

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Tuesday, January 18th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald – absent  
Michelle Kent  
Fred Bolton  
Nicole Mireles  
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Brian Davis, Fire Chief  
Gary Pohl, Marshal  
Larry Fansher, Parks Director  
Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors: Joyce Adkins                      Manning Rollerson  
Annette Sanford                      Sam Reyna  
Jim Pirrung                              Dorothy Pirrung  
Jerry Meeks                              John Stanford  
Lila Lloyd

Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Norma Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Norma Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the January 3rd, 2011 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the January 3rd, 2011 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson thanked Council for helping out with the conditions of Villa Brazos Apartment complex. He stated that there was still Senior Citizens wanting to move out because of the conditions of the apartment.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2011-2272 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May, 2011 being May 14th, at which all the voters residing in said City shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for Mayor of the City of Freeport, Texas and in which the voters of said City residing in wards B and D shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for position B and D on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2011-2272 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May, 2011 being May 14th, at which all the voters residing in said City shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for Mayor of the City of Freeport, Texas and in which the voters of said City residing in wards B and D shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for position B and D on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2011-2273 amending the budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton , with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2011-2273 amending the budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Forest Service and Regional Incident Management Team Member and the Participating Agency/Employer Freeport Fire & EMS City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council approved authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Forest Service and Regional Incident Management Team Member and the Participating Agency/Employer Freeport Fire & EMS City of Freeport.

Consideration of purchasing 1/20th undivided interest in Lot 15, Block 682, Velasco Townsite Urban Renewal area, Tax Id 8110-2783-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council approved purchasing 1/20th undivided interest in Lot 15, Block 682, Velasco Townsite Urban Renewal area, Tax Id. 8110-2783-000.

Consideration of approving the bids and awarding the contract to perform the financial statement audit for year ending September 30th, 2010.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the bids and awarded the contract to Kennemer, Masters, Lunford, LLC to perform the financial statement audit for year ending September 30th, 2010.

Consideration of a request to install a 5 x 10 lighted sign with a 2 x 8 LED monochrome display for Pier 30 Bar & Grill, 1601 E. Hwy. 332, Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the request to install a 5 x 10 lighted sign with a 2 x 8 LED monochrome display for Pier 30 Bar & Grill, 1601 E. Hwy. 332, Freeport, Texas recommended by the Planning Commission.

Consideration of approving any action taken as a result of a work session.

Council voted on Addendum item 13 and 14 and on Work Session item E.

Addendum # 13:

Consideration of authorizing Request for Proposals for concrete construction adjacent to the Marina dry stacks building.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing Request for Proposals for concrete construction adjacent to the Marina dry stacks building.

Addendum # 14

Consideration of authorizing Request for Proposals for a ship store and restroom construction.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing Request for Proposals for a ship store and restroom construction.

Work Session:

A. Discussion concerning a historical downtown gateway entrance project.

Mr. Pynes discussed revitalizing the aging railroad overpass on 2nd Street. Ideas on installing a archway or a swing bridge sign displaying “Welcome to Freeport Historic Downtown ” over the railroad trestle. The Union Pacific has offered money for funding the project.

B. Discussion regarding expanding the Freeport Museum by purchasing the adjacent building located at 305-307 E. Park and authorizing the Mayor to sign an earnest money contract for purchasing the adjacent building.

Council discussed expanding the Freeport Museum and identifying a better location.

C. Update on the Freeport Marina.

Mr. Pynes updated Council on the Freeport Marina. The City of Freeport will be the host marina for the Texas Mariners Association which will have a Regatta Boat Show here on May 13,14,15, 2011. Mr. Pynes, Mr. Arispe and Angie Degetaire attended the Houston Boat Show in Houston at the Reliant Building. They passed out fliers and recruited boats for the marina.

D. Discussion regarding implementing a time clock employee management system Requested by Councilwoman Mireles.

Jeff Pynes discussed installing a time clock employee management system. The time clock would be installed at the City Hall, Police Department, Street Department, Parks, and Recreation Department. The installation cost is approximately \$28,468.57.

E. Discussion concerning changing the time City Council meetings start.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to change the time from 6:00 to 6:30 City Council meetings start.

F. Update by Parks Director Larry Fansher on the fountains at the end of the River.

Larry Fansher informed Council that the pumps are deteriorating due to salt water. The warranties have expired. The City is facing rising maintenance cost to keep them operable. Council advised Staff to get more information on the pumps.

G. Discussion regarding the 2nd Annual Youth Art Display & Competition.

Mr. Pynes announced the City's 2nd Annual Youth Art Display & Competition begins February 7th, 2011, first day to submit artwork to City Hall. Last year more than 250 exhibitions were displayed at City Hall. All Freeport school kids are eligible and must be enrolled as a student in a Freeport B.I. S. D. school.

H. Addendum Item:

Discussion regarding appointing a qualified person to fill an unexpired term of Diane Williams on the Planning Commission of said City.

At this time, Council did not have any one to appoint to this committee and directed the City Secretary to place an ad in the local newspaper for volunteers to serve on various boards and committees.

Executive Session

A. 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 Legations – Marina  
*No action taken*

B. Section 551.072, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property when deliberation in an open meeting might have a detrimental affect on the positions of the City Council in negotiations with a third person, to wit:

- Urban Renewal Property  
*No action taken*

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Mireles, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Mayor – Larry L. McDonald

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Delia Munoz – City Secretary