

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Planning & Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport met on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Courtroom, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Planning Commission: Edward T. Garcia – Chairman  
Tobey Davenport  
Royce McCoy – Absent  
Lesa Girouard  
Eddie Virgil

Staff: Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Chris Motley, Fire Marshall/Building Official

Visitors: Councilman Larry McDonald  
Dail Ballard  
Esther Williams  
Pastor Winston Rossow  
Deborah Rossow  
Lila Lloyd  
Theresa Jackson  
Charlotte Heard  
Pastor Donnell Johnson

Open Meeting.

Edward T. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Approval of the minutes for July 28, 2015, 2015 meeting.

On a motion by Eddie Virgil, seconded by Tobey Davenport, with all present voting "Aye", the Minutes of July 28, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Consider and discuss restriping and signage on West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, from Velasco Boulevard to State Hwy. 288.

Tobey Davenport commented that West 8<sup>th</sup> Street is a very busy street and not wide enough to accommodate parking. He suggested no parking zone on both sides of the street, or alternate parking. Tobey Davenport suggested 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Hwy 288 be a no parking on the street.

Councilman McDonald stated that families and holidays would be a problem for residences that park on 8th Street.

Lesa Girouard suggested having parking on one side of the street, instead of no parking.

On a motion by Lesa Girouard, seconded by Eddie Virgil, with all present voting "Aye", the Planners unanimously approved to reagendaed this item for further review.

Consider and discuss manufactured housing ordinance.

Chairman Edward T. Garcia stated that there is manufactured housing on Navigation and West 8<sup>th</sup> Street and this area is not zoned for manufactured housing.

Chris Motley addressed the Planners on the differences of manufactured homes and modular homes. The homes on Navigation and West 8<sup>th</sup> are not considering manufactured. They are properly zoned.

Lesa Girouard asked for the duration of a temporary permit. She asked for clarification of temporary.

Consider and discuss on RV Parks.

Chris Motley presented the Planners with other cities RV requirements.

Mr. Shaw discussed with the Planners that a RV park needed a Specific Use Permit in a particular area.

Lesa Girouard asked what the "City's long term plan on RV's".

On a motion by Tobey Davenport, seconded by Lesa Girouard, with all present voting "Aye" the Planners approved to reagendaed this item for a future meeting.

Consider and discuss authorizing a 4 way Stop Sign at the intersection of Cherry and Second Street.

On a motion by Tobey Davenport, seconded by Eddie Virgil, with all present voting "Aye" the Planners unanimously approved authorizing a 4 way Stop Sign at the intersection of Cherry and Second Street.

Consider and discuss a request from the Martin Luther King Committee to rename Second Street; or another street to Martin Luther King Boulevard.

On behalf of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee, Theresa Jackson requested a street name change. The street in request is the entire length of Second Street, in Freeport Texas. The historical name requested is: Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Chairman Edward T. Garcia spoke to people in the community and officials on renaming Second Street, and the main concern is the Brazosport High School and businesses on Second Street, and the expense of the name change. He mentions other street options like Ave. B, Skinner and Cherry Street.

Eddie Virgil mentioned that a church member and friend Hallard Fields who was deceased wanted to have Gulf Blvd named Martin Luther King Boulevard. Chairman Garcia stated that the City of Freeport did not have jurisdiction on Gulf Boulevard, it was state maintained.

Chairman Garcia suggested Cherry Street, because it would be intersecting with Highway 36 and Second Street, right in front of City Hall. It would have less financial impact on the citizens of Freeport.

Tobey Davenport respected all the contributions that Martin Luther King Jr. had accomplished and concurred with Chairman Edward T. Garcia that Cherry Street be renamed.

On a motion by Tobey Davenport, seconded by Eddie Virgil, with all present voting "Aye", the Planners unanimously approved Cherry Street be renamed to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, and that this item be placed before City Council.

Consider and discuss recommending to City funding for a Master Plan for the City of Freeport.

Edward T. Garcia stated that the City Manager was working on a redeveloping plan, not a full Master Plan.

On a motion by Tobey Davenport, seconded by Eddie Virgil, with all present voting “Aye” the Planners approved that a meeting be scheduled with the City Manager and Economic Development for input on the Master Plan.

Consider and discuss not allowing parking in front yards or on un-improved surfaces.

No action taken

Adjourn.

Edward T. Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Chairman Edward T. Garcia  
City of Freeport, Texas

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Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
City of Freeport, Texas