

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 6:05 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department Building, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
Councilman Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Fred Bolton - Absent
Councilman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe , Assistant City Manager
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Dan Pennington, Police Chief

Visitors: Melanie Oldham Troy Brimage
Bill Morris Sam Reyna
Annette Sanford Nicole Mireles
Landis Adams Gina A. Adams
Tina Rogers Jerry Meeks

Call to order.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the March 16, 2015 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the March 16, 2015 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Consideration of approving and signing a replat for Victor and Evette Juarez, being a replat of 0.293 acres, Lots 1 thru 4, Block 777, of Velasco Townsite, according to the Map or Plat thereof recorded in Volume 32, Page 14 of the Deed Records of Brazoria County, Texas, being the same lots conveyed to Victor and Evette G. Juarez, recorded in County Clerk's File No. 2009-005278 and 2014-045755 of the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved signing a replat for Victor and Evette Juarez, being a replat of 0.293 acres, Lots 1 thru 4, Block 777, of Velasco Townsite, according to the Map or Plat thereof recorded in Volume 32, Page 14 of the Deed Records of Brazoria County, Texas, being the same lots conveyed to Victor and Evette G. Juarez, recorded in County Clerk's File No. 2009-005278 and 2014-045755 of the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

Consideration of approving a request by the Riverfest Committee to sell beer, hold a dance, close or use lanes on streets within the City and have fireworks display for the Freeport Riverfest on April 24th –April 25th , 2015 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a request by the Riverfest Committee to sell beer, hold a dance, close or use lanes on streets within the City and have fireworks display for the Freeport Riverfest on April 24th –April 25th , 2015 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

Consideration of approving a request by City of Freeport and BASF to close the followings streets; North ends of West Park and East Park, 2nd Street from Velasco Boulevard to Memorial Park, North bound lane of Velasco Boulevard from 2nd Street to Ave. B., for the Flapjack Run on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a request by City of Freeport and BASF to close the followings streets; North ends of West Park and East Park, 2nd Street from Velasco Boulevard to Memorial Park, North bound lane of Velasco Boulevard from 2nd Street to Ave. B., for the Flapjack Run on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Consideration of approving a request from the Freeport League waiving all permits for Riverfest on April 24th – April 25th, 2015 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Freeport League waiving all permits for Riverfest on April 24th – April 25th, 2015 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

Consideration of approving and authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary to execute and attest respectively a contract with Interstate Barricades for street striping.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved and authorized the Mayor and the City Secretary to executive and attest respectively a contact with Interstate Barricades for street striping.

Consideration of approving and authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary to execute and attest respectively a contract with A-1 Construction for street replacement of asphalt streets, including catch basins, for portions of Seventh Street and Ash Street.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved and authorized the Mayor and the City Secretary to executive and attest respectively a contact with A-1 Construction for street replacement of asphalt streets, including catch basins, for portions of Seventh Street and Ash Street.

Consideration of approving and authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary to execute and attest respectively a contract with A-1 Construction Services for street replacement of concrete streets, including curbs, gutters catch basins and sidewalks for portions of Cedar Street and North Ave. J.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved and authorized the Mayor and the City Secretary to executive and attest respectively a contact with A-1 Construction for street replacement of concrete streets, including curbs, gutters catch basins and sidewalks for portions of Cedar Street and North Ave. J.

Consideration of approving a request from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to have a Cinco De Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., from the Museum to Baywood's parking lot. This will require closing East Park, from its intersection with 4th Street, to it intersection with 2nd Street, and closing of Second Street, from its intersection with East Park past its intersection with Brazosport Boulevard, to its end at the diversion channel of the Brazos River adjacent to Baywood's parking lot.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to have a Cinco De Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., from the Museum to Baywood's parking lot. This will require closing East Park, from its intersection with 4th Street, to it intersection with 2nd Street, and closing of Second Street, from its intersection with East Park past its intersection with Brazosport Boulevard, to its end at the diversion channel of the Brazos River adjacent to Baywood's parking lot.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:13 p.m.

Work Session:

Discussion on a Housing Development Plan.

Mr. Pynes proposed a program to invigorate new Freeport housing developments on non -water front or related properties by providing rebates, assistance in acquiring land for residential or commercial developers.

The proposed program will have a Housing Development Plan Administrators, and the group shall consist of one representative of City Council, Planning Commission, Freeport Economic Development and City Manager.

Mr. Pynes spoke on the development prerequisite program requirements. A 1500 minimum square feet of residential living space, concrete driveway, garage, approved landscaping design, front facing must be improved stone, brick, and/or other suitable beautiful application.

Upon the final inspection completion and the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, the Finance Director will rebate the negotiated rebate agreement to the builder within 30 days.

Melanie Oldham was in favor of the proposed plan for affordable housing. She suggested Kola Olayiwola, Building Inspector be a member of the House Development Plan Administrators.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

Delia Munoz - City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas