

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BRAZORIA**

**CITY OF BRAZORIA**

The City of Brazoria convened in a Regular Council Meeting on September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following to-witt:

Philip Ray	Mayor
Dustin Weisinger	Councilman Position #1
Perry Morris	Councilman Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Tina Watts	Councilwoman Position #4
Susan Parker	Councilwoman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Sheila Williams	City Manager
Clissa Mills	City Secretary
R. C. Stevenson	City Attorney
Neal Longbotham	Police Chief
Bill James	Municipal Court Judge
David Kocurek	Project Manager
John Trevino	Public Works Director
Duane Stahl	Fire Chief
Ginny Gratzner	Accountant

A. Call to Order Regular Meeting.

*Mayor Ray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.*

B. Invocation and the pledge to the American and Texas flags by all.

*Mayor Pro Tem Kersh gave the invocation and led the pledges to the flags.*

C. Consideration/Action to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular Meeting, August 8, 2023
2. Special Meeting, August 15, 2023
3. Special Meeting, August 22, 2023

*Councilman Perry motioned to approve the minutes for August 8, August 15, and August 22, 2023 as stated. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion passed unanimously.*

D. Citizens Communication. – *There were none.*

E. Adjourn Regular Meeting and call to Order Public Hearing on:

- 1) The proposed 2023/2024 tax rate of .596533
- 2) The proposed 2023/2024 budget

*Mayor Ray adjourned the regular meeting and called to order the public hearing at 6:02 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Kersh said the tax rate is lower than last year and the budget is balanced with the proposed tax rate. Councilwoman Parker asked about the needed repairs to the jail and the increase in water/sewer rates. Public Works Director Trevino discussed open work orders and failed meters that need to be replaced. He has also been researching what it would cost to repair the closed wells so that we could save the BWA storage fees.*

F. Adjourn public hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

*Mayor Ray adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:19 pm.*

G. Chris McCann, EDC and Tourism Director in West Columbia, to discuss Pocket Park development.

*Chris McCann discussed how she was able to bring a park to West Columbia through a grant with Texas Parks and Wildlife. Council needs to develop a park masterplan and appoint a Parks Committee.*

H. Consideration/Action to appoint a representative as alternate to HGAC.

*Councilwoman Parker motioned to appoint Councilman Weisinger as the alternate representative to HGAC. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion passed unanimously.*

I. Consideration/Action to adopt Resolution #23-008 to delegate the persons with the authority to sign on all accounts with First National Bank of Lake Jackson for the City of Brazoria.

*Councilwoman Watts motioned to adopt Resolution #23-008. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. Motion passed unanimously.*

- J. Consideration/Action to adopt Resolution # 23-009 to authorize participation in Texas CLASS Local Government Investment Pool and delegate the persons with the authority to sign on all accounts with Texas Class for the City of Brazoria.

*Mayor Pro Tem Kersh motioned to table this item until we have more information. A second was made by Councilman Morris. This item was tabled.*

- K. Consideration/Action to adopt Resolution #23-010 nominating candidate(s) for a position on the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District.

*Mayor Ray motioned to table this item until the September 19, 2023 special council meeting. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kersh. This item was tabled.*

- L. Consideration/Action to adopt Resolution #23-011 authorizing the commitment of local funds toward engineering service costs in order to qualify for project funding via Brazoria County through a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the CDBG-DR Program.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

- M. Adjourn Regular Meeting and call to order Executive Session.

*Mayor Ray adjourned the regular meeting and called to order executive session at 6:46 pm.*

- N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: the council may enter into closed door to discuss the following:

1. Economic Development Negotiation under Texas Government Code 551.087
  - a. Discuss TIRZ agreement for project BRAVO

- O. Reconvene in Regular Meeting and take any action needed on items discussed in Executive Session.

*Mayor Ray reconvened the regular meeting at 7:15 pm. There was no action taken on Executive Session.*

P. Review of bills paid in August 2023.

*Councilwoman Watts asked about advertising in The Facts and the repairs to the a/c at the American Legion Hall. Councilwoman Parker asked about the aerators that we are leasing at the Sewer Plant.*

Q. City Department Heads Report.

1. Court Department – *Judge James said that court has been a little slower but there have been more citations issued by the police department*
2. Police Department
3. Public Service Department – *Public Works Director Trevino said they are averaging 3 water leaks a day*
4. Fire Department – *Duane Stahl said there have been a lot of grass fires.*
5. BWA Report - *none*
6. Brazoria Library
7. Project Manager – *We are on track with the sewer plant, water plant, final on hazard mitigation plan update, waiting on approval from state. Langford completed the gas line grant application.*
8. City Secretary

*All City Department Head Monthly Reports were included in the agenda packet.*

R. City Managers Report.

*City Manager's report was included in the agenda packet. She also said that she, Project Manager Kocurek, and Dinh Ho (Adico) met with the Mayor of Lake Jackson and she is waiting to see if they will release the ETJ that is overlapping into Brazoria's ETJ. The grant for the Police Radio System was denied. The Corps of Engineers sent letters to GrantWorks and Strand but they didn't respond, so they withdrew the drainage project.*

S. Reports from Mayor, City Council and City Attorney.

*Councilwoman Parker said that it was a good council meeting and Councilwoman Watts agreed. Mayor Pro Tem Kersh said the Library Bash and the Chamber Banquet both went well. Mayor Ray also said the Chamber Banquet went well and thanked everyone.*

T. Adjourn regular meeting.

ATTEST:

*Clissa Mills*

Clissa Mills, City Secretary



*Philip Ray*  
Philip Ray, Mayor