department's pension. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

B. Consider authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for engineering services related to the Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II-B Project.

This item approves a Professional Services Agreement for HDR Engineering, Inc., to perform engineering services related to the Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II-B Project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Erenwert to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for engineering services related to the Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II-B Project. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

Other:

The item passed unanimously.

C. Consider ratifying the License Agreement with Friendswood Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., to erect wrought iron safety and security fencing on Mossy Stone Drive at Friendswood Lakes Parkway.

This item approves the ratification of a license agreement with the Friendswood Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., in order for them to erect wrought iron safety and security fencing on Mossy Stone Drive at Friendswood Parkway (formerly "Friendswood Lakes Boulevard"). As part of the fence will be on City property, a license agreement for private use of the right-of-way is required.

During the design of Friendswood Parkway, a tie-in at Mossy Stone onto the Parkway was omitted: (1) at the request of the HOA; and (2) to address drainage issues. There are no plans at this time to tie that intersection to the Parkway.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Branson to ratify a License Agreement with Friendswood Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., to erect wrought iron safety and security fencing on Mossy Stone Drive at Friendswood Lakes Parkway. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

12. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

A. Consider a resolution adopting a Facility Naming Policy to update the criteria and procedures for naming City facilities in honor or in memory of a person, organization, or entity.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hanks and seconded by Councilmember Branson to approve Resolution No. R2022-31 as submitted. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING A FACILITY NAMING POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. Consider a resolution approving an Agreement for Temporary Road Closure of State Right-of-Way with the State of Texas, through the Texas Department of Transportation, for the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighted Parade on FM 518.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Harks to approve Resolution No. R2022-32 as submitted. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR THE FRIENDSWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY LIGHTED PARADE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Griffon requested that agenda items 13.A. and 13. F. be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Branson to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 13.B-E, G and H. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

- B. Consider authorizing a contract with Galveston County Health District for Water Pollution and Abatement Services for 2022-2023.**
- C. Consider approving a banner permit application for the Starlight Outreach and Rescue to advertise its "Dogtoberfest Event."**
- D. Consider a resolution designating Sally Branson as representative and Mike Foreman as alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2023 General Assembly and Board of Directors.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD'S REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2023; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

- F. Consider approving the ad valorem tax report for August 2022.**
- G. Consider approving the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting, held on August 29, 2022.**
- H. Consider approving the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2022.**

Mayor Foreman called for the consideration of agenda items 13.A. and 13.B.

- A. Consider authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District to participate in the WaterWise Conservation Program.**

Councilmember Griffon stated that this agreement allows the City to team up with the Subsidence District to donate retrofit kits to the elementary school kids for the Water-Wise programs, along with a set curriculum for water conservation, and he did not think the City of Friendswood needed to be in the business of indoctrinating kids in elementary school on this issue. Councilmember Griffon voiced his opposition to this item. Councilmember Griffon asked what the costs of this agreement was, City Manager Morad Kabiri responded that the City pays \$19,000, and also receives surface water credits for TCEQ, which the City has luckily never had to use.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rockey and seconded by Mayor Foreman to approve an interlocal agreement with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District to participate in the WaterWise Conservation Program. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Steve Rockey, and Councilmember Sally Branson.

Nays: Councilmember Robert J. Griffon, Councilmember John Scott and Mayor Pro Tem Brent Erenwert.

The item passed.

I. Consider authorizing an Economic Development Contract with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

Councilmember Griffon asked what the costs of this agreement was, City Manager Morad Kabiri responded that the City pays \$17,000 a year. Councilmember Griffon stated that asked what the benefits were of being a member of BAHEP as he had not seen anything beneficial for the City of Friendswood and was wondering if the \$17,000 membership was something that he wanted to support moving forward.

Councilmember Scott stated that this has been a topic of discussion for many years and noted that there have been some misconceptions over the past years over what is BAHEP's intent to help Friendswood. He stated that he is not in support of commercial development inside the City of Friendswood; however, he does support good commercial development in the region that requires top talent. He stated that BAHEP has done a good job of promoting the Bay Area, which ultimately helps Friendswood continue to flourish into a great community where these high paying workers want to live.

Councilmember Rockey stated that he supported Councilmember Scott's comments and noted that BAHEP has helped bring better, higher quality, higher paying jobs to the whole area, which means people can afford higher housing and they want to live in Friendswood because of the great schools and the low crime rate.

Councilmember Hanks and Mayor Foreman made similar comments supporting the BAHEP agreement and its related services. Councilmember Griffon stated that he appreciated everyone's comments and noted that he needed to hear those points-of-view.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Hanks to authorize an Economic Development Contract with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Foreman adjourned the October 3, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting at 7:20 P.M.


Mike Foreman, Mayor

Attest:

Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

