

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, November 15th, 2010 at 6:01 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
Michelle Kent
Fred Bolton
Nicole Mireles
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Tyrone Morrow, Chief of Police
Brian Davis, Fire Chief
Larry Fansher, Parks Director
Gary Pohl, Marshal
Angie Degetaire, Marina Manager

Visitors: Mark Cameron Annette Sanford
Lila Lloyd Jerry Meeks
Joyce Adkins John Stanford
Lucky Gilbert Manning Rollerson
Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
Gregg Frazier K. M. Watson
Jack Brown Will Brooks
Sandra W. Wicke

Call to order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation.

Will Brooks offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the November 1st, 2010 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the November 1st, 2010 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson stated that he wanted to invest in Freeport and had just purchased the old "Alamo" building. He did not agree with Council implementing a curfew ordinance. He felt it was a way to profile citizens.

Gregg Frazier of Concept West of Texas located at 102 West 8th Street; between 4th St and 8th Street, stated that a year ago, the company went out to investigate who owned the property around their business. His company paid to have it surveyed and a title search. The outcome is that Port Freeport owns part of it and the City owns the right-of-way. It is very important to the growth of their business to purchase the property. The delay has caused significant amount of money and has prevented job growth. He thanked Council for the consideration and placing on the agenda.

Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to request for proposals on potential development on A0033 S. F. Austin, Tract 2A Acres 7.800 Freeport and A0103 M. B. Nuchols, Tract 2D, Acres 5.200.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the City Manager to request proposals on potential development on A0033 S. F. Austin, Tract 2A Acres 7.800 Freeport and A0103 M. B. Nuchols, Tract 2D, Acres 5.200

Consideration of approving a Commercial Tax Abatement application for S. F. Sulfur Corporation, 608 East Second Street, site modernization project.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a Commercial Tax Abatement application for S. F. Sulfur Corporation, 608 East Second Street, site modernization project.

Consideration of a request from Will J. Brooks, Parade Chairman of the 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration Committee to close portions of the following streets that intersect with East Park, Cherry Street, and 2nd Street to Hwy. 288 to the Freeport Municipal Park during the parade to be held on Monday, January 17th, 2011.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from Will J. Brooks, Parade Chairman of the 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, to close portions of the following streets that intersect with East Park, Cherry Street, and 2nd Street to Hwy. 288 to the Freeport Municipal Park during the parade to be held on Monday, January 17th, 2011.

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 owners or owners thereof granting a tax abatement.

- Lots 21 & 22, Block 633, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas. According to the map of plat of said townsite on file in the Plat Records of said county, known locally as 821 N. Ave. C., Freeport, Texas, 77541.

Mayor McDonald opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. 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 owners or owners thereof granting a tax abatement.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor McDonald closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2010-2267 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said City as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Norma & Julio Molina, reinvestment zone.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2010-2267 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said City as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Norma & Julio Molina, reinvestment zone.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2010-2248 authorizing the execution of a tax abatement agreement for Norma & Julio Molina, 821 N. Ave. C., Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2248 authorizing the execution of a tax abatement agreement for Norma & Julio Molina, 821 N. Ave. C., Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of approving cost proposal for surveying and mapping all of Blocks 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42 and the Railroad property between Fourth Street to Eighth Street.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the cost proposal estimated of \$4,732.04 for surveying and mapping all of Blocks 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42 and the Railroad property between Fourth Street to Eighth Street.

Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to expend funds on the Corridor Beautification Plans on Gulf Boulevard and Velasco.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing the City Manager to expend funds on the Corridor Beautification Plans on Gulf Boulevard and Velasco.

Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to expend funds on building male/female restrooms and showers for the marina project.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing the City Manager to expend up to \$40,000 funds on building male/female restrooms and showers for the marina project.

Work Session:

Update by Executive Director Jack Brown, on the Southern Brazoria County Animal Shelter.

Jack Brown reported on the shelter activities, programs, adoptions, vaccination and answered Council’s questions. Mayor McDonald suggested linking the animal shelter website to the City’s.

Discussion regarding a Corridor Beautification Plan.

Mr. Pynes reviewed the Corridor Beautification Plan in Hwy. 288 and Brazosport Boulevard. On Councilwoman Mireles request we have added Velasco Boulevard and Gulf Boulevard to the plan. Mr. Pynes received recommendations from the Parks Department on how to make a green environment. Beautification efforts will be to increase landscaping, shrubs, flowerbeds, planting crepe myrtles, palms, seasonal annuals to add color to flowerbeds, ensuring the visual appeal of the corridor.

Mayor McDonald opened the Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

Executive Session:

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 of Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551., Government Code, to wit:

- Nicole Mireles – pending litigation
(*no action taken*)

Mayor McDonald closed the Executive Session and reconvened the formal session at 6:50 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting 'aye", the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor – Larry L. McDonald

City Secretary – Delia Munoz