

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Monday, June 17th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at the Freeport Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma M. Garcia
Councilwoman Michelle Kent
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Asst. City Manager
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Larry Fansher, Parks Director
Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Visitors: Edith Fischer Sandra Shaw
Joe Ripple Nancy Wollam
Dan Pennington Allene Pennington
John Hightower Charles Williams
Brenda Laird Roy Yates
Jerry Meeks Adriana Acosta
Officer Christian Flores Officer Danny Gillchrist
Officer Lisa Jefferson Officer Jared Eversole
Officer Curtis Land Officer Clay Hutcherson
Officer Paul Rodriguez Officer Nicholas Ross
Officer Jose Lopez Det. Ray Garivey
Det. Kristy Mercado Michelle Russell

Call to order.

Mayor Norma Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Joe Ripple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the June 3rd, 2013 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the June 3rd, 2013 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Mr. Pynes showed a PowerPoint presentation on a small camera mounted to tractor to view the inside of pipes in Freeport to find any trouble spots that might need repairs and improvements. This technology is funded through the (CDBG) Community Development Block Grant.

Taking Oath of Office by new Chief of Police – Dan Pennington

Mayor Norma Garcia administered the Oath of Office to the new Chief of Police, Dan Pennington.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2013-2038 amending the budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2013-2038 amending the budget for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Consideration of approving an Economic Development Agreement for Troy Brimage/Braztex Development, LLC.

Mr. Pynes stated that the taxable value of the improvements to be added to the City tax base will be an estimated value of \$4,800,000.00 exclusive of the value of the land. The construction of the improvements will be waterfront homes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council approved Mr. Pynes recommendation to approve an Economic Development Agreement for Troy Brimage/Braztex Development LLC.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2013-2410 approving the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws of Freeport Redevelopment Authority, a Local Government Corporation and authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Secretary to attest and file the Certificate with the Secretary of State.

Mayor Garcia closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Formal Session at 8:10 p.m.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2013-2410 approving the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws of Freeport Redevelopment Authority, a Local Government Corporation and authoring the Mayor to sign and the City Secretary to attest and file the Certificate with the Secretary of State. Councilman Bolton opposed.

Consideration of action taken on any item discussed in Executive Session.

None taken

Mayor Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:15 p.m.

Work Session:

Presentation by Edith Fischer, Director of Tourism of the Brazosport Convention & Visitors Council promoting and request for continued funding.

Edith Fischer of the Brazosport Convention & Visitors Council presented a PowerPoint presentation on their tasks and the past year's activities and request continued funding .

Discussion regarding the Annual Financial Report ending September 30, 2012 by Kennemer Masters & Lunford.

Kevin R. Cadenhead, CPA of Kennemer, Masters & Lunford, LLC reviewed the audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate fund information of the City of Freeport as of and for the year ending September 30, 2012.

Discussion regarding CenterPoint Energy possible transmission line re-route options in the area of City Park.

Mr. Pynes reviewed with Council the possible transmission re-route options in the area of City Park in order to avoid trimming the trees in the park. They chose the green route to avoid cutting trees.

Discuss priorities and goals for upcoming budget year 2013-2014.

Councilwoman Kent asked for more lighting in the City. Councilman Bolton concerned about the Recreation Center. Mayor Garcia stated the Freeport Community House is in bad shape and still is being utilized and a new baseball field.

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Work Session at 6:55 p.m. and opened the Executive Session.

Executive Session

Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules

of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- Pending Litigation – Freeport Marina Lawsuits
Karen Jewel, John Hightower, Brooks Bass, James Barnett, Roy Yates
(no action taken)
- Formation of a Local Government Corporation/ Charles Williams
(Action taken in Open Session Item No. 9)

Mayor Garcia closed the Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened the Open Session to take action on Item No. 9 on the Agenda.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting “aye”, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary – Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas