

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport met in a special meeting on Monday, July 21st, 2008 at the Freeport Police Department Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
Clan A Cameron
Jim Saccomanno
Ron Wise
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Gary Beverly, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
John Stanford, Fire Chief
Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors: Dan Tarver Brenda Laird
Dave Knuckey Luckey Gilbert
Joyce Adkins Fred Bolton
Larry Shaefer Judy Shaefer
Bobby Casale Toby Davenport
Eric Hayes Alonzo Martinez
Rosa McDonald Abel Garcia
Louie Jones Edna Allan
Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
Lila Lloyd Pixie Floyd
Bobby Bass Grady Pennington
Guadalupe Gonzalez Sandra W. Wicke
Sandra Leavey Chris Moore
Allan Lawson Michael Mauer
Diane Williams Yvette Nunez
Susie Wise Eileen Koenig
Roddy Mohler Barbara Mohler
Nickey Dickey Bobbi Allen
Mary Thomas Helen McQuiag

Johnny McQuiag
Patrick Gore
Teresa Cornelison

Chris Moore
Jerry Meeks

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDonald at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Craig Taylor from Family Life Church offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the July 14th, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the July 14th, 2008 Council Meeting.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Nickey Dickey wants to bring a business to Freeport because of the vision, but things have slowed down. She asked Mayor McDonald for instructions on the Marina. Mayor McDonald said that everything would get done and that it was coming from him and she could bank on it.

Fred Bolton of 124 Brazos Landing Court came to Freeport in 1990 when it was a blighted City. He can live anywhere but he chose Freeport because of the progress and efforts that has been made. This new group of commission has not shown any productivity. He is holding the Council accountable. He reminded us that Kemah and Seabrook at one time were blighted cities, but look at them now. He can vision the same for Freeport.

Chris Moore of 1867 Acacia Circle said that last week Mr. Wright Gore, III representing the Western Seafood challenged Mr. John Smith, III integrability. He wanted to go on record that Mr. Smith is a genuine, authentic person and he has not and would not mislead the people in the City.

