

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning and Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting on, **Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

Edward Garcia – Chairman
Reuben Cuellar - Absent
Tobey Davenport
Jesse Aguilar- Absent
Eddie Virgil

Staff: Kola Olayiwola
Melissa Farmer
Wallace Shaw
Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe
Councilwoman, Nicolosa Mireles
Nat Hickey

Guests: Joyce Adkins
Greg Flaniken
Victoria Castaneda
Dimas J. Saldana

Open Meeting.

Mr. Edward Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of the Minutes for March 27, 2012.

Ms. Eddie Virgil moved to accept the Minutes for March 27, 2012, seconded by Mr. Tobey Davenport, unanimous vote for approval.

Conduct a Preliminary Hearing to consider and gather information regarding information regarding the addition of a Marina District to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City which may include the following real property located therein: Starting at the intersection of the north ROW line of West Second Street and its intersection with the east ROW line of Cherry Street north of the northern ROW line of the Freeport Townsite Levee through east to the extension of the eastern property line of Western Seafood, then north along that line to the centerline of the Old Brazos River Channel, follow the center line of the Channel east to the extension of the western property line of Trico Shrimp Company and south along that line to the west ROW line of Spruce Street to its intersection with the north ROW line of East Second Street, then west along that line to the beginning.

The Building Official, Mr. Kola Olayiwola, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Proposed W-4 Marina District Zoning to the Board and audience members. He went over the definition of a Marina, the boundaries of the proposed Marina, the existing Zoning, Marina related businesses and the vision of the Marina District. He said that the vision of the Marina District was to have a managed growth area whereby people will be able to walk, play and live.

Mr. Manual Chacon voiced his concern that expanding the Marina District would take up his land to be used for parking space for the Marina. Mr. Tobey Davenport assured Mr. Chacon that the new Marina District would not hurt his home status; that it would actually help his legal status and put his home into compliance, as far as zoning. He stated that as the zoning stands now, those homes located in the area were in non-compliance.

Ms. Victoria Castaneda wanted to know if a storm hit and knocked down her home would she be able to rebuild. Mr. Kola Olayiwola, Building Official, explained that under the new zone that they would be able to rebuild. He stated that with the current zoning that if 50% of your home was damaged, you could rebuild but that you would have to follow the newly adopted 2009 International Building Code, which is more stringent.

This Item was not voted upon.

Adjourn.

Ms. Eddie Virgil made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tobey Davenport, unanimous vote for approval. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Edward Garcia, Chairman