



City of Freeport
SPECIAL MEETING

6:30 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall a
January 23, 2017 Minutes

I. Meeting Opened

The January 23, 2017 Special Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Council members absent: Councilman Eddie Farris, and Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon.

Staff members Present: City Clerk Podraza, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, and City Engineer Cliff Knauer.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Cuchens, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Legislative Priorities to the Florida House for Potential Funding

- Billy Williams, Restore Act Coordinator, approached the podium and explained the Special Meeting was called in regards to the legislative priorities that must be submitted to the Florida House, under Representative Drake, by February 7th for potential funding. The dead-line is directed by the new Florida House Speaker, Richard Corcoran.
- City Engineer Cliff Knauer approached the podium and discussed the eligible projects that should be considered and ranked for submittal. Council discussion ensued.

Council Action: Councilwoman Cuchens made a motion to set and rank the four (4) legislative priorities projects as follows:

1. *Phase I of the original design of the 331 Project in the approximate amount of 5.5 Million*
2. *Design, permitting & surveying of the Waste Water Treatment Plant*
3. *Water Line Upgrades to include fire hydrants*
4. *Sewer for Lagrange Road*

Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

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IV. Adjournment

Mayor Russ Barley adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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