

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
September 8, 2025**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

John Ellisor	Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Branson	Councilmember
Trish Hanks	Councilmember
Robert J. Griffon	Councilmember
Joe Matranga	Councilmember
Mike Foreman	Mayor
Morad Kabiri	City Manager
Karen Horner	City Attorney
Raquel Martinez	City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:30 P.M. All members were present with the exception of the absence of Councilmember Michael P. Ross.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor David Lorenz of First Baptist Friendswood.

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

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

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Foreman invited the councilmembers to provide their comments and reports. Councilmember Branson described how the Historical Society, Keep Friendswood Beautiful (KFB), Rotary, Friends of Downtown Friendswood, and the Friendswood High School Honor Society put on a Labor Day Ice Cream Social that got rained out but was later hosted at the Farmers Market with the City's help. She thanked Bluebell, Parks, Communications, and volunteers for the event's success.

Councilmember Griffon announced the Activity Center is having Christmas in September on September 12th and 13th, Friday and Saturday. Councilmember Matranga relayed that on Saturday, they had the second annual Paws to Protect event in Stevenson Park. He explained the group provided free vaccines and free micro-chipping for pets, heavily supported by Friendswood Animal Control. He gave a shout out to the Friendswood Animal Needs and Solutions (FANS) for the great event.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Foreman announced the following citizens had signed up to provide a public comment.

Ms. Paige Bailey introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District (GCCDD). She spoke to provide updates on the District's activities and to comment her opposition to the dismantling of the GCCDD.

6. COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL REPORTS

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

As the report was attached to Council's agenda packet, Mayor Forman considered the report received.

B. Receive the Friendswood Property Tax and Court Collection Report.

As the report was attached to Council's agenda packet, Mayor Forman considered the report received.

7. WORK SESSION TOPICS

A. Receive and discuss the Engineering Department's Quarterly Drainage Update.

Graduate Engineer Marua Blackburn presented the Engineering Department's Quarterly Drainage Update to Council with the following highlights:

Utility Relocate at Clear Creek

- *Location:* Polly Ranch Subdivision [Dave Brown Memorial Park]/ Terra Bella Subdivision (Across Clear Creek South of Blackhawk Wastewater Treatment Plant)
- *Activities:*
 - Clear and grubbing on Harris County side is ongoing;
 - Clear and Grubbing on Galveston County side complete; and
 - Pipe fusion to commence pilot bore and boring operations.
- *Funding Sources:* (\$1,693,260) CDBG-DR Grant Funds

Deepwood Flood Control Project

- *Location:* Deepwood Drive along Clear Creek (Galveston County)
- *Activities:*
 - Hydro-seeding is still underway. Waiting on grass to grow.
 - Project nearing completion.
- *Funding Sources:* (\$473,295) CDBG-DR Grant Funds.

Friendswood Regional Stormwater Detention Basin

- *Location:* FM 1959 and Blackhawk Boulevard
- *Activities:*
 - Moving forward with dry-bottom detention basin option. This option avoids wetlands and archeological areas. It would provide a little over 700 acre-feet of detention.
 - Rough Grading project has been completed.
 - Final design anticipated late 2025 to early 2026.
- *Funding Partnership:* City of Friendswood, Galveston County, Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District (GCCDD), and Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD).

- *Funding Sources:* (Est Cost \$32,453,298.11) Flood Control Bond Funds; GCCDD Funds; HCFCF Funds; Galveston County Funds.

Friendswood City Center Detention Ponds

- *Description:* Two detention ponds to provide mitigation for the Whitcomb Property Flood Control Project.
- *Location:* FM 528 & Blackhawk Boulevard within TIRZ 1.
- *Activities:*
 - Excavation for both detention ponds are substantially complete.
 - Rough grading complete.
 - Upcoming hydro-seeding.
 - Waiting on Harris County Flood Control District to approve outfall plans along with bridge plans.
 - Survey for as-builts to be used by the Whitcomb Flood Control Project.

Councilmember Griffon asked if any additional mitigation was needed in Pond 2. City Manager Morad Kabiri confirmed it was complete with credits to be applied after as-built drawings. No additional work is required. Mayor Foreman asked if the bridge plans were for Blackhawk Boulevard to cross the outfall at the back of the property. Mr. Kabiri explained it would go over a Harris County Flood Control District right-of-way about 200 feet long.

Whitcomb Terracing and Stormwater Detention Basin

- *Location:* Adjacent to Friendswood City Center Detention Basins
- *Current Activities*
 - Topographical survey underway.
 - Modeling underway.
- *Completed Activities*
 - HCFCF approved work on impact/H&H analysis.
 - Harris County Commissioners Court approved engineering contract.
 - Second monthly meeting with Engineer has been held.
- *Upcoming Activities*
 - Archeological survey
 - Wetland Determination
 - Geotechnical borings will be taking place soon, after a bird survey is approved.
- *Funding Sources:* Flood Control Bond Funds; \$10 Million Allocation from TWDB to HCFCF

Councilmember Matranga addressed that completing the detention basins was necessary before moving forward with the terracing work. Mr. Kabiri added that the project was funded by 2019 drainage bonds plus \$10 million from the state, with another \$10 million expected to support both this and the Blackhawk project. Councilmember Griffon asked about ensuring sufficient mitigation through H and H modeling. Mr. Kabiri said the ponds would be incorporated to ensure no net impact with adjustments possible by scaling terracing or adding mitigation at the Blackhawk property. Pond parameters are largely fixed by their elevation and location in the floodway.

Comprehensive Master Drainage Plan

- *Location:* Citywide
- *Current Activities:* Analysis of existing and future conditions. Data collection.
- *Completed Activities:* Public Engagement meeting was held on August 19th, 2025.
- *Upcoming Activities:* Begin modeling phase based on data collection.

The floor was then opened for questions or comments. Councilmember Hanks asked how many projects were being updated. Mr. Kabiri replied six. It was additionally discussed that the \$42 million bond had

been exhausted along with two \$10 million state contributions, plus additional funds from Harris County, Galveston County, and the Drainage District. This brought the total to around \$90 million with private investment included. Councilmember Hanks noted that Friendswood contributed nearly half of the funding, more than any other entity, and expressed pride in the city's commitment and accomplishments.

B. Discuss the results of the City's trash and recycling collection services survey and options moving forward.

City Manager Morad Kabiri explained Friendswood had been dealing with garbage and collection service issues for several months. Complaints from residents on the Wednesday-Saturday pickup schedule, in particular, mentioned missed and delayed pickups. To address this, and at the request of City Council, staff conducted a citywide survey of all property owners. A total of 14,309 postcards were mailed out with QR codes to capture responses and office assistance offered for those unable to complete it online.

The survey was tied to the city's GIS to ensure one unique response per property. Mr. Kabiri reported there were nearly 1,800 responses—a 13% return rate he called statistically fantastic for a community their size. Responses were well distributed across the city, including the Wednesday-Saturday area where several council members reside. In addition, 801 unique comments were submitted, providing feedback beyond what multiple-choice answers could capture. The results presented were as follows:

Satisfaction Levels

- *Trash Services:* Nearly 82% satisfied. Including "somewhat satisfied," total satisfaction reached 92%.
- *Recycling Services:* Availability – Two-thirds satisfied. Materials Collected – Two-thirds satisfied.
- *Heavy Trash Pickup:* 92% satisfied or somewhat satisfied.
- *Hauler Responsiveness to Complaints:* 48.19% satisfied.
- *Cost of Services:* 50% satisfied. 10.5% unsatisfied. Remaining respondents fell into "somewhat satisfied."

Service Priorities Identified

1. Twice-a-week trash pickup.
2. Curbside recycling (weekly or monthly, not centralized drop-off).
3. Heavy trash pickup (residents want items such as sectionals or oversized furniture collected curbside).

