



**City of Freeport**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 21, 2020, 9:00 AM  
Telephone Conference

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Amanda Green, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilman William "Boots" McCormick, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Planning Director Latilda Neel, Planning Technician Brooke Jackson, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, Interim City Clerk Lori Cox

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Mayor Russ Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

**2. Public Comments**

**3. City Manager Hiring Process**

The City Council was provided a matrix of all applicants and their qualifications prior to the meeting for their review.

City Attorney Clay Adkinson provided various hiring process recommendations that Council could utilize during the meeting. He recommended not to do a point based ranking system before face to face interviews could be conducted. He suggested Council could choose their top candidates and then let staff compile the consensus group for interviews if the Council was comfortable do so. Council could also discuss criteria ranking for candidates and what steps in the process like they would like to see happen, particularly in the interview process.

Councilman McCormick requested an open discussion this time among the board members in order to get several points of view on candidates.

Councilwoman Haffner did not support having one-on-one meetings again, only group interviews this time around and felt that several telephone interviews should be conducted prior to the candidate traveling to Freeport for a face-to-face interview.

Council consensus was to review the resumes of their top candidates and to discuss at the following Regular Council Meeting.

Moved by: Councilwoman Brannon

Seconded by: Councilwoman Green

*Motion: To have each Council member return to the Thursday Regular Council Meeting to discuss their list of candidates; not to exceed ten.*

Ayes (5): Councilwoman Green, Councilwoman Brannon, Councilman Farris, Councilman McCormick, Councilwoman Haffner.

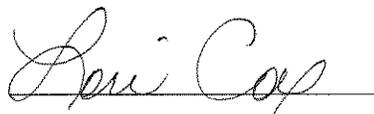
Carried (5 to 0)

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Barley at 9:32 a.m.



Mayor



Interim City Clerk