Abel Garcia of 1751 West 9th, has a heavy heart. He brought a group of people from Tennessee on a bus with no air condition and did a make over on Mary Galvan house. He thanked Public Works Director, Larry Fansher and Mr. Gary Beverly for their help. He wished that Council Members would stop calling other people incompetent. Mayor McDonald agreed.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County to waiver the fees for the building permits for 11 North Ave. B, Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council approved Mary Ellen Thomas, Director of Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County request to waive the fees for the building permits for 11 North Ave. B., Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of the approval of approving the bids and awarding the contract for the sale of Block 638 , Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W/2-9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite, Brazoria County.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the bids and awarded the contract for the sale of Block 638, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W/2-9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite, Brazoria County.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2171 granting William T. Howard and Candy Howard a license granting to them the exclusive use of a portion of the Right of Way for Dolphin Drive adjacent to Lot 93, Bridge Harbor Subdivision.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution 2008-2171 granting William T. Howard and Candy Howard a license granting to them the exclusive use of a portion of the Right of Way for Dolphin Drive adjacent to 93, Bridge Harbor Subdivision.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2172 appointing Alonzo Martinez and Eric Hayes for a full term to the Planning Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved Resolution No. 2008-2172 appointing Alonzo Martinez and Eric Hayes for a full term to the Planning Commission Board of said City. Councilman Saccomanno and Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2173 appointing Raul Ramirez, Roberto Caceres and Reuben Cuellar to the Planning Commission of said City for the remainder of the unexpired term of office.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved Resolution No. 2008-2173 appointing Raul Ramirez, Roberto Caceres and Reuben Cuellar to the Planning Commission Board of said City for the remainder of the unexpired term of office. Councilman Saccomanno and Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2174 reappointing Rita Angel-Cundieff, Laverne Siemers and James Walker for a full term to the Library Board.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2174 Rita Angel-Cundieff, Laverne Siemers and James Walker for a full term to the Library Board.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2175 reappointing Hallard Fields for a full term to the Board of Adjustment board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2175 reappointing Hallard Fields for a full term to the Board of Adjustment Board of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2176 appointing Guadalupe Gonzalez and John F. Shults, Jr. for a full term to the Urban Renewal Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2176 appointing Guadalupe Gonzalez and John F. Shults, Jr. for a full term to the Urban Renewal Board of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2177 reappointing Jo Ann Fields, Mingo Marquez, Jr. and Rosemary Bravo for a full term to the Beautification/Parks and Recreation Committee of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2177 reappointing Jo Ann Fields, Mingo Marquez, Jr. and Rosemary Bravo for a full term to the Beautification/Parks and Recreation Committee of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2178 appointing Dan Tarver, Clan A. Cameron, and Oliver “Johnny” McQuaig for a full term to the Economic Development Corporation Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved Resolution No. 2008-2178 appointing Dan Tarver, Clan A. Cameron, and Oliver “Johnny” McQuaig for a full term to the Economic Development Corporation Board of said City. Councilman Saccomanno and Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2179 appointing Gilbert Cuellar, Bobby Joe Casale, Lila Diehl and William W. Rains for the remainder of the unexpired term of the Economic Development Corporation board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved Resolution No. 2008-2179 appointing Gilbert Cuellar, Bobby Joe Casale, Lila Diehl and William W. Rains for the remainder of the unexpired term of the Economic Development Corporation board of said City. Councilman Saccomanno and Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2180 reappointing Carol Rangel , Dorothy Pirrung and Mary K. Talbert for a full term to the Senior Citizens Commission board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approve Resolution No. 2008-2180 reappointing Carol Rangel , Dorothy Pirrung and Mary K. Talbert for a full term to the Senior Citizens Commission Board of said City.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Main Street to hold the 4th annual Summertime Blues Festival starting on August 29 through August 31, 2008 in downtown Freeport with live music, fireworks and entertainment and a triathlon from RiverPlace to Bryan Beach and the closure of streets.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Mary Stotler’s request to hold the 4th annual Summertime Blues Festival starting on August 29 through August 31, 2008 in downtown Freeport with live music, fireworks and entertainment and a triathlon from RiverPlace to Bryan Beach and the closure of streets.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Saccomanno reported that the Senior Citizens Committee met today at the Velasco Community House and had approximately 70 people attend the meeting. They have special program coming and anybody 55 years of age can join the Senior Citizen Commission.

Mayor McDonald, Chief Pynes, Capt. Flores and Lt. Lawson attended a Dow dinner where they awarded the Freeport Police Department with a grant of \$14,000. Texas Dow Employees Credit Union gave money to the Boys and Girls Club for toys and computers.

Mayor McDonald closed the formal session and opened the work session at 6:42 p.m.

Work Session

Administration Report

Gary Beverly working on a process of releasing liens. He announced the Budget Workshop dates are July 23rd and 24th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Municipal Court Chambers. The public is invited.

Report from Jerry Meeks of Veolia Water on the 2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

Jerry Meeks of Veolia Water presented a summary and answered Council questions of the quality of the water provided to the customers. Councilman Wise asked that more testing be done on the Freeport Slaughter Road Water System.

Discussion regarding Port Freeport's proposed landscaping plans along Navigation Boulevard (FM1495).

Dave Knuckey from Port Freeport and Michael Mauer from M2L Associates presented a PowerPoint presentation on extending landscape plans of FM 1495 from the Port's entrance to Highway 36. The propose landscaping project would be funded by the Port, \$211, 000 but wants City of Freeport to maintain the landscaping. Council is supportive of the project. Councilman Wises' concern is that the City did not have competent people to maintain the landscaping. Mr. Mauer stated that it will require Council's Approval.

Discussion regarding the division of the Historical Commission & Main Street Advisory Board.

Sandra W. Wicke and Sandra Leavey of the Historic Commission and Main Street Advisory Board discussed the advantages of keeping both committees combined. It is Councils consensus to increase the membership from 7 to 9 to the Historical Commission & Main Street Advisory Board. Councilman Wise requested to see minutes and agendas to this board. Gary Beverly stated that this board would be on the website.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor