

STATE OF TEXAS)
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD)
COUNTIES OF GALVESTON/HARRIS)
DECEMBER 03, 2018)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, **DECEMBER 03, 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
MAYOR PRO-TEM
COUNCILMEMBER
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CITY ATTORNEY
CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY

MIKE FOREMAN
JOHN SCOTT
STEVE ROCKEY
SALLY BRANSON
TRISH HANKS
ROBERT J. GRIFFON
CARL GUSTAFSON
MARY KAY FISCHER
MORAD KABIRI
MELINDA WELSH

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Bass with Friendswood United Methodist 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 utility rates. City Manager Morad Kabiri introduced Mayor Heddin with Nelisa Heddin Consulting, LLC, to present the Utility Rate Study. Ms. Heddin presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Utility Rate Study and background was given on the study. She recited a quote from Ben Franklin, "When the well is dry, we learn a lot about water", and is seeing this come true figuratively as infrastructure issues are being addressed. Building new infrastructure is extremely expensive to keep up with the needs of growth and there is an infrastructure crisis due to old equipment that needs to be updated or replaced, utilities across the state of Texas and throughout the country are facing the same issues. As a society, we inherently undervalue water. Economic reality was discussed, water has an inherent value to fund infrastructure necessary for treatment and distribution, water is critical to a variety of industries and as a result, the economy. Water is a fundamental building block for communities, and water is a commodity, which we cannot live without. The steps to approach the Utility Rate Study are to determine revenue requirements to meet the next five years of service, functionalize revenue requirements into cost components, allocation cost components to customer classes, and design rates. Revenue requirements include expenses less off-sets, five year outlook, Fiscal Year 2019 budget was used as the starting point, and future debt of \$26.6 Million for water and \$14.1 Million for wastewater.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated during the budget cycle the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for Public Works Water and Sewer was discussed, which includes a list of projects over the next five years totaling \$39.1 Million, a majority of projects are contractual obligations. A few partnerships were described, \$12.5 Million dollars for a project to replace a 42-inch water line that is the city's main source

of water, and due to Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issues over the next five years segments of the city's dated sanitary sewer lines will be updated with newer pipes that will not let storm water seep into the system. There are a handful of projects, if Council is so inclined, that could be made into a seven or potentially an eight year plan, so that there is not quite as big of an impact on the debt structure. Later on the agenda, Council will consider revenue bonds that were issued today for the first round of projects, approximately \$20 Million in Revenue Bonds, and the second issuance will take place in 2021, if Council chooses.

Ms. Heddin continued the PowerPoint presentation regarding revenue requirements for water will need to increase from \$9.1 Million to \$10.5 Million over the next five years and increase from \$6 Million to \$7.5 Million for wastewater. Functionalization recognizes peaking nature of utility systems, identifies functional nature of costs, based upon the base/extra capacity methodology costs are categorized into three categories, base costs of service, extra capacity cost of service, and customer costs of service. Cost allocation recognizes different usage patterns of customer classes. Rates are designed to recover cost of service from each class of customer, and package to mitigate financial impact to customers over a period of time. Three classes of customers have been developed, residential customer class which includes single-family residential, commercial customer class which will include all commercial building including multi-family residential, and an irrigation customer class that will include any residential or commercial customer who has a separate irrigation meter. The recommendation is to change the base fee to be based off the size of meter for water utility, continue with volumetric charge to be tiered depending on usage for each customer class and wastewater utility. A graph was shown of the impact to customer's rates in each customer class over the next five years for water and wastewater with a bi-monthly bill comparison. A comparative benchmarking of neighboring cities such as the City of Pearland, League City, and Alvin was shown to note that recommendations are in par with surrounding communities' rates for 2019.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, Nelisa Heddin with Nelisa Heddin Consulting, LLC, and Staff regarding the comparative benchmarking average, at a five-year window were \$39 Million in debt will need to be issued that was not previously in the rate structure due to capital expenses, instantaneous demand a larger meter has or could have on the system, operational cost, existing and new debt costs, automated meters and the possibility of monthly billing in the future, time frame for increase to be reflected in billing cycle, and tax dollars are not used to subsidize the utility water sewer fund, it is self-sufficient.

Mayor Foreman opened the discussion regarding Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Galveston County Program/Houston-Galveston Area Council Method of Distribution. Fire Marshal Office Deputy Director Brain Mansfield presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Galveston County's program for Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Community Block Grant distribution allocation, H-GAC has developed a Method of Distribution (MOD) to distribute more than \$240 Million to local cities in the H-GAC region (excludes Harris County and City of Houston), and this work session only refers to use of funds for the Galveston County portion of Friendswood. Under the MOD, the City of Friendswood is calculated to receive \$2.7 Million for infrastructure projects and \$2.8 Million for buyouts and acquisitions. Eligible activities under infrastructure/non-housing funding include flood control, drainage repair and improvements, restoration of publically-owned infrastructure, and demolition/rehabilitation/reconstruction of publicly-owned commercial facilities. Ineligible activities under infrastructure/non-housing funding include enlarging a dam or levy beyond the original footprint, assist any privately-owned utility for any purpose, or assist any building/facilities used for the general conduct of government. City of Friendswood projects for infrastructure include a flood control project in the Deepwood Drive area, a flood control project in the Polly Ranch area, a project combining Lift Station No. 1 and 17, completion of Friendswood Lakes Boulevard from FM 528 to FM 2351 as an evacuation route, and an application for local 10% cost share of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Projects. City of Friendswood projects for buyouts and acquisitions include acquisition of repetitive loss/severe repetitive loss properties for the purpose of a retention pond. Discussed the Low to Moderate Income (LMI) requirement. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires 70% of funds be used on LMI projects. To qualify as an LMI project, 51% or more of the project's service area must be LMI. Friendswood does not have any LMI neighborhoods or projects, and

due to LMI requirements the city may not receive all or any funds allocated to the city within the H-CAD MOD. City of Friendswood projects will have to rely on other jurisdictions having enough LMI projects to cover the 70% LMI requirements.

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding that Staff could include the Whispering Pines bridge project on the application and matching funds would need to be obtained if awarded.

Mayor Foreman opened the discussion regarding a Drainage Subcommittee update. Drainage Subcommittee member Lee Coggins presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding that the subcommittee is currently in the analysis phase of the project, most of the data gathering has been completed, analysis is required to assure that the recommendations can be supported by facts and theory, and will rely on testing mitigation scenarios using the model Doctor Phil Bedient is developing at Rice University. The committee is using mathematics and physics to find a good solution to the city's problem of drainage and flooding, and as the committee is troubleshooting the problem, there is a lot of interesting information and challenges this community is encountering. Mr. Coggins showed a cross section diagram of Clear Creek, a definition of creek levels was given to understand how to manage flood waters, ideally the water needs to stay within the banks of Clear Creek, during heavy rain events that is not possible, and an estimated 50% of homes in Friendswood are in the floodway zone. The standard water balance equation can be used, water balance equation is $(P \text{ (precipitation)} \times A \text{ (area)}) = E \text{ (evapotranspiration)} + R \text{ (rate)} + \Delta S \text{ (storage)}$. To determine how to prevent flooding, you must attack one or more variables including precipitation falling during a storm, area of the watershed, evapotranspiration, speed and volume of the water that moves down the stream, and the volume of water held in the system. The speed and volume of water that moves down the stream can be altered. The velocity of the water can be increased by straightening the creek or channelizing the overflow, removing vegetation or other obstructions (bridges, etc.) increases the flowrate, and creating additional water outlets that will increase the volume flow. Drainage Subcommittee member James Stahl stated the volume of water held in the system can also be altered by detention both in-line and off-line, shelving, or creating increased area floodways, creating reservoirs by damming, increase creek height through levees or other means, channel widening, and increasing absorption into the soil. The University of Rice team are tasked to validate the model against known data from Hurricane Harvey, determine the effects de-snagging, bridges, by-pass channeling, outlet to the ocean, and in-line detention. When the subcommittee brings a recommendation to Council, the recommendations will contain the essential engineering, will show the effectiveness of each option and will not be a final design. The costs will not be final costs but best initial estimates, will include the design scope, work, and land purchases. Legal, environmental, and political complications will be included in recommendations. Other items the subcommittee is examining include the General Land Off (GLO) requirements on Low to Moderate Income (LMI) make it difficult to obtain the federal government funding and continues to be a major issue. The alarming frequency of bigger storms is of concern and impacts the City of Friendswood significantly and needs addressing in project definition and requirements, recommendations will likely feature ongoing right-of-way and housing buyout programs. Other items to note from the Drainage Subcommittee include that the subcommittee has connected with Texas A&M University Galveston graduate student Jaimlyn Sypniewski who spoke from the audience at the October Council meeting and is looking forward to seeing her findings on sound walls. Jonah Chen from GLO has joined the subcommittee as a permanent member. The Galveston County Commissioners are actively looking at generating county money for de-snagging Clear Creek. It may be necessary to come back to City Council for an addendum to have more scenarios tested than originally agreed upon with Dr. Bedient. The subcommittee hopes to be able to present their recommendations to Council by March.

Discussion took place between Mayor and Council regarding that 90% of the inflow of water to the City of Friendswood comes from Harris or Brazoria Counties, the subcommittee will provide recommendations to Council and Council will decide how to proceed, and discuss a funding process.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 8B, Recognize Friendswood resident and Armadillo Blast Coat owner Martin Griffin for the painting donation of Friendswood Police Department Boats and Trucks.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Friendswood Police Chief Bob Wieners recognized Friendswood resident and Armadillo Blast Coat owner Martin Griffin, who was unable to attend the meeting, for his painting donation of Friendswood Police Department boats and trucks. Chief Wieners introduced Friendswood Deputy Police Chief Josh Rogers to provide a brief update on what the Police Department is doing with high water rescue vehicles and what the department will be doing over the next six months. Deputy Police Chief Rogers stated after Hurricane Harvey, the Police Department (PD) and Fire Department (FD) decided to integrate rescue operations. PD will operate the heavy rescue boats and the FD would operate their rigid hull inflatable for smaller type rescues. PD purchased a rigid hull inflatable for the FD and the City Manager's Office approved the transfer of the FD's heavy rescue boat to the PD in return for another rigid hull inflatable for the FD. In December 2017, PD delivered the FD heavy boat to Glenn Boatright at Boatright Marine to have upgrades done. After the upgrades were completed, the boat was taken to Martin Griffin at Armadillo Blast Coat to be stripped down, blasted and painted, and is now fully functional. While the heavy boat was being upgraded and painted, Staff began replacing and upgrading some of the high-water rescue vehicles with light mobility tactical vehicles. As of November 2018, PD has started to rehab its original Boatright boat that the PD purchased in 1992, due to repairs needed after Hurricane Harvey, upgrades will be done by Boatright Marine and the motor will be replaced to assist when flooding is experienced along the creeks. All four vehicles will be wheelchair accessible. All these projects have been accomplished by using drug seizure money from the city's drug seizure account approved by the City Manager's Office. The PD and FD recognizes their role when it comes to responding during flooding events and the need for assistance from the local school districts and churches to provide shelters for many residents in need.

City Manager Morad Kabiri thanked the city's Public Works Department who were instrumental in helping with high water rescues during Hurricane Harvey, and heroism was displayed on everyone's part.

Mayor Foreman recessed the meeting at 6:25 PM, and reconvened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 8A, Recognition of Wedgewood Elementary School students.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (continued)

Mayor Foreman introduced the Friendswood Student Education Outreach program and stated the program would be continued at this meeting with Wedgewood Elementary. The outreach program was created to help students learn more about democracy and understand the value of community service. Council wishes to support foster leadership development in students, and the school district's Character Education Program.

Mayor Foreman thanked the teachers from Wedgewood Elementary and Clear Creek Independent School District for participating in the program. The Mayor introduced the second graders that would take Council's place at the dais, Mayor Noah Regner, City Secretary Eli Chambers, City Attorney Brody Mengarelli, City Manager Logan Manning, Council Position No. 1 Bianca Ganoza, Council Position No. 2 Hayden Scott, Council Position No. 3 Brooklyn Gordon, Council Position No. 4 Lojain Khandria, Council Position No. 5 Emily Rojas, and Council Position No. 6 Samuel Herring. Mayor Foreman turned the meeting over to the Wedgewood Elementary students.

City Manager Logan Manning stated Mayor and Council, tonight you have before you Resolution **R2018-24** declaring December 4th, 2018, Wedgewood Elementary Day in Friendswood, Texas. As you know, Wedgewood Elementary is part of Clear Creek Independent School District and is an exemplary campus and a source of pride for the community.

Mayor Noah Regner asked if the City Attorney approved the wording of the resolution, and City Attorney Brody Mengarelli answered that the draft wording of the resolution is in line with the Vision Statement of

the City of Friendswood.

Mayor Noah Regner asked City Secretary Eli Chambers to read the City of Friendswood's Vision Statement for the record.

City Secretary Eli Chambers stated the City of Friendswood has the following statement as its vision; together we build our future in a friendly place to live, work, play, learn and worship.

