

STATE OF TEXAS)
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD)
COUNTIES OF GALVESTON/HARRIS)
JULY 02, 2018)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, **JULY 02, 2018**, AT 5:00 PM AT FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

MAYOR	MIKE FOREMAN
MAYOR PRO-TEM	JOHN SCOTT
COUNCILMEMBER	STEVE ROCKEY
COUNCILMEMBER	SALLY BRANSON
COUNCILMEMBER	TRISH HANKS
COUNCILMEMBER	ROBERT J. GRIFFON
COUNCILMEMBER	CARL GUSTAFSON
CITY ATTORNEY	MARY KAY FISCHER
CITY MANAGER	MORAD KABIRI
CITY SECRETARY	MELINDA WELSH

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Pastor Moe Mays with First Baptist Church Friendswood.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cheryl Johnson, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated that she noticed online that Friendswood Certified Floodplain Managers are setting preliminary maps for Galveston and Harris Counties, a recommendation is anticipated in upcoming months, and asked Council to readopt the 2007 maps. She has provided the City Secretary and Council with copies of a summary of deeds, permits, and research that has been conducted. Of the 114 substantially damaged properties from Hurricane Harvey, 57 properties were impacted in Harris County by the change in flood maps. All but one of the properties have already filed permits, been fixed, or been sold. The owners of the remaining property have moved temporarily to Maryland, and it is not known when they will return. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and city ordinance does allow for a variance to current building codes with regard to people elevating their properties. Surely leaders that came before this Council and adopted the maps knew how important and significant they were, and urges Council to move forward with the 2017 flood maps. According to the city's Charter it only takes one member of Council to place an item on the agenda. A draft ordinance has been included in the packet summary provided.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 8, Special Recognition and Acknowledgements.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

City Manager Morad Kabiri introduced Allena Portis, Director of Finance for the City of League City, who was representing the Gulf Coast Government Finance Officers Association of Texas. Ms. Portis presented the Government Finance Officer's Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Administrative Services Director Katina Hampton and her Staff. This is the 15th consecutive year for the city to earn the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Ms. Hampton thanked the Administrative Services Department Staff and the budget team for their help and support.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 5A, Work Session – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) discussion.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Foreman opened the discussion regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS). City Manager Morad Kabiri stated Health Care Visions has been retained by Staff for assistance with the process of contract negotiations, structure of relationship, and EMS billing. Mr. Kabiri introduced Steven Athey with Health Care Visions. Mr. Athey presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the complexity of providing EMS services, as population grows so does the need for EMS services, planning for results, if EMS systems are left to develop on their own the result is usually high per capita cost for the system and low quality service. System design is important to convert available dollars into performance and clinical performance. Opportunities available include higher quality service at the same system cost, or same quality service at a lower system cost. System elements are response time reliability, clinical optimization, operational responsibility, economic efficiency, oversight and protection. Bottom line variables are response time performance, clinical sophistication, per capita cost, system protection, and stakeholder's expectations are met. System design for the City of Friendswood should include a model with strong regulatory oversight by the city, assets (equipment) owned by the city, provider operates under a performance based contract with protections for all parties, and the city provides funding (user fees and subsidy) and accomplishes the billing/collections and medical direction parties. The next steps in the city's system design would include concurrently develop an agreement with provider, obtain Medicare number, obtain state license, select billing company, and select medical director.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated that Staff is currently looking for an EMS billing service, and proposals are scheduled to be opened on July 10, 2018.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, Steven Athey with Health Care Visions, and Staff regarding preliminary negotiations have been started with the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department, current contract ends October 2019, Mr. Athey and the Fire Marshal's Office have started work on obtaining a Medicare number and state license for billing purposes, and there will be a need to meet with citizens to discuss change to billing for services.

