

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met on Monday, February 2, 2009, 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 - Absent  
Clan Cameron  
Jim Saccomanno  
Ron Wise  
Norma M. Garcia – Absent

Staff: Jeff Pynes, Acting City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director  
Larry Ellis, Building Inspector

Visitors: Larry Shaefer Judy Shaefer  
Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung  
Annette Sanford Lila Lloyd  
Louie Jones Jerry Meeks  
Jason Montier Manning Rollerson  
Susie Wise Bobby Casale  
Wright Gore, III Patrick Gore  
Brenda Laird Edna Allan  
A. J. Cisneros Cele Damian  
Rene Damian

Call to Order

Jim Saccomanno, Mayor Pro Tem opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Saccomanno, Mayor Pro Tem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the January 20, 2009 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the January 20, 2009 Council Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Bobby Casale brought up the subject of citizens bringing issues to the Council, and Council's non response policy. He presented a letter he wrote to the District Attorney's office regarding the Open Meeting Act, and passed out a letter of response. He thought there was some wiggle room in the District Attorney's response. He also asked that a "no smoking" discussion be placed on a work session for the next meeting.

Wright Gore, III concurred with Mr. Bobby Casale's concern, and that this council was not a problem, but the previous council was a problem. In the past, citizens came forward to address issues, ask questions or grievances and have been shut down. He asked Council to give them a venue to have their voices heard and let the audience know as well.

Larry Shaefer has had the same problem, that questions and answers from council are limited.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2009-2215 amending Ordinance No. 2009-2214 calling the annual general election for the City of Freeport for May 9th, 2009 to correct the locations given for voting on the day of the election.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2009-2215 amending Ordinance No. 2009-2214 calling the annual general election for the City of Freeport for May 9, 2009 to correct the locations listed for voting on the day of the election.

Consideration of the approval of rescheduling February 16th, 2009 council meeting to February 17th, 2009 due to Presidents Day holiday.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved rescheduling February 16th, 2009 council meeting to February 17th, due to Presidents Day holiday.

Consideration of the approval of a request for a variance by Rodney W. Griggs of the First St. Emanuel Baptist Church, 2023 Skinner Street, to install a 5' x 8' sign.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council approved a request for a variance by Rodney W. Griggs of the First St. Emanuel Baptist Church, 2023 Skinner Street, to install a 5' x 8' sign.

Consideration of the approval of revising the Consent to Use of Easements for the installation of a natural gas line for its tenants previously granted to Port Freeport by deleting the easements on Lots 8 & 9, Block 8 of the Freeport Townsite and all of the Terminal Street right of way.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council tabled this item.

Consideration of the approval of authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for an easement to install a natural gas pipeline to serve Port Freeport tenants in the existing easements on Lots 8 & 9, Block 8 of the Freeport Townsite and all of the Terminal Street right of way; and setting a bid date therefore.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council tabled this item.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Port Freeport to install and maintain an antenna and a repeater on the FM1495 Water Tower of the City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Jeff Pynes’ recommendation to install and maintain an antenna and a repeater on the FM 1495 Water Tower of the City for a better radio signal.

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

Reconvened the formal session.

No action taken.

#### Elected Official Report

Councilman Cameron reported that one section of the road on Velasco Blvd. has concrete.

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Saccomanno opened the Work Session at 6:42 p.m.

#### **Work Session**

#### Administration Report

None

Rene Damian of Damian & Associates presents a preliminary Scope of Work on the Central Lift Station.

Mr. Rene Damian of Damian & Associates requested more time to report to Council on the Scope of Work on the Central Lift Station. Collecting accurate information, cost data, odor control, and photos will be presented at the next meeting.

Bob Welch, Finance Director reviewed financials for the quarter ending December 31, 2008.

Mr. Welch provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation on the financials for the quarter ending December 31, 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Saccomanno opened the Executive Session at 7:10 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:

Acting City Manager – Jeff Pynes

(No action taken)

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Saccomanno closed the Executive Session and Reconvened the formal session at 7:38 p.m. for item 12 on the agenda.

### **Adjourn**

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Delia Munoz  
City Secretary

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Larry L. McDonald  
Mayor