

STATE OF TEXAS)(
 CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD)(
 COUNTIES OF GALVESTON/HARRIS)(
 AUGUST 06, 2018)(
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, **AUGUST 06, 2018**, AT 5:30 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 McCauley Austin with Friendswood Baptist Church.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Foreman asked if anyone would like to speak. No one spoke.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Foreman opened the discussion regarding the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget. Administrative Services Director Katina Hampton presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Fiscal Year 2019, total revenue of \$58.1 Million, Fiscal Year total expenditures of \$57.7 Million, current tax rate of \$0.5273, proposed tax rate of \$0.5273, reviewed historical tax rate, historical total property taxes for various appraised home values, General Fund revenue of \$27.7 Million, new and updated General Fund revenues, General Fund expenses of \$27.7 Million, Fiscal Year 2019 Operational Expenditures (General Fund plus Water and Sewer Funds), reviewed historical population figures, full-time equivalent personnel per capita, General Fund Decision Packages total of \$94,501, unfunded Decision Packages, General Fund balance with 90-day reserve, Water and Sewer Fund revenues of \$12.7 Million, Water and Sewer Fund expenses of \$12.6 Million, Water and Sewer Fund Forces at Work, Water and Sewer Fund Decision Packages total of \$616,951, unfunded Decision Packages, and Public Works Water and sanitary sewer five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding home appraisal values, additional school resource officers for Friendswood Independent School District, General Fund unfunded Decision Packages of employee merit raises and pay plan adjustment, General Fund balance with 90-day reserve, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement expectations. The consensus of Council was to use \$433,000 from funds not spent during Fiscal Year 2017-2018 on street repairs to fund employee merit raises and pay plan adjustment decision packages.

Mayor Foreman stated Director of Public Works/City Engineer Patrick Donart would do the Capital

Projects update at a later time in order for Council to convene into Executive Session.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council convened into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.087 – Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations; to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Foreman stated Municipal Court Judge James Woltz was unable to attend tonight's Council meeting. The oath was done earlier in the day by City Secretary Melinda Welsh.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Foreman and Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Joe Matranga called a Joint Public Hearing to order to receive comments from the public both oral and written, regarding a zone classification change request for a 0.3337 acre tract of land out of Lot 9 Block 2, Friendswood Subdivision, located at 315 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Galveston County, Texas, to change from Light Industrial (LI) to Downtown District (DD).

Community Development Director/City Planner Aubrey Harbin explained that the request is from a new property owner, property is located within the Downtown District, old Lary's Florist building, does not meet Downtown District requirements, would be grandfathered in, and any additions or remodeling done would have to stay in compliance with the non-conforming ordinance.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Matranga asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of the request. No one spoke.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Matranga adjourned the Planning and Zoning Commission's portion of the Joint Public Hearing. Mayor Foreman left Council's portion of the Joint Public Hearing open.

Mayor Foreman and Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Joe Matranga called a Joint Public Hearing to order to receive comments from the public both oral and written, regarding a zone classification change request for a 0.6804 acre tract of land out of Reserve A of Forest Creek Subdivision, located at 4203 Friendswood Link Road, Friendswood, Harris County, Texas, to change from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Neighborhood Commercial/Specific Use Permit (NC/SUP) to allow NAICS Use No. 713940 Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers.

Community Development Director/City Planner Aubrey Harbin explained that the property is an existing site on Friendswood Link Road, old car wash site, day care on one side and AMCAP Mortgage is on the other side, and owner would like to put in a fitness center.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Matranga asked if the applicant would like to speak.

Ben Sunday, architect for the project, stated this is a small-scale building, will maintain landscape along the back of the property as well as add to the front, and the gym is geared more toward classes.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Matranga asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in

opposition of the request. No one spoke.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Matranga adjourned the Planning and Zoning Commission's portion of the Joint Public Hearing. Mayor Foreman left Council's portion of the Joint Public Hearing open.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

David Allen, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated downtown Friendswood is starting to look good and it is nice to see everything coming together. Is at the meeting to speak on freedom of speech, gave an example of lack of free speech in China, beginning to show up in the United States with platforms such as Facebook and Google, canceling conservatives due to the upcoming election, and trying to meddle with the election. These platforms present themselves as open forums, will invent stuff on people and then drop them, a little bit of fake news to pass their anti-conservative bias passed amongst their own corporation, infowars.com has been banned on almost everything, and keep your fingers on post of what actually happens versus fake news.

Cheryl Johnson, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated she would like to thank Council for moving forward with the flood maps, and will be a good thing for the city. Discussed tax rate, five-year comparison, and will send Administrative Services Director Katina Hampton the comparison on residential properties.

Alyssa Tjaden, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated she is the president of Friendswood Youth Baseball, board members are present, and 720 children played baseball this spring. Discussed transition from Little League Baseball to Protect Our Nation's Youth (Pony) League Baseball, nationally recognized organization, offers programs from 4U through 23U, great emphasis on character and youth development, major league baseball rules are used, age appropriate pitch count limitations, and knowledge that is important to the transition to the high school level. One of the major benefits in Pony League is the field dimension growth. In Little League, t-ball players are playing on the same size field as 12 year olds, playing age appropriate size fields encourages correct baseball skills to be taught and more reaction time that is safer for the players. There is field space at Renwick Park and the board has a plan to put into action. Pony League offers all levels of all-stars for the summer season. For the first time this year, Friendswood offered two teams per division 6U, 7U, and 8U divisions, and 78 children played teams from Deer Park, Kingwood, Katy, Conroe, Pasadena, Crosby, Huntsville, and many other leagues. The 6U all-star team played in the south World Series in Atlanta. Participants completed a survey of their experience with Pony League, 98% participants felt their child gained baseball skills and knowledge, and 98.9% participants would enjoy participating in future Pony League events. The board of directors feels confident in the direction of the program and are looking forward to Pony League Baseball at Renwick Park.

Connie Ratisseau, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated she would like to thank Council for putting flood maps on the agenda, Harris County Flood Control has a \$2.5 Billion bond election coming up, being voted on and paid for by Harris County residents but it affects both sides of the creek, four projects made the list for Friendswood's section of the creek, partner shared projects each costing \$10 Million with \$2.5 Million for each from local funds. Two of the project line items are for rehabilitation of the Clear Creek channel conveyance capacity. Passage of the bond could open up further funding opportunities for state and federal funds. Ms. Ratisseau thanked Texas House Representative Dennis Paul and everyone that communicated with the Harris County Flood Control District to help Friendswood fight against future flooding.

Gail Lovely, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated her house flooded during Hurricane Harvey and had water in it from Clear Creek watershed for days. Many homeowners a year ago thought they may not have to worry about flooding and then they flooded. In small storms, the City of Friendswood does really well by design to carry water through drainage systems into creeks, but not with big storms. In Hurricane Harvey, two-thirds of the water in the city's creeks and houses came from outside the City of Friendswood. Detention is not the only answer, in big storms there is a flow problem

that storage cannot solve, really listen when a flood mitigation project is discussed, and ask what the project will do in regards to Clear Creek and flooding in Friendswood. The future of the city depends on Council's ability to learn, listen, ask for clarification, seek solutions to big storms and pay attention to numbers.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 12, City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Morad Kabiri reported that the colorful mural on the fencing in Stevenson Park is part of the downtown art initiative, and artwork was done by local artist Adam Socie. The Parks and Recreation Department, with the help of the Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association and Friendswood Fine Arts, are looking into adding more murals in the park. The city appreciates the hard work that has gone into making city parks the beautiful assets they are.

The City Manager reported that the City of Friendswood has been recognized again by the National Weather Service (NWS) as "StormReady." The renewal follows an onsite evaluation in July by NWS personnel who inspected and verified that the City of Friendswood has sufficient warning systems and communication equipment capacity to provide adequate emergency warning to the public. Jurisdictions that receive StormReady recognition also receive additional Community Rating System credits as assigned by the National Flood Insurance Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which can lower flood insurance premiums for all residential and commercial properties in the City of Friendswood. In 2003, Friendswood was the first community in the Houston/Galveston region to be recognized as StormReady, and the recognition has been successfully renewed every three years since. StormReady recognition is one facet of the city's emergency preparedness program in creating a proactive approach to public safety through planning, education, and awareness training.

The City Manager reported that last month a second Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application was submitted for elevation assistance, application included six homes that were also included in the buyout application previously submitted. In mid-June, the city's Office of Emergency Management finalized the Category A submittal to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement, submittal has been reviewed by local FEMA representatives and forwarded to the state and regional FEMA office for consideration/reimbursement. The Category A submittal included nearly \$4.5 Million of city expenses following Hurricane Harvey. The City of Friendswood and the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District (GCCDD) met with representatives of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), General Land Office (GLO), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to discuss Clear Creek. The impetus for the meeting was a request made by Galveston County, through TDEM, to dredge Clear Creek, and consensus amongst the officials present was that no local jurisdiction can dredge Clear Creek. In order for the USACE to pursue such an endeavor, authorization by Congress is needed and a study would have to be completed identifying the cost in comparison to the benefit gained. If the project does not meet the federal threshold for benefit to cost ratio, the project would not be undertaken. The group did agree that debris and other obstructions that have made their way into the creek as a result of Hurricane Harvey could be removed and reimbursement sought through FEMA. A representative from the GLO will be touring the creek with the GCCDD to identify such obstructions to pursue removal. While Staff had audience with the USACE, Staff brought up the recent Clear Creek Alternative Project announcement to improve the creek upstream of the City of Friendswood. Staff asked that the drainage model be rerun with Hurricane Harvey rainfall data to prove that there would be no impact in the City of Friendswood, and asked for permission to pursue various components of the original Clear Creek project in the City of Friendswood if funding was provided locally. The USACE advised that would be fine and went on to offer an update to their economic model to see if the benefit costs have changed since 1998. Staff will continue their dialogue with the USACE and keep the subcommittee posted.

The City Manager reported that for the first time the Friendswood Animal Control facility will participate in a National Clear the Shelters effort held on August 18, 2018, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event is sponsored by NBC, Telemundo, and other local sponsors. Since 2015, more than 70,000 homeless pets

have been adopted as a result of this event. On the day of the event, animals will be available for free adoptions.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 11, Communications from Committees and Special Reports.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (FDEDC) President Alton Todd presented the annual report. Mr. Todd introduced the members of FDEDC and stated that over the past two years this has been one of the most efficient and easily working boards to which he has belonged. The board held 14 regular meetings, two annual meetings, and two public hearings. Some accomplishments of the FDEDC over the past year are projects to bury underground utility lines on the west side of Friendswood Drive and met with Staff to discuss possible partnership opportunities for future projects. The board discussed the need to hire a landscape architect that would include public engagement, branding and streetscape design, interviewed three companies, chose Lauren Griffon and Associates based out of Houston, have done similar work for West University Place, City of Nassau Bay, and City of Clear Lake Shores. The board held stakeholder meetings with Staff, city board and committee members, school administration, Emergency Management Services (EMS), Friendswood Fine Arts, Masonic Lodge, Friendswood Historical Society, Heritage Gardeners, Rotary Club, downtown area churches, Farmers Market, Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association, and high school students from local school districts. A survey was sent out to 10,000 people, received 1,132 responses, citizens would like to keep the community safe, family oriented, preserve the trees and Friendswood's rich history. Public meetings were held in June and July to further refine the concept of branding. The board recommends Council approve a contract with Traffic Engineers, Inc., for grant writing services in order to apply for a Transportation Improvement Plan grant, administered through Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) that has a 20% funding match. There will be a meeting on August 23, 2018, at 7:00 PM for the board to receive input on a proposed Downtown Improvement Plan draft. A final plan should be ready in early fall to be presented to Council. The board appreciates the opportunity to serve on the committee.

Councilmember Rockey asked if any work had been done on staggered terms, and FDEDC President Alton Todd answered changes have to comply with state law but there does need to be some continuity and not have all members leave the board at the same time.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated Staff is evaluating and will present a solution to Council.

West Ranch Management District Board President Brian Gibson presented the annual report and stated he appreciated the invitation from Mayor and Council, and apologized for not being at the July Council meeting due to a miscommunication. It has been a relatively quiet year, tax rate will drop again for 2018, since 2015 has dropped from 65 cents to 50 cents in 2017, should go down to 45 cents for 2018, overall certified value \$512 Million, average price of home is \$450,000, not much commercial movement, 45 acres of commercial property at 518 and West Boulevard with an additional 13 acres at Friendswood Lakes Boulevard and West Boulevard, last WS&D bonds sold were in 2012, last road bonds sold in 2015 and recreation bonds in 2016. The last residential section has been completed. The Board is currently looking at a five-year plan, maintenance for the detention and outfall facilities, possible future projects, and would like to bring in a town center.

Councilmember Gustafson asked how much interest has there been in the commercial property or has the discussions only been with the developer, and Mr. Gibson answered he is an associate for Friendswood Development Company, not focused on commercial sales, sits on the board for the management district, there has been a little interest in the commercial property but not the type of commercial that has been wanted in the area.

Councilmember Gustafson stated one complaint he has heard from residents that live in West Ranch is the inability to conveniently attend meetings, held on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM at Greenway Plaza, and asked if it was possible to hold a few meetings a year closer to residents and in the evening.

Mr. Gibson answered yes the September meeting has been approved to meet in the district during the day.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to the Employee Benefit Trust agenda.

Mayor Foreman recessed the City Council meeting to convene into a meeting of the City of Friendswood Employee Benefit Trust.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

A meeting of the City of Friendswood Employee Benefit Trust was called to order, per the posted agenda.

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented: A. Consider action accepting the renewal offer from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas for Employee Medical and Pharmacy Insurance. B. Consider action accepting the renewal offer from Guardian for Employee Dental Insurance. C. Consider action to accept the renewal offer from Guardian for Employee Life/AD&D Insurance. D. Consider action to accept the renewal offer from VSP for Employee Vision Insurance. E. Consider action to accept the renewal offer from Lincoln Financial for Employee Long Term Disability (LTD) Insurance. F. Consider action to approve contract from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas for ancillary product, Group Long Term Disability.**

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Foreman adjourned the City of Friendswood Employee Benefit Trust meeting and reconvened the City Council meeting.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve the monthly transfer of funds from the City of Friendswood to the City of Friendswood Employee Benefit Trust.**

Seconded by Councilmember Rockey. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve an amendment to the Appointment Policy for Boards, Committees and Commissions.**

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the appointment of Ashley Mannschreck to Keep Friendswood Beautiful to fill a vacancy with a term to expire November 2019, appointment of Cody Owen and Tom Hinckley as alternate members to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals with terms to expire July 2021, and appointment of current alternate members, JoBeth Brizendine, Benette Rowley, and Madeline Short to become regular members of the Library Board with terms to expire July 2021.**

Seconded by Councilmember Rockey. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve an amendment to the design contract for Lift Station No. 23 with Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnam, Inc.**

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the disposition of RFP No. 2018-16 for Emergency Medical Services billing and collections and award to Emergicon, LLC.**

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve ratifying the City Manager's signature on the letter of termination to mowing vendor Special Touch Landscaping, Inc.**

Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve the disposition of RFP No. 2018-02 for city property lawn mowing and maintenance services and award to Cornerstone Maintenance, Inc., due to termination of first vendor contract and their inability to fulfill responsibilities.

Seconded by Councilmember Rockey. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson** moved to approve a tri-party agreement with Harris County and Coastal Bend Property Development, LP, for the relocation of a waterline and public improvements associated with Beamer Road near FM 2351.

Seconded by Councilmember Rockey. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Griffon** moved to approve the City Manager's appointment of Matthew Riley as the Library Director.

Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Library Director Matt Riley stated he is excited to have this opportunity, has a great Staff and looks forward to this opportunity, introduced his family, co-workers and Library Board members present at the meeting.

****Councilmember Rockey** moved to approve a City of Friendswood Flood Vulnerability Study.

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson** moved to approve a Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation contract with Traffic Engineers, Inc., for grant writing services.

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

****Councilmember Rockey** moved to approve Resolution **R2018-14** – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, determining that land is needed for the construction, operation, maintenance, and extension of Friendswood Lakes Boulevard; accepting the dedication of said land from Cypress Creek Holdings, Ltd., Melissa Cleaves Benson, Constance Cleaves Brakebill, Virginia Parrish Cleaves, Ted Cleaves, and Catherine Cleaves Mahon, and Yellowstone Hill Country Ranch, LLC, property owners.

Seconded by Councilmember Scott. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Griffon** moved to approve Resolution **R2018-15** – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, approving the Public Funds Management and Investment Policy.

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Community Development Director/City Planner Aubrey Harbin reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission's vote for Agenda Item 25A, First reading of Ordinance No. T2018-21, An ordinance amending Appendix "C" "Zoning", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, by amending the zoning classification for a .3337 acre tract of land located at 315 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, situated in the Sarah McKissick League, Abstract 151, Galveston County, Texas, being out of Lot 9, Block 2, Friendswood Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Volume 238, Page 4, Galveston County Clerk's records, City of Friendswood, Galveston County, Texas; amending the zone classification from Light Industrial (LI) to Downtown District (DD), all as more specifically provided herein; providing for the amendment of the Official Zoning Map was **approved unanimously**.

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve the First reading of Ordinance No. **T2018-21** – An ordinance amending Appendix "C" "Zoning", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, by amending the zoning classification for a .3337 acre tract of land located at 315 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, situated in the Sarah McKissick League, Abstract 151, Galveston County, Texas, being out of Lot 9, Block 2, Friendswood Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Volume 238, Page

4, Galveston County Clerk's records, City of Friendswood, Galveston County, Texas; amending the zone classification from Light Industrial (LI) to Downtown District (DD), 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 was approved unanimously.

Community Development Director/City Planner Aubrey Harbin reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission's vote for Agenda Item 25B, First reading of Ordinance No. T2018-22, An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, Appendix C – "Zoning," by amending the zoning classification for a tract or parcel containing 0.6804 acres of land, being out of Reserve "A" of Forest Creek Subdivision, situated in the Sarah McKissick Survey, Abstract 549, City of Friendswood, Harris County, Texas; amending the zone classification from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Neighborhood Commercial/Specific Use Permit (NC/SUP) to allow NAICS Use No. 713940 "Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers;" providing for amendment of the Official Zoning Map **was approved unanimously**.

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve the First reading of Ordinance No. **T2018-22** – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, Appendix C – "Zoning," by amending the zoning classification for a tract or parcel containing 0.6804 acres of land, being out of Reserve "A" of Forest Creek Subdivision, situated in the Sarah McKissick Survey, Abstract 549, City of Friendswood, Harris County, Texas; amending the zone classification from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Neighborhood Commercial/Specific Use Permit (NC/SUP) to allow NAICS Use No. 713940 "Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers;" providing for 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 Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson** moved to approve the First reading of Ordinance No. **T2018-23** – An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2017-36 and amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friendswood, Texas, by deleting from Chapter 34 thereof all of Section 34-24 and substituting therefor a new Section 34-24; providing for adoption of "The Flood Insurance Study for Galveston County, Texas and Incorporated Areas," dated February 28, 2018, and "The Flood Insurance Study for Harris County, Texas and Incorporated Areas," dated January 6, 2017, and "The Flood Insurance Study for Harris County, Texas and Incorporated Areas," dated June 18, 2007; providing a penalty of an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for each day of violation hereof; and providing for severability.

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding the consensus of Council was for Staff to include a notice within the city's application for utility connection that states the flood zone the address is located in, and for Staff to review the flood maps semi-annually until Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) adopts new preliminary maps.

****Councilmember Scott** moved to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2018-24** – 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 XI" 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Rockey stated the drainage subcommittee has been meeting weekly, following the Six Sigma process, have defined what the subcommittee will work on, currently in the measurement process phase, generate a whole lot of information, and do not make evaluations yet. The committee has had good attendance at meetings, there is a desire to occasionally communicate to the public, should present

to Council every two months, still a lot of work to do, and an incredible amount of data to get.

Councilmember Branson stated there will be an ice cream social on Labor Day celebrating community spirit. Last year over 1,000 people showed up after Hurricane Harvey. This year the Mayor will say a few words to the community about remembering the community spirit felt after Hurricane Harvey and now we are "Friendswood Stronger." Encouraged everyone to come to the Stevenson Park Gazebo on Labor Day from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Councilmember Hanks stated Skip Evans is the new Community and Economic Development Committee Chair. She congratulated Parks and Recreation Director James Toney and the Fourth of July Steering Committee on the awesome work they did for the Fourth of July event, and thanked them for still having the parade in the rain.

Councilmember Griffon stated that he attended the Harris County Community Service Department for the Harris County Hurricane Harvey method of distribution. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has verified the City of Friendswood loss was only second to Pasadena in verified losses for Hurricane Harvey, Harris County residents are in the method of distribution, Harris County for City of Friendswood infrastructure only non-home buyouts was \$4,405,380, and asked the City Manager to give a brief explanation.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated the \$4 Million mentioned is low to moderate income areas, the city will still be required to apply to Harris County despite the direct allocation received due to the county's financial thresholds, and the entire census tract would have to qualify to meet the thresholds.

Councilmember Griffon stated notification would need to be submitted by August 20, 2018, to Harris County to apply for the remaining 30% to see if the city could receive any funds. There will be a second tranche of funds from Harris County for \$1.115 Billion that will be virtually all infrastructure, and will probably be tied to low to moderate income as well.

Councilmember Scott stated tomorrow teachers start back to school, thanked all Friendswood teachers for the service they provide, educating kids is an important job, and often underappreciated.

Councilmember Gustafson stated this time last year no one knew what lay ahead with Hurricane Harvey, a lot has changed over the past year, tremendous amount of work has gone into dealing with the aftermath of the storm, planning to mitigate the effects of something like this when it occurs again, and look back over the past year to see how far the recovery process has come. He thanked Staff for the work that has been done on the budget, still have a little tweaking to do, but have done a wonderful job. Council is tasked with the effort to address this kind of storm in the future, will not be a fast process, will take some time but will not be forgotten.

Mayor Foreman stated he would cede his time to Director of Public Works/City Engineer Patrick Donart for the Capital Projects update.

CONSENT AGENDA

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented: A. Authorizing Council to invoke Rule 1(A) of the Rules of Procedure to schedule the September City Council meeting to September 10, 2018, due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 3, 2018. B. Approval of the Galveston County Cooperative Evacuation Plan. C. Approval of the Galveston County Cooperative Reentry Plan. D. Approving a Congregate Meal Program Interlocal Agreement with Galveston County Parks and Senior Services Department for the City's Senior Citizen meal program. E. Approving a modification to the lease agreement with Crown Castle tower on East Willowick Avenue. F. Accepting the June 2018 Property Tax Report. G. Approving the Minutes of the May 14, 2018, and June 02, 2018, Council Meeting.**

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 5B, Capital Projects update.

WORK SESSION (continued)

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 July Council meeting. He reported on the street maintenance bid and parking at Old City Park.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding crushed concrete versus asphalt for additional parking spaces at Old City Park, estimated cost to do additional 29 parking spaces would be \$78,000, and Staff will bring an item to Council at the September Council meeting for a solution on parking spaces.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.



Mayor Mike Foreman

Attest:



Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary

