

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on Monday, July 20, 2015 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 Moreno Garcia  
Councilman Larry L. McDonald  
Councilman Fred Bolton  
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree  
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza

Staff:

Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development  
Chris Motley, Fire Marshall/Building Official

Visitors:

Annette Sanford	Mark Havran
Nicole Mireles	Sam Reyna
Raymond Garivey	Moby Burrige
Evelyn Burrige	Chad Elliston
Eric Hayes	Lila Diehl
Ariel Carmona Jr.	Sharron Mercer
Manning Rollerson	Angel Rostro
Jacob Edmundson	Nancy Gray
Veronica Edmunson	Nathan Edmundson
Jerry Meeks	

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The boy Scouts of America led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the July 6, 2015 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the July 6, 2015 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson complained that he heard about the Dow gas release on the 6:00 news. He felt that communication was poor between the chemical plants and the cities. He asked that the drainage ditches be cleaned and mowed around 537 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and most of the time had no water pressure.

**Annoucement:** City of Freeport Kidfest, Saturday July 25, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Freeport Memorial Park, free water slides, petting zoo, games, moon walks.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia announced and invited all to the 5th Annual Kidfest.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2015-2091 amending portions of Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of said City relating to the regulations for storm water quality.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2015-2091 amending portions of Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances of said City relating to the regulations for storm water quality.

Consideration of resetting a bid or proposal date for trading the following lots owned by the City: Lots 9 through 12 and 15, Block 35; Lot 2, Block 71; Lot 6, Block 507; Lots 1 through 24, Block 661; Lots 14 and 15, Block 676; Lots 5, 11 and 12, Block 720; Lots 13, 16, 19, 22, 24 and 24A, Block 752; Lot 11, Block 755; Lots 18 and 19, Block 764; Lot 3, Block 789; Lots 14, 15, 19 and 21, Block 790; Lots 13 and 24, Block 809; Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 810 of the Velasco Townsite for lots located within Blocks 716, 729, 730, 731, 742, 743, 760, and 773 of said Townsite not presently owned by the City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present Voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved August 17, 2015 for a bid date for trading the following owned by the City: Lots 9 through 12 and 15, Block 35; Lot 2, Block 71; Lot 6, Block 507; Lots 1 through 24, Block 661; Lots 14 and 15, Block 676; Lots 5, 11 and 12, Block 720; Lots 13, 16, 19, 22, 24 and 24A, Block 752; Lot 11, Block 755; Lots 18 and 19, Block 764; Lot 3, Block 789; Lots 14, 15, 19 and 21, Block 790; Lots 13 and 24, Block 809; Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 810 of the Velasco Townsite for lots located within Blocks 716, 729, 730, 731, 742, 743, 760, and 773 of said Townsite not presently owned by the City.

Consideration of awarding a bid for the "Emergency Power and Monitoring Systems authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract with the successful bidder and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary, respectively to execute and attest such contract.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, to approve Mark Havran with LJA Engineering recommendation to award the contract to the lowest bidder; McDonald Municipal & Industrial, motion died for lack of second.

Councilman Bolton stated that Council wanted to make the right decision for the community and requested a comparison of cellular and radio and which would be the most reliable.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved to table awarding a bid for the Emergency Power and Monitoring Systems authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract with the successful bidder and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary, respectively to execute and attest such contract. Councilwoman Barbree opposed.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2015-2092 denying proposed rate increase of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint") and approving a settlement that includes an increase that is \$2.3 million less than proposed by CenterPoint.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved to reagendaed this item.

Consideration of approving and authorizing the City Manager to expend funds for an emergency repair for the Freeport Community House pier and boat ramp.

Annette Sanford of 510 W. Broad stated the Freeport Community House was in dire need of repair. A ramp was needed in the front of the building and pot holes needed to be addressed.

Gilbert Arispe Assistant City Manager presented to Council a PowerPoint presentation of the Freeport Community House pier and boat ramp. The repairs estimated \$49,000 to replace only wood structures and \$18,000 to encasing the posts in concrete.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree to expend funds for an emergency repair for the Freeport Community House pier and boat ramp, motion died for lack of second.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia suggested going out for bids.

Consideration of the approval of any action to be taken as a result of closed executive session.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia closed the Executive Session and reconvened the formal session at 7:32 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Praxair Industrial District Agreement.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:51 p.m.

Work Session:

Community budget input workshop.

Nicole Mireles requested the floor of the Freeport Community House repaired and lighting for Memorial Park.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia closed the Work Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matter 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:

- Praxair Industrial District Agreement
- Port Freeport east end roads.
- New Sport Complex
- Veolia Contract
- Golf Course – TCEQ
- Follett’s Island – Pending Contractual Negotiations

Mayor Norma M. Garcia closed the Executive Session and reconvened the formal session at 7:32 p.m.

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the duties of a public officer or employee:

- City Manager

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Norma M. Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia  
City of Freeport, Texas

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Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
City of Freeport, Texas