



**City of Freeport
WORKSHOP**

6:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall a
June 28, 2016 Minutes

I. Meeting Opened

The June 28th 2016 Workshop was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, and Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon.

Councilmembers absent: Councilwoman Jennifer Laird

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, and Parks Director Dana Weiler.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Budget Review

City Clerk Podraza informed the Council and those present that the Parks & Recreation budget would be reviewed. Dana Weiler approached the podium and reviewed the proposed budget she prepared. The budget included all of the parks and the pool as well as Parks Dept. salaries.

Council members discussed the proposed budget and Parks Director Weiler answered all questions and concerns that were addressed. Council requested that Director Weiler provide a breakdown of each park/area outlining the list of projects by priority. Director Weiler agreed to send the list by email and that she already had an outline prepared.

Waiver of Fee Applications were reviewed. City Attorney Adkinson recommended that Council set an agenda item for the July 28th Council Meeting to vote on the Waiver of Fees Applications.

Comments and concerns were made by several residents and members of the Freeport Youth Sports League in regards to the Sports Complex upkeep and the fee waiver process. Councilmembers and Parks Director Weiler discussed and responded to the questions and concerns that were raised as presented.

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During the discussions it was brought to the attention of Council that the deed for the Sports Complex referenced the establishment of a Park Board which consisted of seven members. City Attorney Adkinson recommended that the Park Board for the Sports Complex be added to the July 12th Agenda. City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel agreed to provide the City Clerk with the information in regards to the Board since her position was appointed Liaison when it was established.

Adjournment

Mayor Russ Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McLean motioned to adjourn. The Mayor gavelled and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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