

**CITY OF FREEPORT**  
**JULY 23, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Meeting Opened**

The July 23, 2015 Special Meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

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

Staff present: City Clerk Gary Mattison, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, Parks Director Dana Weiler and City Engineer Anna Hudson.

**II. Invocation and Pledge**

The invocation and Pledge were not given.

**III. FRDAP Grant for City Pool**

Mayor Barley introduced the topic of discussion as the FRDAP Grant for the City Pool.

City Engineer Hudson stated that the window of opportunity to submit the grant package was from August 3 – 14. Hudson cited three (3) opportunities to garner points for public participation:

1. Public Opinion Survey

The public opinion survey, which was approved for use at the July 14, 2015 council meeting, was being distributed at the Water/Sewer Billing Dept. and at the City Hall Front Desk.

2. Planning Board Meeting to discuss the grant package.

The Planning Board is scheduled to hear a presentation on the grant application on August

3. Special Council Meeting to discuss the grant package.

This meeting is the special council meeting needed for the grants package.

Hudson informed the Council that for a \$50,000 grant, a match is not required. She turned the floor over to Parks Director Weiler so Weiler could explain how the money would be used.

Parks Director Weiler gave the Council the following synopsis:

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- The pool pump blew up
- The pump is running with a new capacitor, but the relay switch, pump and housing have to be replaced.
- The pump/housing will cost between \$5,000-\$7,500
- The pool need to be drained, acid-washed to remove/prevent black algae, resurfaced, resealed and refilled.

Accordingly to Weiler, the costs associated with refurbishing the pool would take \$50,000 and possibly more.

Councilwoman Cuchens: if we get the grant and make the repairs, will we have a functioning pool next year?

Parks Director Weiler: yes.

Mayor Barley: when can the pool open?

Parks Director Weiler: The levels are not regulated yet. Maybe next weekend...will know more after Tuesday.

Mayor Barley: I continue to get calls.

City Engineer Hudson: I am checking on the City's REDI status; if we are, we can apply for more funds without providing a match.

**IV. Meeting Adjourned**

Mayor Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Brannon motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor

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Council President

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk