

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday August 17th, 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 items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald – absent
 Clan A. Cameron
 James W. Phillips
 Ron Wise
 Norma M. Garcia – absent

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager
 Larry Fansher, Parks Director
 John Stanford, Fire Chief
 Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
 Gilbert Arispe, Building & Code Supervisor

Visitors: Tom Forbes Annette Sanford
 Judy Shaefer Larry Shaefer
 Susie Wise Mitchell Kent
 Edna Allan Jerry Meeks
 Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
 V. L. Scott Pixie Floyd
 Steve Hooper Melanie Oldham
 Steve Forbes

Call to Order.

Councilman Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation.

City Attorney Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Cameron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the August 3rd, 2009 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the August 3rd, 2009 Council Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

There were none.

Public Hearing: To consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement:

Lot 4, Block 78, Freeport Townsite of the City of Freeport, Brazoria County Texas according to the map or plat of said Townsite recorded in Volume 2, page 95 of the plat records of said county, known as Friends Liquors & Wines, 511 West 2nd Street.

Councilman Cameron opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement.

Annette Sanford of 510 West Broad, said that she lives directly behind the business and she can attest that the owners of the building are taking extra care and cleaning up the property. It is a very clean building and an asset to the City.

V. L. Scott of 1703 W. 9th opposed the tax abatement to 511 West 2nd Street. A tax abatement should be for employing people, welfare, and health of the community. He failed to see how this business would qualify for a tax abatement.

There being no further questions or comments, Councilman Cameron closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2009-2223 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said city as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Lilian G. Davis & Emma Covarrubias, 511 West 2nd Street.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2009-2223 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said city as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Lilian G. Davis & Emma Covarrubias, 511 West 2nd Street.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution 2009-2206 granting a tax abatement agreement to Lilian G. Davis & Emma Covarrubias, 511 West 2nd Street.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution 2009-2206 granting a tax abatement agreement to Lilian G. Davis & Emma Covarrubias, 511 West 2nd Street.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2009-2200 appointing Sandra Barbree, Ken Tyner and Annette Sanford to be selected by the City Council for a full term to the Urban Renewal Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-2200 appointing Sandra Barbree, Ken Tyner, and Annette Sanford to a full term to the Urban Renewal Board of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2009-2207 readopting a tax abatement and reinvestment zone policy and adopting guidelines and criteria.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 2, Section 2, Lot 15, Marlin Ave, Bridge Harbor Subdivision, Tx. Id # 2190-0181-000.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting 2 to 1, Council declined selling the City' interest on Block 2, Section 2, Lot 15, Marlin Ave, Bridge Harbor Subdivision, Tx. Id # 2190-0181-000. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 3, Section 2, Lot 19, Marlin Ave, Bridge Harbor Subdivision, Tx. Id # 2190-0213-000.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting 2 to 1, Council declined selling the City' interest on Block 3, Section 2, Lot 19, Marlin Ave, Bridge Harbor Subdivision, Tx. Id # 2190-0213-000. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 3, Section 2, Lot 20, Marlin Ave., Bridge Harbor Subdivision, Tx. Id # 2190-0214-000.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting 2 to 1, Council declined selling the City' interest on Block 3, Section 2, Lot 20, Marlin Ave, Bridge Harbor Subdivision, Tx. Id # 2190-0214-000. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of selecting from submitted bids a contractor for the removal of seven (7) derelict vessels from the Old Brazos River.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Forbes Construction as the lowest bidder (\$64,700) for the removal of seven (7) derelict vessels from the Old Brazos River.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Main Street to hold the Summer Time Blues Festival at Memorial Park, starting September 4th, 5th, 6th, 2009 and the closure of Broad between Cherry and 1495, 2nd Street between Cherry and 1495 and East and West Park Ave.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from Main Street to hold the Summer Time Blues Festival at Memorial Park, on September 4th, 5th, 6th, 2009 and the closure of Broad between Cherry and 1495, 2nd. Street between Cherry and 1495 and East and West Park Ave.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Main Street to hold a triathlon on September 6th, 2009, and the closure of 2nd Street, Cherry Street, 8th Street, 1495 and Ave. A. and Velasco Bridge from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from Main Street to hold a triathlon on September 6th, 2009, and the closure of 2nd Street, Cherry Street, 8th Street, 1495 and Ave. A. and Velasco Bridge from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Work Session

Discussion regarding the Mexican Consular ID Card program.

Councilman Phillips stated that he had spend two hours reading the propose Mexican Consular Id Card program.

In addition suggested that they read the testimonial taken before Congress and that Police, Chiefs, and Law Enforcement personnel are not supporting this program.

Councilman Cameron closed the Work Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session

A. Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the duties and responsibilities, to wit:

- City Manager-Jeff Pynes

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry McDonald
Mayor