Recycling Findings

- *Importance:* 834 of 1,300 responses said recycling household items was "very important."
- *Cost Sensitivity:* 70% said they would not like to spend more for recycling.
- *Location Preference:* Nearly two-thirds preferred curbside collection over centralized drop-off.

Heavy Trash Findings

- Viewed as extremely favorable, with strong preference to continue.
- Friendswood is among the few communities offering weekly heavy trash pickup (other cities: monthly, quarterly, or not at all).
- Willingness to Pay More: Respondents overwhelmingly said no.

Open Comments

- *Total Submitted:* 801 unique comments.
- *Positive Comments:* 43% (~341).
- *Negative Comments:* 20.85% (~167).
- Remaining comments included neutral or mixed feedback.

Mr. Kabiri explained the next steps required Council's feedback. He reminded them this discussion began with Wednesday recycling issues that arose while negotiating a contract extension with Waste Connections. Last December, the city considered a three-year extension with automated trucks. However, tariffs and procurement concerns led Waste Connections to propose continuing the contract as-is for three years, maintaining current service levels with a \$2 monthly increase. After recent improvements to Wednesday service, he asked whether Council wanted to pursue a new RFP—risking higher costs—or move forward with the extension now that survey results showed residents value the current service.

Mayor Foreman expressed he was happy with the results and has been impressed by Waste Connections. As there may be rising costs, his vote was to stick with them and extend the contract. Councilmember Matranga questioned whether competitors could match the city's current level of service. Mr. Kabiri noted Friendswood's pricing and service were better than their neighbors'. As a Tuesday-Friday customer, Councilmember Griffon shared he has had no problems and is pleased with the service—even with a \$2 increase. Councilmember Branson reflected that people did not want the service to change and asked what mechanism would correct the Wednesday problem if it came back. Mr. Kabiri confirmed that this could be resolved during the negotiation process with Waste Connections.

As a Wednesday customer, Councilmember Hanks shared that trash often sat out all night until Thursday without notice, which was not sanitary and had been an issue for at least a year. She agreed with the kudos for Waste Connections but emphasized the Wednesday pickup problem seemed ignored and must be addressed in contract negotiations. Mayor Pro Tem Ellisor lastly expressed he did not have a problem with the services and was happy with it.

8. TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

A. Conduct a public hearing regarding the City of Friendswood proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

At 6:07 P.M., Mayor Foreman opened the public hearing and asked staff to summarize the subject matter.

Finance Director Rhonda Bloskas recalled at the August 4th Council meeting, Council proposed a tax rate of 52.6746¢. Subsequent to that time, staff went back to lower that rate. The budget was adopted on August 25th using a tax rate of 51.4172¢. That tax rate gave the General Fund about \$22.8 million and the tax debt service about \$6.5 million for fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

With that, Mayor Foreman announced no citizen had signed up to speak on the item.

At 6:08 P.M., Mayor Foreman closed the public hearing.

B. Consider an ordinance for first and final reading adopting and levying the ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operation expenditures for the City of Friendswood's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, and adopting and levying the ad valorem tax rate for debt service for the City of Friendswood's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ellisor and seconded by Councilmember Griffon that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.514172, which is effectively a 2.6 percent increase in the tax rate and the proposed ordinance adopting such tax rate be approved, which rate consists of

0.399749 for maintenance and operations and 0.114423 for debt service for the City of Friendswood's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, as submitted and related to Item 8.B. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATES FOR THE GENERAL FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Recognize Deputy City Manager Steven Rhea and Community Development Director Aubrey Harbin for their participation as keynote speakers at the Bay Area Commercial Real Estate Network (BACREN) Monthly Marketing Luncheon on August 21, 2025.

City Manager Morad Kabiri recognized Deputy City Manager Steven Rhea and Community Development Director Aubrey Harbin for speaking at the Bay Area Commercial Real Estate Network Luncheon on August 21st. Their topics included: Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation, City Center Economic Development Corporation, TIRZ Nos. 1 and 2, economic development incentives, and upcoming and ongoing developments in the city.

B. Recognize Engineering Director Jil Arias for being invited to present the City's Master Drainage Plan at the Texas Floodplain Management Association's 2025 Technical Summit on August 28, 2025.

City Manager Morad Kabiri relayed that on August 28th, Engineering Director Jil Arias presented the City's Master Drainage Plan at the Texas Floodplain Management Association's 2025 Technical Summit. He shared the project alongside Half Associates and represented the city well at this technical conference.

C. Recognize GIS Manager Diana Lopez for being invited to present her Garbage and Recycling Services Survey dashboard at the ESRI Micro Region Event on September 24, 2025.

City Manager Morad Kabiri recognized GIS Manager Diana Lopez will be part of a panel discussion on September 24th, with the City of Houston and the City of Pearland. She will be showcasing the use of their citywide Garbage and Recycling Services Survey and Dashboard.

D. Recognize Deputy Director of Human Resources Chani Honeycutt for being awarded the 2025 Professional Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) Certification Grant.

City Manager Morad Kabiri recognized Deputy Human Resources Director Chani Honeycutt for receiving a grant to pursue her Senior Certified Professional Credentials (SHRM-SCP).

E. Highlight the upcoming National Night Out on October 7, 2025.

City Manager Morad Kabiri announced National Night Out is scheduled for October 7th. Sign-ups are open on the city's website for neighborhoods to register. Police, EMS, and FVFD will be out meeting residents. This year, donations are being collected for Sleep Fit Kits for local teens.

F. Reminder of the temporary location of City Council meetings during the renovation of the City Council Chambers.

City Manager Morad Kabiri reminded Council that the renovations to the City Council Chambers will begin later this month and last through December. As a result, the October, November, and December City Council meetings will be held in the Friendswood ISD Board Room. All other boards and committee meetings will be held in various locations at City Hall and other city facilities.

On a final note, Mr. Kabiri thanked the HTX Soccer Club for donating \$60,000 towards a new teens' playground equipment at Centennial Park.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consider naming a memorial bench to be placed at Friendswood Veterans Memorial in honor of Former Police Chief Robert "Bob" Wieners and authorizing the purchase and installation of such memorial.

City Manager Morad Kabiri opened the item Chief Wieners was an instrumental part of the community and the police department for 25 to 26 years, following 23 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He passed away a little over a year ago and staff felt recognition at the Veterans Memorial would be appropriate. Staff is working with the builders to create something tasteful that honors both Chief Wieners' service to the community and country while respecting those who donated the memorial.

Councilmember Griffon suggested doing more; for example, naming the emergency operations center after Chief Wieners. He commented that it would not be what it is today without him. Mr. Kabiri added that a badge is also being donated to the Public Safety Building in his honor by former mayors. Mayor Foreman said they could consider naming something else. Considering the city's rules, the Mayor suggested adding it to the next retreat agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Griffon and seconded by Councilmember Hanks to authorize the purchase and installation of a memorial bench to be placed at the Friendswood Veterans Memorial in honor of Former Police Chief Robert "Bob" Wieners. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

B. Consider authorizing the formation of a 32-member 2026 Bond Election Ad Hoc Committee and confirming the appointments thereto.

City Manager Morad Kabiri relayed staff recommends the formation of a 32-member Ad Hoc Committee to help guide the upcoming 2026 Bond Election. The committee would include five subcommittees: Parks, Drainage, Streets, and Finance. They would meet from October 2025 through March 2026 and present their finalized report to Council in April 2026. The appointment criteria includes Friendswood residents with volunteer or board service experience, completion of the Friendswood Academy program, and balanced representation across all city areas. Diversity of education, age, gender, profession, and extracurricular activities were also considered. Mr. Kabiri requested Council's authorization of the proposed list of appointees presented and provided to the Councilmembers but noted a couple additional members will be added at the next Council meeting pending their background checks.

Mayor Forman relayed he appointed Councilmember Hanks as the liaison to this committee due to her past bond committee experience. He additionally expressed he was heartened to see many young people on the list, including some of his kids' age.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hanks and seconded by Councilmember Matranga to authorize the formation of a 32-member 2026 Bond Election Ad Hoc Committee and confirming the appointments thereto, related to Item 10.B. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

11. PROPOSED ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Consider on second and final reading an ordinance approving the 2025 Annual Update to the Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll for the Friendswood City Center Public Improvement District, including the collection of annual installments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Griffon to approve Ordinance No. 2025-25, as submitted and related to Item 11.A. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, APPROVING THE 2025 ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CENTER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE COLLECTION OF THE 2025 ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

B. Consider on second and final reading an ordinance annexing property owned by the City of Friendswood in accordance with that boundary agreement with the City of League City executed on May 6, 2025; said property being approximately 1.3347 acres out of Lots 159, 160, and 170, Slone Subdivision according to the plat thereof as filed in Volume 254, Page 53-54 Galveston County Map Records.

A motion was made by Councilmember Branson and seconded by Councilmember Matranga to approve Ordinance No. 2025-26, as submitted and related to Item 11.B. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AND THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1.3347 ACRES OUT OF LOTS 159, 160, AND 170, SLONE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS FILED IN VOLUME 254, PAGES 53-54 GALVESTON COUNTY MAP RECORDS, AND LOCATED GENERALLY

SOUTHWEST OF FRIENDSWOOD LAKE PARK, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS FOR THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

- C. Consider on second and final reading an ordinance amending Chapter 2 "Administration," Article I "Generally," Section 2-23 "Procedure and administration," Subsection (a) Rules of procedure"; and Article II "Boards, Committees and Commissions," Division 6 "Fourth of July Steering Committee," Section 2-51 "Created; membership," Subsection (b) "Membership" and Division 8 "Keep Friendswood Beautiful Committee," Section 2-61 "Created, membership," Subchapter (b) "Membership" of the Friendswood City Code to remove residency and business ownership as qualifications for membership.**

Councilmember Matranga commented he voted no to the ordinance change at the first reading and would vote no again. While he supports opening boards and committees to non-residents, he believed there was a better solution and option to fill those vacancies.

A motion was made by Councilmember Griffon and seconded by Councilmember Branson to approve Ordinance No. 2025-27, as submitted and related to Item 11.C. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon

Nays: Councilmember Joe Matranga

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II "BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY," SECTION 2-23 "PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION," SUBSECTION (A) "RULES OF PROCEDURE" AND DIVISION 6 "FOURTH OF JULY STEERING COMMITTEE," SECTION 2-51 "CREATED; MEMBERSHIP," SUBSECTION (B) "MEMBERSHIP"; AND DIVISION 8 "KEEP FRIENDSWOOD BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE," SECTION 2-61 "CREATED, MEMBERSHIP," SUBCHAPTER (B) "MEMBERSHIP" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE TO REMOVE RESIDENCY AND BUSINESS OWNERSHIP AS QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- D. Consider an ordinance amending the City's General Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by approving "Budget Amendment XII" and providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds.**

Finance Director Rhonda Bloskas explained the amendment includes adjustments for several capital projects, reallocation of departmental funds, and supplemental appropriations to cover unanticipated expenses. Staff reviewed the amendment and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hanks and seconded by Councilmember Branson to approve Ordinance No. 2025-28, as submitted and related to Item 11.D. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Joe Matranga, and Councilmember Robert J. Griffon

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25, PASSED AND APPROVED AUGUST 26, 2024, THE SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S GENERAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, BY APPROVING "BUDGET AMENDMENT XII" THERETO; PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND/OR TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

E. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for the financing of technology and various equipment, including, but not limited to, generators and associated equipment, emergency equipment, and ambulance chassis and refit.

City Manager Morad Kabiri relayed last month Council approved a capital financing agreement for a fire engine already built and awaiting outfitting for delivery next year. He explained this item covered the remainder of budgeted purchases, including: a new generator for public safety buildings, technology, and an ambulance chassis refit. The costs would be spread out over five years rather than incurred in a single fiscal year.

Councilmember Griffon asked about the cost of the ambulance chassis. Mr. Kabiri replied it was around \$250,000 while a new ambulance is about \$500,000. Councilmember Griffon supported the need for full cardiovascular ER-type ambulances but suggested considering smaller ambulatory vans. He relayed they cost about \$180,000 and require only two full-time employees instead of three. Although it would handle less critical calls, it covers more area and saves taxpayers money. Mr. Kabiri responded that the idea could be discussed at a future workshop or retreat. On that note, Councilmember Hanks appreciated Councilmember Griffon's comments and wanted to hear data from Chief Lisa Camp on response needs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Matranga and seconded by Councilmember Hanks to approve Resolution No R2025-29, as submitted and related to Item 11.E. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Robert J. Griffon, and Councilmember Joe Matranga

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The item passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FINANCE CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT CAPITAL CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCING OF TECHNOLOGY AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, AND AMBULANCE CHASSIS AND REFIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,378,961.00); AUTHORIZING ADVANCE FUNDING AND EXPRESSING INTENT TO FINANCE EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Hanks and seconded by Councilmember Branson to approve Consent Agenda Items 12.A. through 12.N. The vote was the following:

Ayes: Mayor Mike Foreman, Mayor Pro Tem John Ellisor, Councilmember Sally Branson, Councilmember Trish Hanks, Councilmember Robert J. Griffon, and Councilmember Joe Matranga

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Michael P. Ross

The Consent Agenda passed.

- A. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Project related to the Sunset Drive Signal Improvements Project.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROJECT RELATED TO THE SUNSET DRIVE SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

- B. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Project related to the Intersection Improvements at FM 518 & FM 528 Project.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROJECT RELATED TO THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT FM 518 & FM 528 PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C. Consider a resolution amending Resolution No. R2025-01 to authorize additional local funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annalea Neighborhood Improvements Project.**

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2025-01 IN ORDER TO COMMIT ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$11,980.00) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNALEA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

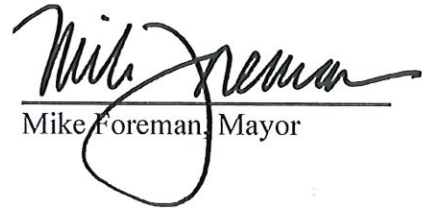
- D. Consider approving the purchase of emergency medical supplies from Life Assist Inc., and Bound Tree Medical, LLC, through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) Contract Nos. 698-23 and 704-23.**
- E. Consider authorizing a Memorandum of Renewal of the Fire and Rescue Services Agreement with the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department for the second one-year extension term.**
- F. Consider authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Collaborative Operations for Regional Emergencies (C.O.R. E. Institute) for communication, coordination and resource sharing.**
- G. Consider authorizing the purchase of twenty (20) mobile terminal units with all related appurtenances from CDW Government for the Friendswood Police Department using DIR Contract No. DIR-CPO-4547.**
- H. Consider approving the purchase of a new Teens' Playground at Centennial Park from fun abounds, inc., through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard).**
- I. Consider approving the disposal of four (4) Public Works vehicles through Public Surplus Auction.**
- J. Consider approving the disposal of two (2) Police Department vehicles through EBlock Houston.**
- K. Consider accepting the First Baptist Church Infrastructure Improvements Project and authorizing the commencement of the contractor's one-year maintenance period.**
- L. Consider accepting the 2023 Tank Rehabilitation Project to CFG Industries, LLC, and authorizing the commencement of the contractor's one-year maintenance period.**

M. Consider approving the ad valorem tax report for July 2025.

N. Consider approving the minutes of the City Council and Friendswood Benefit Trust Joint Meeting held on August 4, 2025.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Foreman adjourned the September 8, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting at 6:31 P.M.


Mike Foreman, Mayor

Attest:


Raquel Martinez, TRMC, City Secretary

