

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 17th, 2007, 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:                    Larry L. McDonald  
  Clan A. Cameron  
  Jim Saccomanno  
  John Smith, III  
  Norma M. Garcia

Staff:                                Ron Bottoms, City Manager  
  Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
  Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
  Gary Beverly, Finance Director  
  Larry Fansher, Public Works Director  
  Doug Caffey, Building Inspector  
  Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
  Mary Stotler, Main Street Director

Visitors:                         Eileen Koenig                 Barbara Mohler  
  Edna Alan                     Cele Damian  
  Sally Van Way               Geniviene Wilcox  
  Rosa McDonald              Ernest Rouden  
  Jim McEntire                Connie McEntire  
  Dan Tarver                   Lila Lloyd  
  Nat Hickey                   Kathy Varnado  
  Jerry Meeks                 Allan Lawson  
  Sandra Barnett              Pixie Floyd

Call to Order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the September 10, 2007 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes of September 10th, 2007.

**Proclamation: Recognizing September, 2007 as Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month.**

Mayor McDonald read the proclamation, proclaiming September 2007 as Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month.

**Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2007-2174 amending section 71.51 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, to add thereto, as a two-way stop intersection at which vehicular traffic on designated streets shall stop, Ninth Street and Pecan Street.**

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2007-2174 amending section 71.51 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, to add thereto, as a two-way stop intersection at which vehicular traffic on designated streets shall stop, Ninth Street and Pecan Street.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2007-2175 enacting and adopting a supplement (S-11) to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2007-2175 enacting and adopting a supplement (S-11) to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2007-2176 adopting a tax rate for fiscal year 2007-2008.

The following motion was made by Councilman Saccomanno, “ I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Freeport for 2007 tax year at a tax rate of \$0.71”, after receiving a second by Councilman Smith, by a record vote, such motion was duly adopted, the record vote being:

Mayor McDonald , “nay”  
Councilman Cameron, “nay”  
Councilman Saccomanno, “aye”  
Councilman Smith, “aye”  
Councilwoman Garcia, “aye”

With all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved Ordinance No. 2007-2176 adopting a tax rate for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Consideration of the approval of renewing the Lease Agreement with Port Freeport and the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Mr. Bottoms’ recommendation to renew the lease agreement with Port Freeport and the City of Freeport. He stated that the agreement was essentially the same, except for the rate. The renewed lease is renegotiable every two years at the market rate, should the lease be extended.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Mr. Vargas to reduce or abate demolition liens on Block 598, Lots 23 and 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 621-623 North Ave. D.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Mr. Bottoms’ recommendation to a reduction of \$1,139.17 or a settlement of \$3,000.00 on Block 598, Lots 23 and 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 621-623 North Ave D. The lien was renegotiated to \$3,000.00.

Consideration of the approval of designating a City representative and an alternate to the Houston Galveston Area Council 2008- General Assembly.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to designate Mayor McDonald as the city representative to the Houston Galveston Area Council 2008 – General Assembly and Councilman Smith as alternate and Councilman Cameron as second alternate.

Mayor McDonald closed the formal session at 6:37 p.m. and opened the executive session at 7:09 p.m.

**Executive Session**

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:

- (1) City Manager

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye” the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Attest:

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Delia Munoz  
City Secretary

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Larry L. McDonald  
Mayor