Mayor Noah Regner read Resolution **R2018-24** – A resolution of City of Friendswood, Texas, declaring December 4th, 2018, as Wedgewood Elementary School Day in the City of Friendswood, Texas.

******Councilmember Bianca Ganoza moved to approve Resolution **R2018-24** – A resolution of City of Friendswood, Texas, declaring December 4th, 2018, as Wedgewood Elementary School Day in the City of Friendswood, Texas.

Seconded by Councilmember Hayden Scott. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilmember Bianca Ganoza stated at Wedgewood Elementary we pledge to be kids with character.

Councilmember Hayden Scott stated at Wedgewood Elementary we will be honest, reliable, and worthy of trust.

Councilmember Brooklyn Gordon stated Wedgewood Elementary students will be responsible and fair, doing what they must.

Councilmember Lojain Khandria stated at Wedgewood Elementary students show with their words and actions that they care.

Councilmember Emily Rojas stated Wedgewood Elementary students will be good citizens and do their share.

Councilmember Samuel Herring stated Wedgewood Elementary students respect themselves and others.

All City Council in unison stated Wedgewood Elementary students would expect the best in all they do.

Mayor Noah Regner adjourned the Wedgewood Elementary portion of the meeting.

Mayor Foreman stated Council would formally consider Resolution **R2018-24**.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 12, Resolution R2018-24.

RESOLUTION

******Councilmember Hanks moved to approve Resolution **R2018-24** – A resolution of City of Friendswood, Texas, declaring December 4, 2018, as Wedgewood Elementary School Day in the City of Friendswood, Texas.

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Foreman stated cookies and punch would be served in the foyer.

Mayor Foreman recessed the meeting at 6:40 PM, and reconvened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 8C, Presentation of the Five Star Spirit Award for the Third Quarter of 2018.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (continued)

City Manager Morad Kabiri presented the Five Star Spirit Award for the third quarter of 2018 to Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Specialist Katherine Blanchard who has been with the city since May 2012. Ms. Blanchard was nominated by a co-worker who was impressed by the way Ms. Blanchard faced many new challenges after she was promoted to oversee the Friendswood Summer Day Camp. Ms. Blanchard spent many hours working on ideas and improving procedures to make the program better for Staff and the participants. She faced unexpected changes with Staff, made sure there was no negative impact to anyone involved with the program, and added new events for campers and Staff that proved to be huge successes. Ms. Blanchard truly embodies the attributes of the Five Star Spirit Award being courteous, competent, reliable, professional and enthusiastic. The city congratulates Ms. Blanchard on being the recipient of the Five Star Spirit Award for the third quarter of 2018.

Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Specialist Katherine Blanchard introduced her family and thanked everyone that came to support her from the Keep Friendswood Beautiful Committee and city Staff.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Morad Kabiri reported that the Keep Friendswood Beautiful Annual Fall Haul-A-Day had great attendance this year with 620 cars and trucks coming through and participating in the cleanup event. Waste Connections was reported to have hauled away 29.47 tons of compacted debris, 39.51 tons of roll off debris, and 4.57 tons of metal box waste. A total of 3,527 pounds of electronics was collected for e-cycling as well. The garage sale was also a success bringing in \$902 with all proceeds benefiting the beautification of city facilities and parks. The items that were left over were taken to Goodwill. The Bay Area Wildlife Rehab picked up animal habitat items that were donated to benefit the injured wild animals that make their home in Friendswood's green space. We want to thank our Keep Friendswood Beautiful volunteers, our city Staff and Waste Connections for making this great event possible.

