

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, AT 5:30 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	Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Branson	Councilmember
Joe Matranga	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 5:30 P.M.; all members were present.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by the Friendswood Police Department Chaplain Moe Mays.

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

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

4. COUNCIL FOR A DAY

A. Consider a proclamation declaring February 6, 2024, as Windsong Elementary School Day in the City of Friendswood.

Mayor Foreman opened the item introducing the students and teachers from Windsong Elementary. He noted that the Council for a Day Program allows for second graders from the four (4) elementary schools in Friendswood to "take over" the dais and sit-in for Council and Staff. The participants included the following:

Position	Student Name	Teacher Name
Councilmember 1 (Rockey)	Milena Gonzalez	Ms. Cervantes

Councilmember 2 (Branson)	Charlotte Jenkins	Ms. Goodrich
Councilmember 3 (Hanks)	Greyson Winkler	Ms. Richards
Mayor (Foreman)	Yazhini Vijayal	Ms. Sheets
Councilmember 4 (Griffon)	Dominic Banuelos	Ms. Sheets
Councilmember 5 (Matranga)	Jordan Cross	Ms. Biffle
Councilmember 6 (Erenwert)	Rhemy Eubanks	Ms. Richards
City Attorney (Horner)	Kabir Desai	Ms. Smith
City Manager (Kabiri)	Alyssa Thomas	Ms. Smith
City Secretary (1)	Cash Eakin	Ms. Cervantes
City Secretary (2)	Olivia Balderas	Ms. Biffle

A motion was made by Councilmember Milena Gonzales (Steve Rockey) and seconded by Councilmember Charlotte Jenkins (Sally Branson) proclaiming February 6, 2024, as Windsong Elementary School Day in the City of Friendswood. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Yazhini Vijayal (Mike Foreman), Councilmember Greyson Winkler (Trish Hanks), Councilmember Milena Gonzalez (Steve Rockey), Councilmember Charlotte Jenkins (Sally Branson), Councilmember Dominic Banuelos (Robert J. Griffon), Councilmember Jordan Cross (Joe Matranga) and Councilmember Rhemy Eubanks (Brent Erenwert).

Nays: None.

The item passed unanimously.

At 5:40 P.M., Mayor Foreman recessed the meeting for the Council for a Day reception.

At 5:55 P.M., Mayor Foreman reconvened the meeting.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Foreman opened the item inviting Mayor Pro Tem Rockey to start by providing a comment. Mayor Pro Tem Rockey expressed that he will miss the Council for a Day sessions. Councilmember Branson wished to comment over the Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC) Discovery Trip to Conroe on February 19. She additionally noted that the City of Houston had an election in November and Proposition B passed. She discussed how it affects the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Transportation Policy Council.

Councilmember Griffon went over the Friendswood Senior Activity Center's events in February.

- **February 6** – Mardi Gras Celebration
- **February 7** – Loteria (Mexican Bingo)
- **February 8** – Mahjong Tournament
- **February 9** – Hometown Opry
- **February 12** – Karaoke and Brownies
- **February 13** – Go Shabu

- **February 14** – Valentine’s Day Luncheon
- **February 16** – Steel Magnolias at the AD Players Theater
- **February 20** – Pickle Ranch Trip

Councilmember Griffon also gave a shout out to Assistant Senior Program Manager Shadey Saldana for doing a wonderful job at the Senior Activity Center. Mayor Foreman closed the item after commenting over missing the January meeting due to his delayed flight.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chris Johnson requested to speak before Council regarding Item 9.a., concerning Friendswood Parkway. He shared that he was building a house at 36 Wilderness Trail which would be in an earshot away from the proposed road. Mr. Johnson stated that he was concerned that the interlocal agreement was unclear over what was supposed to happen, and the Tannos Development will impact the surrounding neighborhoods.

Mr. Don Johnson requested to speak before the Council to encourage the Friendswood City Council and other experienced individuals to sign up for the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District.

Mr. Jason Jones requested to speak before the Council to introduce himself and announce his candidacy for Position 6 of the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District.

7. WORK SESSION TOPICS

A. Presentation and discussion regarding Short-term Rentals.

Community Development Director Aubrey Harbin provided Council a presentation on short-term rentals. Mayor Foreman noted that the City of Friendswood currently had no regulations regarding short-term rentals. Ms. Harbin confirmed that was correct. She began her presentation by defining short-term rentals as the rental of any residential structure, or a portion of a residential structure, for a period of less than thirty (30) days in areas zoned for residential uses. However, that did not include bed-and-breakfasts, hotels, motels, corporate apartments, dormitories, or boarding houses.

She further noted that short-term rentals are usually advertised on Airbnb, VRBO, TripAdvisor, et cetera. In Friendswood, Ms. Harbin searched these websites and found about ten (10) rentals. While she believed there may be more, they have not had an overwhelming amount of complaints. Ms. Harbin provided a few examples of complaints they have received, such as noise and parking complaints. The Community Development Department counter did receive concerns about a particular location that the City does not regulate. As such, the department could not help them.

As the Hotel Occupancy Tax was adopted in Friendswood, Ms. Harbin noted that the State collects six percent (6%) off of these rentals and that the City was entitled to seven percent (7%). The State and County will not collect the money for Friendswood, so the City would have to collect its own HOT tax. In looking at other cities, Ms. Harbin provided the following overview:

City	Annual Fee	HOT	24/7 Local Contact	Good Neighbor /Renter Brochure	Site Inspections	Insp fee	Letter to Neighbors	Published on Web Site	Occupancy Restrictions
Clear Lake Shores (2020)	\$250-\$1000 (based on occupancy)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Dickinson	n/a	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kemah (2022)	450*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes - list	Yes
League City (2023)	\$300	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Pearland (2022)	\$75	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$100	No	Yes - map	Yes
Galveston (2015)	\$250	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Coppell (2019)	\$50; \$25 for owners 65 Years+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes - map	Yes
Denton (2019)	\$100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

Ms. Harbin listed actions related to high regulation and permitting done by other cities, such as:

- Post information to web site (map or list);
- Notify property owners within 200 feet;
- Good neighbor brochure for renters;
- In-person orientation of city rules including noise ordinance;
- Termination notice to let city know when unit is no longer a rental;
- Monitor sources of advertisement/require permit number to be included;
- Permits posted on site;
- Contact person available 24/7 to resolve issues; and
- Penalty for not registering.

It was further explained to Council what the different types of regulations were as follows:

Level of Regulation	Impact to Staff/City
Low – no registration or permit; allow property owners to self-report taxes.	ASO process tax payments.
Moderate – registration for tax collection purposes.	CDD permitting and ASO process tax payments.
High – annual permit with inspections and collection of taxes.	CDD permitting – new software module; ASO process payments; FMO/CDD – inspections; and PD/CDD/FMO – enforcement.

Ms. Harbin requested that the Council provide guidance for Staff on the level of action they desired. City Manager Morad Kabiri additionally stated that, whether or not Council selected low

regulation, the City would have to start collecting the Hotel Occupancy Tax from existing rentals. He noted there will be movement by Staff because they must equitably charge short-term rentals much like a hotel. Councilmember Erenwert wondered if a homeowner's association (HOA) had the power to not allow these types of rentals. Ms. Harbin was unsure if HOAs could prohibit a property owner from renting their own property.

Mayor Foreman suggested they approach this item at the moderate level to start and see how that goes. As the city only had ten (10) short-term rental properties, Councilmember Griffon could understand if there were sixty (60) or a hundred (100) of these types of rentals, then the Staff could step in with enforcement, but felt that with only a few rentals, it was not necessary to burden the staff with additional work.

Councilmember Matranga provided the recommendations that were shared to him by a City of Galveston Councilmember regarding this same issue. The lesson included the following:

- Annual registration is critical,
- Requiring a local twenty-four seven (24/7) contact is critical,
- Consider having contracts with larger rental companies to collect the tax and remit that back to the City,
- With regard to HOAs, the court recognizes deed restrictions above local ordinances, and
- Suggested, placing regulations in an ordinance for a viable way to limit the increase of occupancy in residential homes from four (4) bedroom houses which house (4) to seven (7) people, to housing twenty (20) to thirty (30) people.

Councilmember Hanks agreed with the comments made and noted that this topic has been on the news a lot lately of bad instances. She believed that short-term rentals should be registered so staff and neighbors would know who to call in the case of complaints. Mayor Pro Tem Rockey opined that he did not recommend collecting any money, as the amount is trivial. However, he believed having a penalty for bad behavior or some sort of registration process would be helpful. Mayor Foreman noted that if short-term rentals were forced to register, the city would then have contact information.

Councilmember Branson agreed with the comments. She believed that, with the city having so few of these, it was a great time to learn how to do this before they had a large number of rentals to deal with. She made note of the Super Bowl in Houston where people were renting out their homes and the fact that they would have the World Cup in 2026. With that, she suggested that their community would become more attractive to these types of ideas. Thus, she recommended they should start out tougher. If they were to see that it is overkill, then they could always back off. She was also in favor of the annual registration so they would know who to call if there was an issue.

Mayor Foreman summarized the Councilmembers comments that registration was a place to start. Ms. Harbin replied that they will look into some options and solutions.

B. Receive and discuss an update regarding Mobile Food Vendors

Community Development Director Aubrey Harbin presented an update regarding mobile vendors to Council. She noted this was on the Planning and Zoning Commission's (P&Z) to-do list for this year. Ms. Harbin first noted that mobile vendors could include:

- Food trucks;
- Coffee trailers;
- Food carts;
- Tents/vehicles;
- Refrigerated Trucks;
- Windshield Repair; and
- Donation Boxes.

The City of Friendswood currently allowed mobile vendors with special events hosted by a business owner. Ms. Harbin noted that the Community Development Department had a Special Event Permit for privately owned properties. She added that mobile vendors could also be at City functions, Chamber of Commerce functions, farmers markets, and a "Food Truck Park." What the City of Friendswood did not allow was mobile units to park on people's properties.

Ms. Harbin then proceeded to list out the pros and cons of mobile vendors for Council to consider.

Pros

- Increased Sales Tax
- Variety of products
- Opportunity for start-up businesses
- State and County Health District Regulations (food vendors)

Cons

- Aesthetics such as generators, tents
- Restroom availability
- Number of units throughout the City
- Parking on property without owner's consent
- Illegal signage – flag banners, etc.
- Competition to brick and mortar stores

As mobile vendors were allowed in special cases, Mayor Foreman questioned Staff what they were asking of Council. City Manager Morad Kabiri explained that Staff was looking for direction from the Council as to whether or not to allow mobile vendors to function on private property permanently. Mr. Kabiri noted that at this time, mobile vendors must have a Special Event Permit in order to setup shop in Friendswood, and this limits the locations and specifies a period of time for them to function. The change Ms. Harbin presented would eliminate the permit and allow for mobile vendors to setup for an unlimited amount of time.

Mayor Foreman wondered if there was a big push for this change. Councilmember Erenwert believed there is a lot of demand to bring restaurants to Friendswood, and sometimes food trucks allow for a segway to a brick-and-mortar restaurants. However, he did not think the city wanted an overabundance of them. He also noted that he did not think this change would bring a lot of tax revenue, but it would get people out. Councilmember Erenwert was in favor of putting mobile vendors in parks and wanted to limit the amount of food trucks allowed in the city. Councilmember Erenwert further noted that in this economy, he understood that it was hard to get brick-and-mortar location and hoped that there was a way to venture down this path without overcrowding the streets.

Councilmember Hanks appreciated the comments made, but she did not want Friendswood to look like Bay Area and 528. Neither did she want windshield repairs and those kinds of vendors in the community. She noted that if a compromise was needed, she suggested having a food truck park. However, she was not interested in opening this up to just anyone and anywhere.

On that note, Councilmember Griffon presumed the city could not differentiate between food vendors and any other type of mobile vendor. Ms. Harbin confirmed that his assumption was correct. Councilmember Erenwert clarified that he was thinking of incorporating them in a smaller, controlled atmosphere where they were not overrunning the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Rockey commented that he would hate to see a bunch of food trucks parked at Stevenson Park every day. If they had another area where they could concentrate them, he suggested that might be okay. However, he did not think there was a huge need for them.

Upon further discussion, Ms. Harbin suggested that if Council was good, then the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) could move onto something else. Mayor Foreman replied that they were good. Nonetheless, Mr. Kabiri relayed that if a property owner wanted to venture into this field, Staff was open to working with them to open up a food truck park here in Friendswood.

C. Presentation and discussion regarding replacement of ladder truck.

Emergency Services Director Brian Mansfield opened the item to provide a presentation to Council regarding the replacement of their Tower-21 truck. A goals and needs assessment was done to look for what the next steps were for the future of the City. Mr. Mansfield assured they would comply with industry standards as they look for a new apparatus. He noted an increasing number of multi-story buildings inside of Friendswood have a uniqueness to get into them. Also, as they go into twenty-five (25) years with their truck, operation and maintenance costs continue to increase.

Mr. Mansfield provided a few specifications for their new fire truck as follows:

- Rear mounted ladder;
- 100-foot-long reach;
- Platform basket;
- “Quint” fire apparatus;
- Additional equipment storage;
- Updated safety features; and
- Warranty program.

Mayor Foreman wondered, with a hundred-foot reach, what sized building could they fight a fire? An operations personnel answered the Mayor’s question with a seventy (70) foot building.

As they deploy their new apparatus, Mr. Mansfield assured they would have training and a standard operating guideline for it. They will continue to monitor the growth and needs of the City as well as the operation and maintenance costs. Mr. Mansfield noted that the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) put a committee together to look at the aging ladder truck to see what their needs were. They looked at several possible trucks and their assessment was displayed as follows:

Spec - Build	Pierce	Spartan	Rosenbauer
Build Months	39	20	21
Proposal Expiration	01/31/24	01/21/24	02/01/24
Extension	03/31/24	01/31/24	03/31/24
Bid Proposal Price	2,193,856	2,033,663	2,034,229
Gold Leaf Lettering	Included	8,000	8,000
Grille Flag	Included	1,500	Included
Leather Seats	Included	350	350
Jack Cameras	Included	5,500	5,500
Headsets	Included		10,000
Add L/R Storage	Included	6,000	6,000
Contingency 40K	Included	30,000	40,000
Incidentals 10K	Included	10,000	10,000
Bumper 1.75 Disch	Included	5,000	Included
Pike Poles	Included	5,000	Included
Transmission Retarder	***	(19,000)	***
10" Raise Cab	Included	10,000	Included
Speedlay Trays	Included	Not Available	Included
Allison 4500 Tansm	Included	Not Available	Included
Generator	Not Requested	Included	Included
Side Cab E/O Comp Door	Included	Not Available	Included
Double Side Fuel	Included	Not Available	Included
Total Bid Price	2,193,856	2,096,013	2,114,079

Mr. Mansfield conveyed that the FVFD Truck Committee was recommending the Pierce Custom Enforcer 100' Aerial Platform, which would have an almost forty (40) month build. As this was slated for FY2025, Staff was coming to Council now to ask for a commitment for that truck so they could start the build. Questions arose from Council over the City's needs for the truck which were answered by Fire Chief Stan Kozlowski.

If approved, Councilmember Matranga wondered what would happen to the old truck. Chief Kozlowski noted it would typically go to auction. However, their truck is beyond the manufacturer's recommended length of twenty (20) years and they were not making some parts for it anymore. Chief Kozlowski hoped someone would be interested as they do not do trade-ins.

Mayor Pro Tem Rockey commented that he would vote for it. While it was expensive, they had to have one. Councilmember Griffon similarly stated he would support this as a lot of discernment and research went into this fire truck. With that final comment, the Council and audience stood to recognize the City of Friendswood's firefighters.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Present an update regarding Retired Chief Wieners receiving the Helping Hand Award.

City Manager Morad Kabiri reported that Police Chief Josh Rogers accepted an award on behalf of the retired Friendswood Police Chief Robert Wieners. Chief Wieners was selected as the Helping Hand Award recipient by the Cole Gordon Helping Hand Foundation at the Chamber Gala

a few weeks back. Mr. Kabiri noted that Chief Wieners was actively fighting his current medical condition and further recognized him for all that he did for their community.

B. Present an update regarding the Friendswood Police Department hosting a Texas Narcotics Officers Association training.

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented an update on the Police Department hosting a Texas Narcotics Officers Association training here in Friendswood. They had over sixty (60) officers from around the region attend. Mr. Kabiri relayed that it was a great opportunity not only for their officers, but also to recruit other officers that are in the market to relocate to another agency.

C. Present an update regarding Impact Fees.

City Manager Morad Kabiri opened the item recalling that Council had a lengthy discussion at their last meeting when the impact fees were adopted. Council sent Mr. Kabiri home with the direction to come back with some options with regard to the development of certain lots in the community that may be exempted. In looking at this matter further, Mr. Kabiri reported that there is not a legal mechanism by which to waive impact fees. The State was very specific that it has to be for either economic development and or for affordable housing. Therefore, at this time, there is not a uniform blanket proposal Staff could put before Council for consideration.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consider authorizing the approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Harris-Galveston Area Council in relation to the Friendswood Parkway Corridor Study.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rockey to authorize the approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Harris-Galveston Area Council in relation to the Friendswood Parkway Corridor Study. However, there was discussion prior to the vote.

Engineering Director Jil Arias went through the project background for Council by reciting the scope of work from their corridor study that was released through a request for qualifications (RFQ) and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). An excerpt was recited as follows:

“The H-GAC has established a partnership with the City of Friendswood to conduct a corridor study of Friendswood Parkway from FM 2351 to FM 528. The ultimate plan for Friendswood Parkway is to extend the parkway through Friendswood starting at FM 528 into Brazoria County where it will connect to FM 2351 and eventually Pearland Parkway. The completion of this initiative will be a regional effort by the city of Friendswood, City of Pearland, Galveston County, Brazoria County, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The goal of this study is to provide a greater level of mobility for residents by determining the preferred alignment of Friends Parkway. When complete the four-lane divided Parkway will provide an alternate route to Interstate 45 South, FM 518, and also serve as an alternate valuation route for areas near the Gulf Coast...”

Mr. Arias noted this was mentioned to Council in the past couple of years and that a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar (\$250,000) grant was awarded to the City back in 2021. He explained this was part of the Unified Planning Work program for the H-GAC. This was a small part of a

much bigger picture for the region to improve mobility for residents. Staff has communicated to the consultant since then and some of the alignment will be driven by what the developers of the properties are willing to do. For the rest, there will be a lot of public input. Mayor Pro Tem Rockey asked how would that be done. Mr. Arias answered with online surveys and town hall meetings.

As this was awarded back in October 2021, City Manager Morad Kabiri additionally informed the Council the delay was due to a lack of planners and interested developers. They needed a mechanism to get the roadway built, so they are going through this process to secure federal funding through the Federal Highway Administration. This prompted further discussion from Council and Staff on possible funding mechanisms for this project.

The vote for the motion on the table was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

B. Consider authorizing the purchase of a ladder fire truck from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council, for the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Griffon and seconded by Councilmember Matranga to authorize the purchase of a ladder truck. However, there was discussion prior to the vote.

As presented in Item 7.c., City Manager Morad Kabiri relayed that this truck is desperately needed and it is a nearly a forty (40) month build time. While they were approving it this evening and authorizing its construction, the City did not have to pay for it right now. It will impact their budget in FY2027, in which case Staff will bring funding opportunities to Council at that time.

The vote for the motion on the table was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

A. Consider an ordinance amending the City's General Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by approving "Budget Amendment III" and providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Griffon to approve Ordinance No. 2024-06, related to Item 10.a. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20, PASSED AND APPROVED AUGUST 28, 2023, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S GENERAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, BY APPROVING "BUDGET AMENDMENT III" 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.

B. Consider on first reading an ordinance approving a rate adjustment for solid waste collection and disposal.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Griffon to accept the first reading of a proposed ordinance approving a rate adjustment for solid waste collection and disposal, as submitted. However, there was discussion prior to the vote.

City Manager Morad Kabiri recalled that Council approved the last extension for Waste Connections to the franchise agreement about two years ago. Now, the agreement included language for an adjustment annually on the anniversary date of that ordinance. Mr. Kabiri explained it is to take into consideration the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment that took place over the prior year as well as an adjustment based upon diesel fuel. However, this particular adjustment does not include that. It is simply an adjustment based on the CPI this past year.

Although they are in a state of reduced inflation, they are not in the state of deflation yet. So, they are seeing an increase to their operational cost both with labor as well as landfill costs. Mr. Kabiri also informed Council that this is the last year of their contract. Staff will be going out for requests for proposals (RFP) later this calendar year. He expressed his hope that they are able to maintain having the lowest garbage service fee in the area as well as provide the most frequent garbage services. Further discussion ensued over the general increase of costs for waste companies.

The vote for the motion on the table was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, CONSENTING TO THE RATE ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED BY WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TEXAS, LLC, D/B/A WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TEXAS, TO OFFSET ITS INCREASED COST IN CONNECTION WITH PERFORMING SERVICES UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, HAULING, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Hanks to approve the Consent Agenda Items 11.a. through 11.k., as submitted, with the exception of Item 11.f. which was pulled from the agenda. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

- A. Consider a resolution ratifying and approving the City of Friendswood's application to the Office of the Governor for the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program to fund the purchase of cyanide kits for EMS ambulances and appointing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative for all purposes under the grant.**
- B. Consider a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor of Texas, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program and appointing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative for all purposes under the grant.**
- C. Consider a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of Governor for grant funds pursuant to the General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program; authorizing a cash and in-kind matches; and appointing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative for all purposes under the grant.**

- D. Consider a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the FY2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program for the project titled Dispatch Console Furniture Upgrade and appointing the Mayor to act as the City's representative for all purposes under the grant.
- E. Consider a resolution denying the proposed rates and consolidation contained in the Statement of Intent to Change Rates filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a/ CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy and finding that the City shall be reimbursed for its reasonable rate case expenses.
- F. ~~Consider authorizing the disposal of two decommissioned Police Department vehicles through Houston Auto Auction.~~
- G. Consider authorizing the disposal of three decommissioned Parks and Recreation vehicles through Public Surplus Auction.
- H. Consider authorizing the final acceptance of the Avalon at Friendswood, Section 2 Public Utilities Improvement Project.
- I. Consider appointing Willie Anderson to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term effective immediately and ending on June 30, 2024.
- J. Consider approving the ad valorem tax report for December 2023.
- K. Consider approving the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2024.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Recess into and conduct an executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect for the development of the Friendswood City Center and to consult with the City's attorneys regarding a Development Agreement related thereto.

At 7:10 P.M., Mayor Foreman recessed and convened into an Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect for the development of the Friendswood City Center and to consult with the City's attorneys regarding a Development Agreement related thereto.

At 7:33 P.M., Mayor Foreman reconvened the meeting and announced that, in accordance with Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, no action was taken in the Executive Session.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Consider taking appropriate action regarding the City Attorney's annual performance evaluation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Griffon to approve giving the City Attorney a 3.5% pay increase. The vote was the following:

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

Nays: None

The item passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Foreman adjourned the February 5, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting at 7:34 P.M.


Mike Foreman, Mayor

Attest:


Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

