

Freeport City Council Orientation

May 30, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cannova's Restaurant, 1101 W. Empire Street, Freeport, Illinois

Objectives:

The purpose of this orientation meeting is to provide an opportunity for Alderpersons and the Mayor to:

- *Discuss the legal procedures and protocols for City Council meetings and for Alderperson activities*
- *Better understand the working relationship among the Council, the Mayor's Office and the Department Heads*
- *Learn of City projects, initiatives and plans in progress*
- *Identify key constituent concerns in each Ward*

Agenda:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (Mayor)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions
4. Public Comments On Agenda Items
5. Meeting Purpose/Objectives (Wenzel)
6. Freeport's Form of City Government Information (Corp. Counsel & Mayor)
 - Home Rule
 - Mayoral Responsibilities
 - Department Head Responsibilities
 - Council Member Responsibilities
7. City Council Procedures (Corp Counsel & Mayor)
 - Open Meetings Act
 - Council Meeting Parliamentary Procedures/Rules
 - Council Communication With the Mayor and Department Heads (Mayor & Dept. Heads)
8. Administration Priorities (Mayor & Dept. Heads)
9. Ward Priorities (Council Members)
 - Top Two Constituent Concerns in Each Ward
10. Top Concerns -What is the #1 Issue about the City that keeps you awake at night? (Council Members)
11. Other Topics
 - FOIA-What does it mean to you? (Corp Counsel)
 - Discussion of an Ordinance to have items come before the Committee of the Whole before moving forward to Agendas (Group)
 - Appropriation Ordinance, Spending Plan and the Budgeting Process (Corp Counsel)
 - City of Freeport Public Safety Plan (Police Dept.)
 - Neighborhood Watch Meetings (Drogosz)
12. Summary Comments (Wenzel & Drogosz)
13. Public Comments
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