

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 3rd, 2008 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 items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
Clan A. Cameron
Jim Saccomanno
John Smith, III
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Gary Beverly, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
Jeff Pynes, Police Chief
Doug Caffey, Building Inspector
Larry Ellis, Asst. Building Inspector
Larry Fansher, Public Works Director

Visitors	Jim Pirrung	Dorothy Pirrung
	Stan David	Devon Phillips
	Roddy Mohler	Barbara Mohler
	Joyce Adkins	Rosa McDonald
	Lucky Gilbert	Lila Lloyd
	Mike Darlow	Charlie Anders
	Lila Diehl	Eric Hayes
	Jerry Meeks	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDonald at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem John Smith III, offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the February 19th, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the February 19th, 2008 minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

There were no comments.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2191 authorizing the issuance of “City of Freeport, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008” providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City and a limited pledge of the net revenues derived from the operation of the City’s combined sewer, water and drainage system.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved Mr. Gary Beverly’s recommendation to approve Ordinance No. 2008-2191 authorizing the issuance of “City of Freeport, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008” providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City and a limited pledge of the net revenues derived from the operation of the City’s combined sewer, water and drainage system. Mayor McDonald and Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2165, the disproportionate share of delayed projects coming from scheduled Brazoria County projects will negatively impact the safety and welfare of the people of Brazoria County, especially Southern Brazoria County.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approve Resolution No. 2008-2165, the disproportionate share of delayed projects coming from scheduled Brazoria County projects will negatively impact the safety and welfare of the people of Brazoria County, especially Southern Brazoria County.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2192 increasing the base rate for residential waste collection, and the collection of waste from commercial and business premises using carts from \$20.41 to \$21.02 for one cart, from \$10.10 to \$10.40 for each additional cart.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item for further study on the service and quality provided by the present carrier.

Consideration of the approval of signing a replat on Block 628, Lot 16 and 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 707-709 North Ave. C.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the signing of a replat on Block 628, Lot 16 and 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 707-709 North Ave. C.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 715, Lot Velasco Townsite, known as 1211 North Ave. M.

This item was reagendaed.

Consideration of the approval of two (2) request from Geokinetic USA, Inc. (formerly Quantum Geophysical, Inc.) to conduct a seismographic survey within the corporate city limits of Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved two requests from Geokinetic USA, Inc. (formerly Quantum Geophysical, Inc.) to conduct a seismographic survey within the corporate limits of Freeport, Texas.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Saccomanno reported that Main Street will meet on March 11, 2008, at the City Hall.

Mayor McDonald closed the formal session and opened the work session at 6:37 p.m.

Work Session

Administration Report

Gary Beverly announced a Basketball tournament this pass week and also an appreciation luncheon on Sunday at RiverPlace. Gary Beverly and Larry Fansher will be attend a Texas Parks and Wildlife program, exploring potential grants available in Richmond. Mr. Beverly will be attend the Texas City Managers Conference in Mesquite, Texas on March 5th, 6th, 7th, 2008. The new telephone system is installed at the City Hall.

Working on sidewalks on 9th street, laying the oil foundation on Ave. "H". The Veterans Memorial Steering Committee appreciation luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008 at River Place.

Mike Darlow's annual report on delinquent taxes due to the City.

Mike Darlow presented a summary and reviewed Pies and Charts to Council concerning the delinquent taxes due as of February, 2008.

Discussion concerning a policy regarding utilities hook-up.

Mr. Shaw discussed a property (523 S. G.) whose utilities have been disconnected since 2001, due to none payment, but tenants continue to live on premise. Mr. Shaw presented sections of the Housing Code that prescribes the minimum standard of required utilities needed to allow occupancy. Landlords and occupants are in violation when the code is not followed. The City's is not concerned about revenues loss, but more about safety issues. The Building Official was advised to follow the code process to secure the premise.

Mayor McDonald closed the work session and opened the executive session at 7:14 p.m.

Executive Session:

A. Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with the 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 Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- (l) Port Freeport

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor