

## AGENDA

Port Freeport  
Port Commission  
Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2020, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

In Person Meeting Open To The Public - Administration Building - 1100 Cherry Street - Freeport



Notice is hereby given that the Port Freeport Port Commission will convene a meeting at the time and place indicated above. This Port Commission meeting **will be open to the public to attend in person**, including by not limited for purposes of commenting during the public hearing set forth in the agenda. In addition and pursuant to Port Freeport's commitment to transparency, should any individual be unable to physically attend the hearing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but want to participate by telephone or virtually, this meeting will also be open to the public pursuant to the order by the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020. The instructions for attending by phone or computer are listed below.

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1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. Invocation.
3. Roll Call.
4. Public Comment. (Public comment will be limited to 5 minutes per participant)
5. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 27, 2020 and the Special Meeting held September 3, 2020.
6. Receive report from Executive Director/CEO and/or Port staff on activities and matters related to COVID-19 health safety matters, administrative affairs, financial results, facility engineering matters, operations and vessel activity, port safety matters, port security matters, Port tenant updates, USCOE, and other related port affairs.
7. Approval to sign on to a Letter of Support to the Surface Transportation Board to preserve the Staggers Rail Act, allowing freight railroads to innovate, adapt and reinvest in the rail network.
8. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding a proposal to set a tax rate of \$0.040100 which will increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.78 percent (percent by which proposed tax rate exceeds the no new revenue tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all the property and the tax rate that is adopted.

(The 2019 Tax Rate is \$0.040100; the Proposed 2020 Tax Rate is \$0.040100; the 2020 No New Revenue Tax Rate is \$0.037207 as calculated by the Brazoria County Tax Assessor Collector)

9. Conduct workshop regarding Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget for Port Freeport.

10. Adoption of the FY 2020/2021 Budget for Port Freeport.
11. Adoption of a Resolution setting the 2020 Tax Rate for Port Freeport.
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Subchapter D of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
  - A. Under authority of Section 551.072 (Deliberation of Real Property Matters) for discussion regarding:
    1. Discussion regarding the potential exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Freeport, Texas, including but not limited to the area known as the East End of Freeport and bordered by or adjacent to the following streets: FM 1495; East 2nd Street; Terminal Street and East 8th Street in Freeport, Texas.
    2. The potential purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at Port Freeport, including but not limited to the real property located at and contiguous to Berths 1, 2, 5 and 7.
    3. The potential exchange, lease, or value of real property located at Port Freeport, including but not limited to Parcel 14.
13. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION to review and consider the following:
14. Approval to increase Purchase Order to CBRE, Inc. in the amount of \$16,500.00, for a total amount of \$266,500.00.
15. Adjourn.

***The Port Commission does not anticipate going into a closed session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code at this meeting for any other items on the agenda, however, if necessary, the Port Commission may go into a closed session as permitted by law regarding any item on the agenda.***

With this posted notice, Port Commissioners have been provided certain background information on the above listed agenda items. Copies of this information can be obtained by the public at the Port Administrative offices at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, TX.



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Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO  
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