Mayor Foreman opened the discussion regarding updating park policies and procedures. Parks and Recreation Director James Toney introduced recently promoted Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Michael Boyett. Mr. Toney presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding park and facility policies and procedures, last updated in 2013, policy and procedures updates are essential for residents, policy and procedures serve as a guideline for expectations and responsibility when visiting City of Friendswood parks, and the addition of Lake Friendswood Park and other park amenities throughout the City of Friendswood led Staff to update park policies. Proposed major changes include add policies and procedures for new facilities (Lake Friendswood Park and Friendswood PetSafe Dog Park), fee changes for facility rentals, update current rules and regulations, and adopt rules as a resolution to allow rule enforcement by the Friendswood Police Department. Proposed facility rental fee changes include Leavesley Park Hangar for \$60 per hour, pavilion(s) \$75, gazebo \$50, and the amphitheater \$250. Non-resident fees proposed include Leavesley Park Hangar for \$80 per hour, pavilion(s) \$100, gazebo \$75, and the amphitheater \$350. Staff would like guidance from Council before having the proposed changes adopted at a later Council meeting.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding that a comparison of local city fees in the area was done and the proposed fees are lower than neighboring cities, and tobacco use in park facilities. The consensus of Council was for Staff to bring back a future agenda item for repairs to the Sesquicentennial Swimming Pool restroom facilities, and a draft ordinance for Council's approval regarding the sale of alcohol in city parks.

Mayor Foreman opened the discussion regarding the Multi-Year Financial Plan. Administrative Services Director Katina Hampton presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding an overview of the city's Multi-

Year Financial Plan (MYFP), primarily focuses on the General Fund and Debt Service Fund used in decision making. The scope of detail for the MYFP includes revenue projections, expenditure projections, and Decision Package impacts carried out through the plan. The plan will impact the Fiscal Year 2019 projected operating and fund balances. Planning assumptions with key revenue source being property taxes. Tax revenue is based on projected tax values with an estimated 3% growth in tax base throughout the plan, other revenue sources are based on population projections, and are increased by 2% per year throughout the plan. Revenue planning data includes residential/commercial growth projected, current trends are considered, tax base is identified, fiscal policies are considered, revenue forecasting, departmental input in regards to fee adjustments needed, and alternative revenue options available. Fiscal Year 2019 Projected General Fund Revenue, total General Fund Revenue of \$27,451,024 with non-tax revenue being \$4,129,083, franchise taxes being \$1,743,257, sales tax being \$5,936,100, and property taxes being \$15,524,630. The sales tax revenue generated from the half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2016 for street improvements and the Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (FDEDC) is recorded and expanded in funds separate from the General Fund. Non-tax revenue includes building permits, intergovernmental grant revenue, court fines, and interfund transfers. Property tax components include gross appraised values approximates market, taxable value, tax levy, and tax revenue. The tax rate has two parts that are considered when adopting the tax rate, Interest and Sinking (I&S) for debt services along with Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for General Fund. Tax rate drivers include property tax revenue in the MYFP is based on the Effective Tax Rate, and approximately the same revenue for the same properties is generated with the Effective Tax Rate. Revenue growth relating to property values, in the MYFP is projected from revaluations and new construction. Planning assumptions in regards to expenditures include personnel expenditures to increase 3% annually throughout the plan, increases due to salaries and related benefits, and non-personnel expenditures to increase 2% year over year based on historical average. Planning assumptions for fund balance, target of 90-days operating reserves, undesignated fund balance uses are emergencies, one-time expenditures without operating cost increase, major capital purchases, and start-up expenditures for new programs. The MYFP indicates 90-day operating reserve maintained through Fiscal Year 2021. With current projections and assumptions, no Decision Packages are funded in the five-year planning window. Council's role is guidance on tax rate, input on existing and alternative revenues, programmatic changes, and participation in budget development.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding key revenue projections, Staff will bring an agenda item back to Council regarding wages for police officers, 90-day operating reserve, Hurricane Harvey reimbursements, funding sources for possible buyout properties, MYFP does not include \$500,000 designated yearly for street repairs, consensus of Council was to include \$500,000 yearly in the budget for street repairs, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) billing and expenditures. Staff will present a proposed budget to Council by August 1, 2018, lease for Public Works facility has been funded for 18 months, possible future bond election needed to revamp the facility to get the equipment in and out, and Staff will bring an agenda item to Council in the next 18-24 months to discuss a bond election for drainage improvements and facilities.

Mayor Foreman opened the discussion regarding Capital Projects update. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Patrick Donart presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the progress made on Capital Projects since the June Council meeting. He reported on Old City Park, Blackhawk Boulevard Phase II, Pavement Management Study, Lift Station No. 23, Blackhawk Wastewater Treatment Plant, de-silting bid for the city, street maintenance bid, city-wide traffic study, current Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) projects, and current Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District projects throughout the city.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding parking at Old City Park, there will be 44 spaces for parking, amount of parking was reduced by half due to available funding, and overflow parking is needed for events at Stevenson Park. The current signage on Blackhawk Boulevard Phase II construction is not clear when switching from one-way traffic to two-way traffic. Staff has discussed with the Police Department and the traffic engineer, possibly install flat panels in between lanes, would define the travel lanes, would reduce the lane widths by a foot if installed, can look into additional signage, and the southbound lanes will be closed off later in the construction process.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Foreman asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the Executive Sessions. No one spoke.

Council convened into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.071 – Consultation with attorney, to seek the advice of its attorney on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege, and Section 551.071 – Consultation with attorney about pending litigation, Cause No. 18-CV-0687; Christine Audibert v. Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Friendswood, Texas; in the 405th Judicial District Court of Galveston County, Texas.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into Open Session with no action taken later in the meeting.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 17, Discussion and possible action regarding the reappointment of Judge James Woltz and appointment of Alternate Judge Richard Barfield for Municipal Court.

ACTION ITEMS

****Councilmember Rockey moved to approve the reappointment of Municipal Court Judge James Woltz and the appointment of Alternate Municipal Court Judge Robert Barfield with terms to expire July 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.**

****Mayor Foreman moved to approve the City Manager's appointment of Steven Rhea to the position of Assistant City Manager. Seconded by Councilmember John Scott. The motion was approved unanimously.**

City Manager Morad Kabiri introduced the applicant for the Assistant City Manager position Steven Rhea. Mr. Rhea stated he is happy to be a part of the city, and is looking forward to starting as soon as he can.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 9, Communications from the Public.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Christina Perez, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated she is at the meeting to discuss Agenda Item 22D, regarding the mitigation grant program, and asked Council to post the addresses of the homes impacted. She further stated she has had a hard time communicating with city officials and getting responses from the Floodplain Manager's office. City Manager Morad Kabiri asked Ms. Perez if she had a question as to if her property was on the list, and Ms. Perez answered yes. Mr. Kabiri stated he would give Ms. Perez his card and he would get her an answer.

Connie Ratisseau, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated happy 4th of July, thanked Staff and Council for considering Friendswood Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for services, not happy about flood maps not being on the current agenda, thanked Councilmember Griffon for joining her and Phil Ratisseau to speak with Texas House Representative Dennis Paul. There will be a Harris County Flood Control District bond project planning meeting on July 17, 2018, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at El Franco Lee Community Center. There are 23 different watersheds around the Houston/Harris County area that are all vying for funds. If the City of Friendswood would like any funds they will have to fight for it, would appreciate the support of Galveston County residents, affects all Friendswood residents, there are a lot of ideas floating around, need to express how important it is to get work done on Clear Creek, and asked for everyone to plan on attending the meeting on July 17, 2018.

Sarah Van Riper, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated she has lived in Laurelfeld Subdivision for 19 years, is an engineer and retired from Marathon Petroleum as a Project Manager, has

knowledge of detention basins, Galveston County requires a half an acre foot per acre of development when you change land from pervious to impervious. In 2010, there was a project put in on FM 518 for drainage pipes that comes out to her backyard, no drainage or detention basins put in where the water outfalls, Laurelfeld Subdivision had not flooded until Hurricane Harvey, 23 homes flooded in the subdivision, if water from the downtown area did not drop into their backyard the subdivision would not have flooded, need detention basins put in, and the engineering company had suggested detention basins would be a requirement.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated the detention ponds were done prior to the project being completed, and has asked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Patrick Donart to speak with Ms. Van Riper after the meeting to discuss the detention ponds.

Bob Selig, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated he deals with numbers in his business life, spent time looking at the agenda packet and the Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP), surprised at the assumption, has a number of friends and clients that have gotten 20% decreases in property values, serious financial hit to the city, and presentation earlier was overly optimistic on the revenue side. Staff has referred to extra costs from Hurricane Harvey as substantial, could the city afford a second flood, Council makes funding priorities every year. Something that would not cost the city anything would be to revert to the 2007 flood maps, there is no easy option, but can the city afford another flood.

Deirdre Brown, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated there will be an overarching theme to her comments, there is a lack of information in backup documentation, if grant application to be ratified at the meeting was included as backup Ms. Perez's question could have been answered, and concerned with Council voting on issues without backup documentation. The Mayor had that stated 22% of annual revenue is sales tax with an increase of 5% in sales tax, hopes Council is thinking about who is paying the sales tax. Council should get information on where sales tax dollars come from before voting on the budget or propose to increase sales tax, supports sales tax for streets, but only if full information is available to the public. There was a workshop earlier in the meeting that discussed selling alcohol in parks, concerned about priorities, there is a July 17, 2018, meeting for Clear Creek bonds, far more important than selling alcohol in parks, would have liked to have a workshop discussion before going to meetings at the county level, is passionate about dealing with issues because she has seen people do things for their own self-interest or the interest of commercial land owners.

Cheryl Johnson, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated she regrets standing before Council, between May 28, 2018 and May 31, 2018, she wrote a letter to Council, City Manager, Floodplain Administrator, members of the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals, and the Community and Economic Development Committee, 36 people received the letter asking for help, one Councilmember and one P&Z Commissioner acknowledged receipt of the letter, and one Councilmember contacted her.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated he would be happy to respond to Ms. Johnson's letter once her son withdrew his threat of litigation.

Ms. Johnson stated she has not threatened litigation, was an inappropriate comment to make, did not think the City Manager could address comments made by the public while they were speaking, due to a lack of response she has had to address the city publicly, have had to resort to filing record requests, only way to get answers to her questions, city has no mechanism for open record requests, do not get information for at least 10 days, the state allows 10 days for an exception not to provide information, fills over 100 to 1,000 open records requests a year in her office, if the city has nothing to hide provide the information, asking Council to restore stability in the city. There is a perception that some people in the city delay information when questions are asked, lead employees as you would expect them to behave, have them behave with openness and respond to the public. Adopt a policy of openness and transparency, and would be happy to share policies she has adopted in her office.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC) Chair Gary Kay presented the annual report. Mr. Kay stated this year the committee will be reorganizing to consist of seven members for ease of management. Some of CEDC's accomplishments over the past year include a \$12,000 economic incentive grant approved for Rancho Mexican Restaurant, owner lives in the city and grant is helping his business grow, and estimated to add over \$78,000 of additional property taxes to the city over a ten-year period after expansion. A representative from Coastal Bend Property Development gave an overview of the panhandle area along FM 2351, Beamer Road, and Dixie Farm Road. The owner stated he would request that Council remove the portion of the proposed Blackhawk Boulevard extension from the city's Major Thoroughfare Plan, which was subsequently recommended by the CEDC and approved by Council. CEDC hosted the 15th Annual Broker and Developer Day at Timber Creek Golf Club on October 26, 2017, in collaboration with the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce's Annual Golf tournament. Last year's event was held as a luncheon with a \$1,500 sponsorship from CenterPoint Energy's Economic Development Department. Economic Development Coordinator Karen Capps spoke about business development opportunities in the city, and Coastal Bend Property Development President Dan Rucker discussed plans and development opportunities along the FM 2351 and Beamer Road corridors. There were approximately 35 attendees and 10 stayed after the workshop to play golf and network. The committee recommended, and Council approved, a \$100,000 economic incentive grant for Tannos Land Holdings III, to construct a new four-story, 63,400 square foot building at 505 South Friendswood Drive. The \$10 Million downtown building recently broke ground and will feature retail and restaurants on the ground floor, office space on the upper floors as well as serve as an employment center for more than 200 people. Over the past year, the committee discussed goals and asked for information and analyses regarding the city's economic development efforts. As a result of these presentations, committee members decided in order to support the city's overall efforts, members would begin attending Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting events, and would refer business owners within their network or circle of influence to relocate their business to the City of Friendswood. The committee reviewed and discussed a map of undeveloped properties in the city to have a better understanding of ownership, zoning, location, and availability of utilities at or near the sites. CEDC members attended the Party on the Patio event held at the Chamber of Commerce's office sponsored by the city's Economic Development Department. The committee also discussed public relations and awareness regarding economic development and asked Staff to provide general site criteria requirements to help provide business leads to the city's Economic Development Coordinator. Over the next year, CEDC is looking forward to welcoming two new committee members, reviewing municipal grant applications, proposed ordinance changes, policies, and goals that will assist the city in further economic development and making the City of Friendswood an economically viable place to live and work.

