



**City of Freeport**  
5:05 PM Public Hearing  
Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall  
September 14, 2017  
Minutes

**I. Meeting Opened**

The September 14, 2017 Council Workshop was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council Members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, and Councilman William “Boots” McCormick

Council Members absent: Councilwoman Cuchens, and Councilwoman Green

Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle, and Billing Supervisor Jennifer Douglas.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**III. 2017/2018 Budget**

The Mayor turned the meeting over to City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

Council Action: Councilwoman Brannon made a motion to adopt the tentative millage rate of 4.7302. Councilman McCormick seconded the motion. All ayes, (Brannon, Farris, McCormick); motion carried.

Council Action: Councilman McCormick made a motion to adopt a tentative budget of \$10,310,250.00. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. All ayes, (Brannon, Farris, McCormick); motion carried.

Council Action: Councilwoman Brannon made a motion to advertise and set the Final Budget Hearing for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. All ayes, (Brannon, Farris, McCormick); motion carried.

The City of Freeport may take action on any matter during this meeting, including items that are not set forth within this agenda.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk’s office at 850-835-2822 by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting.

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**IV Adjournment**

Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

**FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor

**ATTEST**

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City Clerk

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