The City Manager reported on the upcoming Community Holiday Events. An exciting event is the 11th Annual Santa in the Park – "There's no place like home for the holidays," sponsored by HomeTown Bank of Friendswood on December 8, 2018. There will be live musical entertainment, photos with Santa, a snow hill slide, carnival rides, a petting zoo, and a Holiday Market with more than 70 booths. Following the lighting of the Christmas tree, there will be a spectacular fireworks display synchronized to Christmas music. Admission to the park and live entertainment is free. However, a wristband is required for the amusement rides, snow hill slide, petting zoo, train rides, and face painting. A special discounted wristband presale will take place during normal business hours through December 7, 2018, at Friendswood City Hall. Donate a new, unwrapped toy to the Friendswood Police Officers Association Blue Santa project and receive a \$5 discount. On the day of the event, wristbands will be available for \$10 each. The event will be held at Stevenson Park and is presented by Keep Friendswood Beautiful and the City of Friendswood. The Santa in the Park 2018 app is available for download for Apple and Android products. Keep Friendswood Beautiful will host the Annual Downtown Holiday Lighting Contest, businesses are encouraged to decorate for the holidays with lights and décor so everyone can enjoy the festive look of downtown before and after the night of the parade and Santa in the Park. Judging will end on December 6, 2018, at 10:00 PM, with the winners being announced during the evening program at Santa in the Park. The Friendswood Public Library will remain open during the annual Christmas parade to provide access to restrooms and viewing of the parade from inside the building. The library will serve hot chocolate and the children's department will host a Christmas craft. On December 10, 2018, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM the library will host pictures with Santa and craft time. The Library Book Sale will begin December 15, 2018, and will run through December 21, 2018, during regular library hours. All proceeds from the book sale will go towards supporting library programming. The library will also host a New Year's Eve Party for families on December 31, 2018, at 11:45 AM. Come celebrate with a dance party and a ball drop count-down at noon. Another event is the 7th Annual Deck the House Holiday Lighting

Contest. Five finalists will be selected from all participants and online voting will begin December 6, 2018, and go through December 13, 2018. Citizens can cast their vote through the Friendswood Fine Arts Institute's website at www.friendswoodarts.com. The winner will be announced December 15, 2018.

The City Manager reported that the City of Friendswood ranked 24th in SafeWise's Safest Cities in Texas with total crime statistics of 8.94% violent and 91.06% property related. In order to identify the fifty safest cities in Texas, the most recent Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Crime Report statistics from 2016, along with population data, was reviewed. Texas is making great strides in becoming one of the safest places to live. According to the 2016 FBI Crime Report, 42 of the top 50 safest cities has less than one violent crime per 1,000 people. This recognition is a direct reflection of the hard work of Friendswood Police Department, and the city appreciates their efforts to make the city one of the safest in Texas.

The City Manager reported that Staff continually work with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and state representatives for reimbursements from Hurricane Harvey, and another reimbursement check of \$82,000 has been received for the temporary facility the Public Works Department is operating out of after the Deepwood facility flooded.

ACTION ITEMS

****Councilmember Rockey moved to remove from the table approving a contract with Simple Recycling. Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.**

****Councilmember Rockey moved to approve a contract with Simple Recycling. Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved 5-2 with Councilmembers Scott and Gustafson opposed.**

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, Keep Friendswood Beautiful Chair Sherri Goen, and Staff regarding that Simple Recycling is an all-in program, services could not be provided at Fall Haul-A-Day and Spring Sparkle events only, program initiation would include an education campaign to residents, phone number will be provided to residents for customer service, and small transit vehicles will be used for pickups. Keep Friendswood Beautiful and Staff recommends Council approve implementation of the Simple Recycling program to assist the City of Friendswood in their recycling efforts.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 13A, Ordinance T2018-30.

ORDINANCES

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2018-30** – An ordinance establishing fees for Ground Emergency Medical Services to be provided by the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., as the contractor for the City of Friendswood, Texas, and providing an effective date.**

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2018-31** – An ordinance of the City of Friendswood, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, "Buildings and Building Regulations" by amending Section 14-2 "Registration and Licensing of Providers and Repair Services" relating to contractor registration fees, and amending Section 14-63 "License Required", Section 14-118 "Responsibility for Inspection and Fees", Section 14-160 "Who May Obtain", Section 14-162 "Schedule of Fees" and repealing Division 6. Sections 14-229 through 14-233 relating to electrician's licensing; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith; providing for severability, publication and an effective date.**

Seconded by Councilmember Rockey. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Branson moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2018-32** – An ordinance adopting an order setting a public hearing on January 14, 2019, at 7:00 PM, to discuss and**

review the updated Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvements Plan and amendment of Impact Fees.

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-33 – An ordinance approving a vacation of a portion of a public right-of-way located adjacent to 4650 FM 2351 within the property platted as Benzi Development Garage Condominiums; authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest a Quitclaim Deed by and between the City and Nick Deutsch.**

Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-34 – An ordinance approving a vacation of three waterline easements located within the property located at 1501 West Parkwood Avenue in the Gardens at Friendswood Lakes Subdivision; authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Secretary to attest a Quitclaim Deed by and between the City and Jose Garza.**

Seconded by Councilmember Hanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-35 – 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 55.159 acres of land located in the Beaty Sealy and Forwood Survey, Abstract 625, in the I&GN RR Company Survey, Section 23, Abstract 624, according to Galveston County Document No. 7402108, Friendswood, Galveston County, Texas; amending the zone classification from Light Industrial (LI) to Light Industrial/Specific Use Permit to allow NAICS Use No. 7139 “Other Amusement and Recreation Industries (shooting ranges);” 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.

Mayor Foreman read the agenda item to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2018-38** – An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City’s Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018; approving the official statement, paying agent/registrars agreement and engagement letter for bond counsel; providing for the pledge of the net revenues of the waterworks and sewer system to secure the payment of the bonds, and agreeing to set utility rates to pay the bonds; and enacting other provisions relating to the issuance and sale of the bonds.

****Mayor Foreman moved to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Friendswood, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, and approving all other matters incident thereto.**

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Advisor John Roebuck with BOK Financial Securities, Inc., presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding final pricing results for the city’s Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Bond Buyer Index has dropped to 4.68%, market is better off than it was when discussed in November, \$20 Million sold in Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds for 2018 series, “All Cost” true interest rate of 3.569%, final debt service requirements, and the final schedule of events.

****Councilmember Scott moved to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-39 – An ordinance amending City of Friendswood, Texas, Ordinance No. 2018-28, passed and approved October 1, 2018, same being an ordinance approving and adopting the City’s General Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by approving “Budget Amendment II” to the “Original General Budget of the City of Friendswood, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019”; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.**

Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Foreman stated he learned a couple of new words tonight such as functionalization and

evapotranspiration, Wedgwood Elementary was the second of the city's three elementary schools to get experience and exposure on the dais, Westwood Elementary will be at the February meeting, and at the January Council meeting he is planning a kickoff discussion about a bond election and the process.

Councilmember Gustafson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and best holiday wishes to everyone, there are a number of children across Texas and the United States who do not have homes, please consider adoption next year if you have room in your home and heart.

Councilmember Scott wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, pray for all the young adults that will be traveling home from college in the next few weeks, and pray that everyone returns safely to Friendswood and enjoys time with their family during this special time of year.

Councilmember Griffon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and stated his birthday is on Christmas Day. He announced that the United States Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the Texas General Land Office (GLO), will host an open forum question and answer session on a Coastal Texas Protection and Restoration Feasibility Study on December 12, 2018, at the Galveston Island Convention Center at 5:30 PM. GLO will open an office in Texas City, and anyone who has been harmed by Hurricane Harvey can receive information on a homeowner's assistance program at www.recovery.Texas.gov.

Councilmember Hanks stated she hopes everyone has a happy holiday and finds peace in their faith and the warmth of family and friends, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Branson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, congratulated the Friendswood Police Department on the SafeWise Award, and stated Councilmember Rockey and herself will attend the Annual Friendswood Historical Society tree lighting at the Brown Museum and there will be a children's choir from Friends Church, Police Department is collecting unwrapped toys for the Blue Santa program, and donations stay in the Friendswood area.

Councilmember Rockey stated he hopes everyone has a great holiday, for those that do not know there is a live theater in Friendswood and he will be playing a cosmetic saleswoman in an upcoming comedy Christmas play at Purple Box Theater, performance is the two weekends before the holiday, and cost is \$10.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Councilmember Rockey 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 January City Council meeting for January 14, 2019. B. Ratify the Mayor's signature authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the Fiscal Year 2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance program. C. Approving a Buyout License Agreement for 5338 & 5342 Appleblossom Lane and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. D. Accepting the October 2018 Property Tax Report. E. Approving the minutes of the October 01, 2018, and November 05, 2018, Council Meetings.

Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.

With concurrence of Council, Mayor Foreman moved to Agenda Item 6, Closed Executive Sessions.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

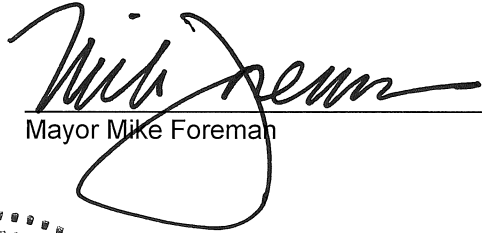
Mayor Foreman asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the Executive Sessions. No one spoke.

Council convened into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.087 – Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations; to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect, and Section 551.072 – Deliberation regarding real property.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.



Mayor Mike Foreman

Attest:



Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary

