

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Tuesday, January 19th, 2010 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
Clan A. Cameron
James W. Phillips
Ron Wise
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Muñoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manger
Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.
Chris Motley, Interim Fire Chief

Visitors: Annette Sanford Edna Allan
Brenda Laird Flora Green
Laura Toler Wright Gore, III
John Johnson John Stanford
Sandra W. Wicke Yvette Ruiz
Alonzo Martinez Eric Hayes
Loren Hayes Lila Diehl
Susie Wise Rosa McDonald
Jerry Meeks Joyce Adkins
Flora Green Willie Garcia
James Blalock

Call to Order.

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

Invocation.

City Attorney Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all to the new remodeled council chambers.

Consideration of approving the December 31st, 2009 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the December 31st, 2009 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Wright Gore III, 301 W. Brazos, congratulated Mr. Pynes for remodeling the council chamber. He asked if video cameras would be installed in the council room. Mr. Pynes answered yes.

Interim Fire Chief Chris Motley, announced that the Public Health Preparedness and Response team of the Brazoria County Health Department is working with cities throughout Brazoria County to offer free 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccinations to the public. Freeport has scheduled January 21st 2010 – Thursday from 4:00-7:30 p.m. at River Place and Lake Jackson on Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Brazos Mall. He asked that you visit website: www.brazoriacountyflu.com and download the forms required for vaccination.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2010-2234 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2010, being May 8th, 2010 at which the voters of said City residing in wards A and C shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions A and C on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2010-2234 calling for the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport, to be held on the second Saturday in May 2010, being May 8th, 2010 at which the voters of said City residing in wards A and C shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions A and C on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2010-2235 calling a Charter Amendment Election on the question of adopting six (6) amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2010-2235 calling a Charter Amendment Election on the question of adopting six (6) amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2010-2236 calling a Referendum Election to permit the qualified voters of said City to vote for or against the sale of beer and mixed beverages on any day between 12:00 midnight and 2:00 a.m. by holders of beer or mixed beverages retail dealers late hours permits.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Ordinance No. 2010-2236 calling a Referendum Election to permit the qualified voters of said City to vote for or against the sale of beer and mixed beverages on any day between 12:00 midnight and 2:00 a.m. by holders of beer or mixed beverages retail dealers late hours permits. Councilman Wise opposed.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2010-2218 providing that the Annual Election called by the City Council of said City for the elections of council members for council positions A and C and the special election for the submission to the voters of proposed Charter Amendments and the Referendum Election, all called for the 8th day of May 2010, be held jointly with all elections called for the same day by other political subdivisions located in Brazoria County, Texas. A joint election agreement and contract for elections services with the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2218 providing that the Annual Election called by the City Council of said City for the elections of council members for council positions A and C and the special election for the submission to the voters of proposed Charter Amendments and the Referendum Election, all called for the 8th day of May 2010, be held jointly with all elections called for the same day by other political subdivisions located in Brazoria County, Texas. A joint election agreement and contract for elections services with the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas.

Public Hearing to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement: Javier & Guadalupe Caro, Lot 22, Brazos Landing Section 1, known as 126 Brazos Landing Court.

Mayor McDonald opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. and read out the described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City.

Mayor McDonald asked for comments from the attendees and staff. There being no questions or comments, he closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2010-2237 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said City as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Javier & Guadalupe Caro, reinvestment zone.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2010-2237 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said City as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Javier & Guadalupe Caro, reinvestment zone.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2010-2219 authorizing and executing a tax abatement agreement for Javier & Guadalupe Caro, 126 Brazos Landing Court.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2219 authorizing and executing a tax abatement agreement for Javier & Guadalupe Caro, 126 Brazos Landing Court.

Consideration of selling the City’s interest on Block 2, Lot 12 & 13, Freeport Townsite, known as 530 E. Broad Street, Tax Id. 4200-0040-000.

Councilman Phillips reminded Council that there is an understanding that the City would not sell the City’s interest, North of Lincoln Park.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye” Council unanimously approved to reagenda this item.

Consideration of selling the City’s interest on Block 4, Lot 8, Southview Gardens, known as 927 W. 9th Street, Tax ID. 7750-0066-000.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present “aye”, Council unanimously approved to sell the City’s interest on Block 4, Lot 8, Southview Gardens, known as 927 W. 9th Street, Tax Id. 7750-0066-000.

Consideration of selling the City’s interest on Block 5, Lot 1, Victory (Freeport), known as 1213 W. 10th Street, Tax Id 8125-0038-000.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to sell the City’s interest on Block 5, Lot 1, Victory (Freeport) known as 1213 W. 10th Street, Tax Id. 8125-0038-000.

Consideration of approving the bids and awarding the contract for the City Hall network virtualization.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the bid and awarded the contract to PCCare, Incorporated, in the amount of \$46,436.00 for the City Hall network virtualization.

Consideration of approving a tax abatement application for Allan R. Lawson , 1721 N. Ave U. , and setting February 16th, 2010 for a public hearing to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner(s) thereof granting a tax abatement and instructing the city attorney to prepare the necessary documents; Block 785, Lot 22, 23, 24, 24A, Velasco Townsite.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a tax abatement application for Allan R. Lawson, 1721 N. Ave. U., and setting February 16th, 2010 for a public hearing to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner(s) thereof granting a tax abatement and instructing the city attorney to prepare the necessary documents; Block 785, Lot 22, 23, 24, 24A, Velasco Townsite.

Mayor McDonald opened the Work Session at 6:23 p.m.

Work Session:

Update by Stoney Burke, City of Freeport BWA representative regarding repairs on Hwy. 523.

Table this item to the next subsequent meeting due to illness.

Implementing the City’s First Annual Youth Art Display & Competition.

Administrative Asst. Gilbert Arispe announced the City’s first Annual Youth Art Display and Competition, within our local schools/community. The Freeport City Hall will display the exhibits. The artwork will be judged in three categories (high school, intermediate and elementary schools). Winning art work will be framed by the City of Freeport.

Mayor McDonald opened the Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

Executive Session:

A. Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit:

- Review applications for Chief of Police position.

Adjourn

Mayor McDonald reconvened the formal session to adjourn. On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, Council approved the adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor