



**City of Freeport
WORKSHOP**

6:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall
February 27, 2019 Minutes

I. Meeting Opened

The February 27, 2019 Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00 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, Councilwoman Amanda Green, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner and Councilman William “Boots” McCormick

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, and City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. City Manager

Mayor Barley introduced Mr. Buz Eddie with the Florida League of Cities, Senior Advisor Program and turned the meeting over to Clerk Podraza.

Podraza gave a brief introduction and requested that Mr. Buz Eddie approach the podium to address the Council regarding the Senior Advisor Program. Mr. Eddie explained that he is a volunteer with the Florida League of Cities, Florida City/County Managers Association. The Senior Advisor Program is made up of retired City Managers or City Administrators around the state. As a way of giving back, they work with Cities to help them hire a new City Manager or help them replace a City Manager. Mr. Eddy was the City Manager for the City of Gulf Breeze in Santa Rosa County for 25 years.

Mr. Eddie advised the Council that the Association is willing to help the City of Freeport through the entire process of hiring a City Manager.

Council thanked Mr. Buz Eddie for attending the Workshop and explaining the Senior Advisor Program. Council discussion ensued regarding the process of putting an Ordinance together as well as a job description. The City Manager position may be tailored to whatever the Council feels will best suit the City and may change as the City grows.

Council agreed to add the approval of utilizing the Senior Advisor Program, to assist with the process of hiring a City Manager, to the next Regular Council Meeting Agenda on February 28, 2019.

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 6:53 p.m.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST

City Clerk

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