

Minutes of Port Commission Special Meeting
February 12, 2021
Via Video/Teleconference

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the order the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, and due to imminent threat to public health and safety and urgent public necessity, the Port Freeport Port Commission will conduct a Special Meeting on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. by video/teleconference initiated from the Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas. In order to meet CDC guidelines for social distancing and slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the public can join the video/teleconference meeting by following the instructions below. When the spread of COVID-19 is no longer an imminent threat to our community, in-person meetings will resume.

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Commissioners present:

Mr. Shane Pirtle, Chairman
Mr. Paul Kresta, Vice Chairman
Mr. Rudy Santos, Secretary
Mr. John Hoss, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Ravi Singhania, Commissioner
Mr. Dan Croft, Commissioner

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Rob Lowe, Director of Administration/CFO
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Economic Development & Freight Mobility
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development

Mr. Brandon Robertson, Network Systems Manager
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant

Commissioner Pirtle stated the following information...

Today is February 12, 2021, and the time is 8:30 a.m. This is a special meeting of the Port Commission. I am Shane Pirtle, Chairman. We are conducting this meeting by video/telephone conference pursuant to Governor Abbott's order suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act in order to minimize the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. This meeting is being recorded as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

With the posting of today's meeting a toll-free call in number was indicated on the agenda, along with the agenda packet. Both may be found on the Port's website www.portfreeport.com. Additionally, the public may join the meeting from a computer, tablet, or smartphone or by phone using the toll-free call in number.

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Being considerate of all participants on this call today, we respectfully request everyone "mute" their phones unless you are speaking.

An Executive Session was noticed on the published agenda and will occur unless otherwise indicated during the meeting. It will be announced prior to this body going into Executive Session. During Executive Session the public will not be permitted to hear the meeting, as is the case under the Texas Open Meetings Act.

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. Roll Call – Commissioner Pirtle stated that Commissioner Singhanian was present online. Those present in the board room (at a safe distance) included himself, Commissioners Kresta, Commissioner Santos, Commissioner Hoss, Commissioner Croft, Ms. Saathoff – CEO and Jason Cordoba – Legal Counsel. Ms. Saathoff noted additional staff in the room and online.
3. Public Comment – There were no public comments.
4. 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 Concerning 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 are known as the East End of

Freeport and bordered by or adjacent to the following streets: FM1495; 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 and Surfside Lots.
5. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION to review and consider the following:
6. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.