

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, March 16th, 2009 at 6:01 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 Cameron
 Jim Saccomanno –Absent
 Ron Wise
 Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, Acting City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Muñoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager
 Larry Fansher, Park Director

Visitors:	Annette Sanford	Susie Wise
	Patrick Gore	Amanda Harrington
	Kenny Kouches	Mike Jones
	Dorothy Pirrung	Jim Pirrung
	Larry Shaefer	Judy Shaefer
	Loren Hayes	Brenda Laird
	Joyce Adkins	Rosa McDonald
	Jerry Meeks	Mary Ellen Thomas
	Willie Garcia	Manning Rollerson
	Edna Allen	Terry Walker

Call to Order

Mayor McDonald called the order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the March 2nd & March 10th, 2009 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the March 2nd, March 10th, 2009 Council Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Amanda Harrington of Freeport Ice House asked why extending hours to sell alcohol was not on the agenda. Mayor McDonald said that this item was still under consideration and that Mr. Pynes was doing more research and it would be on at a later date.

Manning Rollerson expressed the need to go forward and not backwards with the City. He was disappointed that the former Police Chief, Henrietta Gonzalez and the former Mayor Jim Phillips were running for City Council positions. He praised the Council for a doing a good job.

Willie Garcia, night club owner said that at the last meeting, they were led to believe that extending the hours to sell alcohol would be on the agenda for discussion. Many bar and restaurant owners were present and expected this on the agenda.

Percy Walker of Flamingo Club stated that he is in favor of extending the hours to sell alcohol.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County to waive the fees for the building permits for 410 W. Broad, Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County to waive the fees for the building permits for 410 W. Broad, Freeport Texas.

Consideration of the approval renewing contracts with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP for the collection of delinquent taxes and collection of mowing liens.

Mike Darlow reported on tax collections. On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved renewing the contracts with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP for the collection of delinquent taxes and collection of mowing liens.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2009-2217 vacating and abandoning a portion of the unopened street right-of-way known as Wharton Street and authorizing the Mayor or, in his absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem, to execute a special warranty deed to H. M. Wessarges.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2009-2217 vacating and abandoning a portion of the unopened street right-of-way known as Wharton Street and authorizing the Mayor or, in his absence, the Mayor Pro Tem, to execute a special warranty deed to H. M. Wessarges.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2009-2218 vacating and abandoning a portion of the unopened street right-of-way known as Wharton Street and authorizing the Mayor or, in his absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem, to execute a special warranty deed to George Damian.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2009-2218 vacating and abandoning a portion of the unopened street right-of-way known as Wharton Street and authorizing the Mayor or, in his absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem, to execute a special warranty deed to George Damian.

Consideration of the approval of the Planning Commission’s recommendation to amend Section 150.91 (A) and 150.106 (A) of the Code of Ordinance to eliminate the requirements for Worker Compensation Insurance for house movers and house leveling permit, respectively.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the Planning Commission’s recommendation to amend Section 150.91 (A) and 150.106 (A) of the Code of Ordinance to eliminate the requirements for Worker Compensation Insurance for house movers and house leveling permits. Council asked Mr. Shaw to prepare the necessary paperwork.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 7, Lot 15, Freeport Townsite, known as 514 East 8th Street, Tax Id 4200-0129-000.

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

Consideration of the approval of bids and awarding a pipeline right-of-way and easement across the southerly 5 feet of Lots 8 & 9, Block 8, Freeport Townsite, the southerly 5 feet of the southerly terminus of the Terminal Street right-of-way and the easterly 5 feet of the Terminal Street right-of way.

No bids received, no action taken.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Cameron reported that the property lines and fences has become an issue during the Velasco Boulevard project construction.

Mayor McDonald reported that Jeff Pynes attended the Brazoria County Day in Austin and managed to fund the removing of the fishing vessels from the Old Brazos River. Mayor McDonald and Jeff Pynes attended a St. Patrick's Parade at Surfside.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council and meeting was duly adjourned by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, at 6:44 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor McDonald