Councilmember Hanks stated she attended some of the interviews for the committee, met some great people, was impressed by the number of interviews held and the people willing to step up, have a good plan moving forward, and she is looking forward to being the CEDC liaison.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated a representative from West Ranch Management District was not present at the meeting to present their annual report.

Councilmember Gustafson stated a representative did show up six months ago or sometime last year.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated it had been a year.

Councilmember Gustafson stated West Ranch Management District did commit to update Council a couple of times a year on their activity, and Council does have oversight of their group.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated oversight to the extent of the appointment of two out of the five board members, a report from West Ranch Management District was included in Council's backup material, will convey Council's concern and ask them to attend an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Gustafson asked if Staff invited the West Ranch Management District to the Council meeting and they did not respond, and Mr. Kabiri answered they responded with the written report.

Councilmember Gustafson asked if it was made clear that Council would like a representative present at the meeting, and Mr. Kabiri stated yes and he would reemphasize to them.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 21, Communications from the Mayor and Councilmembers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Foreman stated that for the last few years a video of Council and community leaders reading the Declaration of Independence has been shown, and this year Communications Specialist Jeff Newpher has produced a video.

A video was shown of Friendswood's next generation reading the Declaration of Independence.

Councilmember Rockey stated the drainage subcommittee was created last month, members of the subcommittee will be present at the July 17, 2018, Harris County meeting, have submitted projects through various sources to be considered by Harris County, and the subcommittee is paying close attention to what is going on.

Councilmember Branson wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

Councilmember Hanks congratulated Administrative Services Director Katina Hampton and her Staff for the Government Finance Officer Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and 15 consecutive years should not be taken for granted. She thanked City Manager Morad Kabiri and Staff for spending a day with Councilmember Griffon and her to go over information about the city, is proud of all the parks in the City of Friendswood, should not be taken for granted, the Parks and Recreation Staff does a great job, and wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

Councilmember Griffon stated it has been a busy month, attended meetings of Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District, Harris County, and Houston/Galveston Association Conferences, thanked City Secretary Melinda Welsh for arranging for him to attend a boat ride at the Port of Houston, thanked Mayor Foreman for the trip to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with the senior citizens, ended up on the floor of Mission Control, enjoyed meeting with Texas House Representative Dennis Paul along with Phil and Connie Ratisseau, have another meeting tomorrow with United States Congressman Randy Weber, information regarding the Harris County July 17, 2018, meeting was put out as quickly as possible, tries to respond to every email he receives, has been a huge learning curve, and thanked everyone for allowing him to be their representative.

Councilmember Scott thanked Parks and Recreation Director James Toney and his Staff along with the Fourth of July Steering Committee for all they do to put on the Fourth of July events, great group of people, city parks have come a long way in seven years, and wished everyone a happy Fourth of July.

Councilmember Gustafson stated he hopes everyone has a happy Fourth of July, encourages everyone to come see the parade and attend the fireworks show at Centennial Park, a real fun time with the family, and the Parks and Recreation Department does a bang up job with the event.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 11, City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Morad Kabiri reported the City of Friendswood and the Friendswood Rotary Club are proud to announce the 2018 Movies in the Park at the Evelyn B. Newman Amphitheater and the Friendswood Sesquicentennial Swimming Pool. The movie series will begin July 13, 2018, and runs every Friday through August 10, 2018. Thanks to the sponsors, all movies are free to the public, theater seats may be

limited, so feel free to bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on the lawn. Do not forget your picnic dinner and/or snacks.

The City Manager reported that the Fourth of July Steering Committee and the City of Friendswood would like to invite all to participate in the city's 123rd Annual Friendswood Fourth of July Celebration. The daylong celebration is packed full of entertainment, food and fun for the entire family. The theme for this year's celebration is "Friendswood Strong." The day will kick off with the Grand Parade that will travel down Friendswood Drive. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM at the corner of FM 518 and Heritage Drive, and will feature over 100 entries from Friendswood and around the State of Texas. The parade will conclude at Stevenson Park where over 50 vendor booths, rides, games, food, live entertainment, and fun for the entire family will take place. The activities will begin shortly after the conclusion of the parade, and will conclude at approximately 3:30 PM. The evening program will be held at Centennial Park and begins at 7:30 PM. The band "Chinatown" will headline the night's entertainment and will be playing music from the 80's, 90's, 2000's, and today. The evening will conclude with a fantastic fireworks extravaganza that will light up the sky beginning at approximately 9:20 PM. The fireworks will be choreographed to patriotic music and the show is expected to be one of the best fireworks displays in the Houston area. Public parking will not be available at Centennial Park for the evening program, but a free shuttle service is provided to gain admittance into the park. The shuttle service will be available from Friendswood United Methodist Church and Friendswood High School, and will begin running at 6:30 PM. Do not miss out on this family event as the community of Friendswood celebrates our country's independence in patriotic style.

The City Manager reported that the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO) is an affiliate of Texas Municipal League. Recreation Aide Katy Blanchard from the Parks and Recreation Department submitted a project for award consideration at the annual TAMIO conference in June. The city received second place in the Award of Excellence in the Best Use of Photography – Population under 70,000 category for Keep Friendswood Beautiful #FriendswoodProud Photo Contest.

The City Manager reported that for the second year in a row, the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) division was recognized with the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Award. Lifeline participants share a common commitment to American Heart Association's best-practice guidelines and data-based quality measures, benefit from recognition, regional networking, and knowledge transfer.

The City Manager reported that Niche.com has recently ranked the City of Friendswood as the 25th in its Best Suburb to Live in Texas list. Earlier this year, Niche.com announced the City of Friendswood as the seventh Safest Suburb in the Houston area, and prior to that, the ninth Best Suburb to Raise a Family in Houston area.

The City Manager reported that the city has been diligently working on the Hazard Mitigation Grant application with the city's consultant, Jeffery S. Ward and Associates. Staff has received 38 completed applications for acquisition, elevation and/or mitigation reconstruction. Once reviewed and vetted, only 24 homes qualified for buyout, and within those 24 eight qualify for elevation assistance. At this time the city is pursuing both options to give the homeowner more flexibility. The city's application for buyout was submitted last week, and the elevation application will be submitted in mid-July. The City is also working with Jeffrey S. Ward and Associates on the submission of two regional detention projects and a bridge elevation effort. Applications for all three projects will be submitted later in July. This past spring, the city advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for cleaning and desilting services for storm sewer lines impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Unfortunately, no proposals were received. Staff is regrouping and will be once again advertising a modified RFP in the coming weeks. The city has expended approximately \$4.9 Million in Hurricane Harvey related funds, and to date the city has been reimbursed \$1.3 Million. The city's Certified Floodplain Managers are currently reviewing preliminary floodplain maps for the Harris and Galveston County portions of the City of Friendswood. Staff anticipates a recommendation to Council in the coming months to include the Harris County Flood Insurance Rate Map (January 2017) and the Galveston County Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (February 2018). The maps are available to the public at www.RiskMap6.com.

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve the appointment of Blaise Guzzetta and Mike Hickey to the Community and Economic Development Committee to fill vacancies with terms to expire July 2021, reappointment of Skip Evans and Meg Crowley to the Community and Economic Development Committee with terms to expire July 2021, appointment of Billy Mendoza and Les French to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals to fill vacancies with terms to expire July 2021, appoint Randy Weisinger to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals with a term to expire July 2021, reappointment of Terry McHugh, Monique Hammett, Faye Ray, and Rajni Amin to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals with terms to expire July 2021, reappointment of Mike Czarowitz, Elizabeth Stacy and Ted Thomas to the Library Board with terms to expire July 2021, reappointment of David O'Brien III, Ronald Dyer, Mike Czarowitz to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals with terms to expire July 2020, and reappointment of alternate members Linda Thornton, Glen Grayban and Jason Byers to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals with terms to expire July 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve the disposition of RFP No. 2017-04 for ground emergency ambulance services and award to Friendswood Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson** moved to approve the disposition of RFP No. 2018-14 for Professional Audit Services and award to Whitely Penn, LLP. Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson** moved to approve updating the Appointment Policy for Boards, Committees and Commissions with amendments. Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved 6-1 with Councilmember Rockey opposed.

****Councilmember Hanks** moved to approve an agreement with Friendswood Independent School District (FISD) for School Resource Officers. Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 19, Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve Resolution **R2018-11** – A resolution of the City of Friendswood, Texas, in support of the dredging of Clear Creek. Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Rockey** moved to approve Resolution **R2018-12** – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, designating the Mayor as the city's representative in seeking eligible grant funds under General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program; and authorizing the submission of such grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of Governor. Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson** moved to approve Resolution **R2018-13** – A resolution of the City of Friendswood, Texas, approving an amendment to the resolution designating individuals of the city as authorized representatives to the Texas Local Government Investment Pool ("TexPool/TexPool Prime"); and repealing all other resolutions inconsistent or in conflict herewith. Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-13 –** An ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Friendswood, Texas; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-15 –** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, Appendix C – “Zoning,” Section 7, “Schedule of District Regulations,” Subsection 7.P.5, “North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes” by changing the reference from “1997” to “current” and amending Subsection 7.P.6, “Permitted Use Table,” by adding the “2017 NAICS” reference, by adding NAICS Use No. 425, Wholesale Electronics Markets and Agents and Brokers; and providing for the expansion of NAICS Use No. 447 by adding NAICS Use No. 447190, Other Gasoline Stations (gas stations without convenience stores; truck stops; and marine service stations); providing a penalty for violation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, or as otherwise provided by law; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith; and providing for severability.

Seconded by Councilmember Rockey. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Griffon moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-16 –** An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, Appendix C – “Zoning,” Section 7, “Schedule of District Regulations,” Subsection 7.Q.3. “Area and Height Exceptions” by adding “g. Stairs in Certain Situations,” an exception to allow stairs of an elevated house to encroach the front building line in certain situations; providing a penalty for violation in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, or as otherwise provided by law; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith; and providing for severability.

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-17 –** An ordinance amending Ordinances No. 2012-04 and 2016-46 in order to approve an annual rate adjustment as provided for in the City of Friendswood – Progressive Waste Solutions of TX, Inc., d/b/a WC of Texas (formerly known as IESI TX Corporation) Solid Waste Franchise. (Waste Connections)

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved 5-2 with Councilmembers Rockey and Hanks opposed.

****Councilmember Griffon moved to approve the First reading of Ordinance No. T2018-19 –** An ordinance amending Appendix “C” “Zoning”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, Section 3, “Provision for Official Zoning Map”, rezoning the property generally consisting of 2.504 acres out of Lot 12, Block 2 of Friendswood Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 238, Page 14, of the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas, located at 213 East Heritage Drive, Friendswood, Galveston County, Texas, to change from Single Family Residential (SFR), Multi-Family Residential Low Density (MFR-L), and Multi-Family Residential Low Density / Specific Use Permit (MFR-L/SUP) to Planned Unit Development (PUD), more fully described in Exhibit “A”, incorporated by reference, with such Planned Unit Development (PUD) to be governed for all purposes and conditions pursuant to the attached site plans included in Exhibit “B”, all as more specifically provided herein; providing for the amendment of the Official Zoning Map; providing a penalty in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for each day of violation of any provision hereof; and providing for severability.

Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion **failed** unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-20 –** An ordinance amending City of Friendswood, Texas, Ordinance No. 2017-32, passed and approved October 2, 2017, same being an ordinance approving and adopting the City’s General Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 by approving “Budget Amendment X” to the “Original General Budget of the City of Friendswood, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018”; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.

Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Rockey asked to pull Consent Agenda Item D for discussion.

****Councilmember Griffon moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Agenda Item D, A. Approving a Buyout License Agreement for 401 Richmond Lane and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. B. Authorizing the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department to purchase one 2018 Ford F-150 Crew Cab and authorize the trade-in of a 2009 Ford Expedition. C. Approving an amendment to the contract with Crowder Gulf for Debris Management Services. E. Accepting the May 2018 Property Tax Report.**

Seconded by Councilmember Scott. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Rockey moved to approve Consent Agenda Item D. Ratify City Manager's signature on the City's application for Federal Assistance with Elevation and Acquisition.**

Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated the city recently submitted a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Buyout Application. Texas Division of Emergency Management has received funds from the state and federal government, funds can be used for acquisition, demolition and purchase of property severely damaged during Hurricane Harvey, 24 applicants have decided to submit for buyouts, grant is 75/20 split, city does not currently have funds for the local match portion, and eight of the 24 properties are being evaluated for elevation grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.



Mayor Mike Foreman

Attest:



Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary

