

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on June 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma M. Garcia  
Councilman Larry L. McDonald  
Councilman Fred Bolton  
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza - absent  
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Brian Davis, Fire Chief  
Dan Pennington, Chief of Police  
Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors: Jerry Meeks Nicole Mireles  
Sam Reyna Annette Sanford  
Eric Hayes Lila Diehl  
Julio Aluiso Eva Aluiso  
Lance Reaves Debra Martinez  
Felicia Moreno Valentina Moreno

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.

Felicia Moreno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the June 2, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the June 2, 2014 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

**Joint Public Hearing:** The City Council and the Planning Commission of said City will conduct a Joint Public Hearing to consider granting to Freeport Christian Center a specific use permit to construct and operate a church on Lots 2-8, Velasco Heights Annex, fronting on Zapata Street within the corporate limits of said City.

The Planning Commission had no quorum. Mayor Norma Garcia reagendaed the Joint Public Hearing to July 7, 2014.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2068 granting to Freeport Christian Center a specific use permit to construct and operate a church on Lots 2-8, Velasco Heights Annex, fronting on Zapata Street within the corporate limits of said City.

This item was reagendaed.

Consideration of setting July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider granting an Amendment to Exhibit "A" (layout plan) of the Specific Use Permit granted to Mr. Eric Hayes to construct an RV park on Brazosport Boulevard, BCIC Division 14, Lots 92 & 93, Freeport Texas.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting the June 7, 2014 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider granting an Amendment to Exhibit "A" (layout plan) of the Specific Use Permit granted to Mr. Eric Hayes to construct an RV park on Brazosport Boulevard, BCIC Division 14, Lots 92 & 93, Freeport Texas.

Consideration of setting July 21, 2014 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider modifying the truck route in the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting July 7, 2014 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider modifying the truck route in the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2440 designating the Asst.City Manager Gilbert Arispe to act for and on behalf of the City of Freeport in dealing with the State of Texas General Land Office for the purpose of applying for state assistance to clean and maintain the public beaches.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2014-2440 designating the Asst. City Manager Gilbert Arispe to act for and on behalf of the City of Freeport in dealing with the State of Texas General Land Office for the purpose of applying for state assistance to clean and maintain the public beaches. Councilman McDonald opposed.

Consideration of approving and awarding the Performance of Depository Services for the City of Freeport beginning June 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2014, and thereafter until a successor depository is selected and qualified.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved and award the Performance of Depository Services to Texas Gulf Bank for the City of Freeport beginning June 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2014, and thereafter until a successor depository is selected and qualified.

Consideration of setting July 21, 2014 to conduct a public Hearing pursuant to Sections 26.001, et seq., Texas Parks, & Wildlife Code, to consider whether or not the portion of the park or recreation area within the corporate limits of said city known as Riverside Park located north of a westerly extension of the street shown on the plat of the Velasco Townsite as Ave. C and all of the park or recreation area within the corporate limits of said city known as Stephen F. Austin Park should be combined and moved to a new location within the corporate limits of the City to be selected and acquired by the City Council for the purpose of developing a modern sports complex at such new location.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved setting July 21, 2014 to conduct a public Hearing pursuant to Sections 26.001, et seq., Texas Parks, & Wildlife Code, to consider whether or not the portion of the park or recreation area within the corporate limits of said city known as Riverside Park located north of a westerly extension of the street shown on the plat of the Velasco Townsite as Ave. C and all of the park or recreation area within the corporate limits of said city known as Stephen F. Austin Park should be combined and moved to a new location within the corporate limits of the City to be selected and acquired by the City Council for the purpose of developing a modern sports complex at such new location.

Mayor Norma Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:10 p.m.

Work Session:

Discuss budget priorities and goals for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Mr. Jeff Pynes getting input from all Department and Supervisors on budget priorities and goals for fiscal year 2014.

Councilman Bolton commented on pursuing a new recreation facility and repairing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Annette Sanford mentioned that Cedar Street is in need of repairs and the railroad track on Broad Street needs attention.

Erik Hayes stated that Broad and Holly Street need lowering.

Ed Garcia Chairman of the Planning Commission stated that requested \$15, 000 from the City for college students to assist in developing a Master Plan.

Councilman McDonald stated that the City needs a maintainer for leveling the alleys and a grade-all for ditches. A certified mosquito sprayer is needed.

Mayor Garcia stated that Yellowstone and Skinner Street need attention.

Investment Grade Audit Presentation (IGA) by Schneider Electric.

Debra Jones, energy specialist with Schneider Electric presented to Council a 6 month energy audit on the City facilities. She identified and reviewed projects benefits for the City. The project cost is 4.7 million. A projected saving of \$350,000 per year and project will self-fund in less than 12 years. She reviewed the financing options.

- Replace mechanical systems at City Hall – near failure.
- Indoor and Outdoor lighting – safety and curb appeal.
- Energy Management System programing optimization.
- Leak detection in the water piping system.
- Comprehensive water meter replacement
- New automatic meter reading system.
- Reduced REP costs
- Pool pumping – moves it from constant on to optimized operating time.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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Mayor Norma M. Garcia  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary – Delia Munoz  
City of Freeport, Texas