

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 1008 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.

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

Staff: Jeff Pynes, Acting City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager
 Larry Fansher, Parks Director
 Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors: Louie Jones Joyce Adkins
 Rosa McDonald Susie Wise
 Annette Sanford Mark Sanford
 Wright Gore, III Gary Pohl
 Chip Gentry Brenda Laird
 Bennie Clawson Judy Shaefer
 Larry Shaefer Tobey Davenport
 Teresa Cornelison Rollerson Manning
 Lila Lloyd Melanie Oldham
 Lila Diehl Eric Hayes
 Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
 Jerry Meeks Fred Bolton

Call to order

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

Invocation.

Councilman Clan Cameron offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance

Consideration of the approval of the November 17th, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved November 17th, 2008 Council Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Manning Rollerson complained about the actions of some of the policemen.

Wright Gore, III asked Mr. Shaw if eminent domain is the only way to acquire the urban renewal tracts. Mr. Shaw said yes.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2188 appointing Joyce Adkins to the Planning Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2188 appointing Joyce Akins to the Planning Commission of said City.

Consideration of the approval of a request for street closures on East and West Park between Cherry Street and all side streets intersecting with 2nd Street for the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Parade on Monday, January 19th, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mayor McDonald, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request for street closures on East and West Park between Cherry Street and all side streets intersecting with 2nd Street for the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Parade on Monday, January 19th, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Consideration of the approval of advertising and setting a bid date for golf carts for the City of Freeport Municipal Golf Course.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting a bid date for December 19, 2008 for golf carts for the City of Freeport Municipal Golf Course.

Consideration of the approval of selling Block 715, Lot 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 1209 North Ave. M, Tax Id 8110-3072-000.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council rejected selling Block 715, Lot 17, Velasco Townsite known as 1209 North Ave. M., Tax Id 8110-3072-000. Councilman Cameron and Mayor McDonald opposed.

Consideration of the approval of selling Block 71, Lot 7, Velasco Townsite, known as 214 South Ave. I., Tax Id 8110-0703-110.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council rejected selling Block 71, Lot 7, Velasco Townsite, known as 214 South Ave. I., Tax Id 8110-0703-110. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of selling Block 748, 1/ 2 Sweeny Street right-of-way adjacent to Lot 13, Velasco Townsite.

This item was tabled.

Consideration of whether or not to close and abandon a portion of Gulf Boulevard right-of-way adjacent to and parallel to Lots 5 through 12, Block 708, Velasco Townsite.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved closing and abandoning a portion of Gulf Boulevard right-of-way adjacent to and parallel to Lots 5 through 12, Block 708, Velasco Townsite.

Consideration of the approval of selling Block 718, Lots 17 & 18, Velasco Townsite, known as 1207-1209 North Ave. P., Tax Id. 8110-3118-000.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to sell Block 718, Lots 17 & 18, Velasco Townsite, known as 1207-1209 North Ave. P., Tax Id. 8110-3118-000.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2189 ratifies the city managers decision to hire Jaco Construction for repairing the City Halls roof.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2189 ratifying the city managers decision to hire Jaco Construction to repair the City Hall roof.

Consideration of the approval of signing an agreement with Brazos Technology and use court technology funds to purchase an automated citation program-equipment.

This item was tabled for further verification of the agreement.

Consideration of any action to be taken as result of closed executive session.

Section 551.076, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel devices.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council authorized Jeff Pynes to spend up to \$25,000 from the Municipal Court Security Fund for security items.

Elected Official Report

Councilwoman Garcia reminded all that Holiday on the Brazos will be December 4, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Freeport Municipal Park.

Mayor McDonald announced that the City received \$50,000 of gym equipment for the Recreation Department. He thanked Larry Fansher and his crew for their participation. The parts to the light pole at Lincoln Park has been ordered. The tellers at City Hall will be under construction soon, security windows are being installed.

Work Session:

Administration Report

Jeff Pynes, Acting City Manager announced the City's Christmas Dinner on December 18th, 2008 at River Place. The Freeport Police Department will host their annual Blue Santa program on December 20, 2008 at the Freeport Police Department from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Discussion concerning a No Smoking Ordinance.

This item was reagendaed.

Discussion amending sign ordinances to authorize repair or replacing after damage or destruction.

The Brazosport High School sign was damaged due to Hurrican Ike. It is Council consensus to have the contractor reapply for a variance and present an engineer structural plan for the school sign.

Mayor McDonald closed the work session and opened the Executive Session at 7:14 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:

A. City Manager

(No action taken)

Section 551.071, Government Code:

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matter 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:

- A. Gary Beverly
- B. Pinkey Hartline

(No action taken)

Section 551.076, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel devices.

Mayor reconvenes in open session at 9:15 p.m. to take action on Item # 16 on the agenda.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald