

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, November 1st., 2010 at 6:01 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
 Michelle Kent
 Fred Bolton
 Nicole Mireles
 Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager
 Tyrone Morrow, Chief of Police
 Brian Davis, Fire Chief
 Larry Fansher, Parks Director
 Gary Pohl, Marshal
 Angie Degetaire, Marina Manager

Visitors: Mark Cameron Gloria Millsap
 Annette Sanford Lila Lloyd
 James Barnett Sandra Barnett
 Jerry Meeks Joyce Adkins

Call to order.

Mayor McDonald opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation.

City Attorney Wallace Shaw offered the invocation and the audience had a moment of silence for former Mayor James Phillips.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the October 18th, 2010 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the October 18th, 2010 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were no comments.

Consideration of setting a new bid date for landscaping, grounds care and mowing services for portions of the City's right-of-ways and parks areas.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting November 22nd, 2010 for a new bid date for landscaping, grounds care and mowing services for portions of the City's right-of-ways and parks areas.

Consideration of setting a date for a joint public hearing to consider amendments to the Zoning Code, Section 155.064 of the Code of Ordinances.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved setting December 6th, 2010 for a joint public hearing to consider amendments to the zoning code, Section 155.064 of the Code of Ordinances.

Consideration of authorizing the City Manger to expend marina development funds to complete the marina boardwalk and beautification plans.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the City Manager not to exceed \$15,000 to expend marina development funds to complete the marina boardwalk and beautification plans.

Work Session:

Discussion regarding signing WEBQA Service Agreement for processing the building, code enforcement and inspection activities for the City.

The current license has expired, costing \$6,000 to \$7,000 to renew the program. At the present time it takes two different programs to accomplish one function. The WEBQA program links to the City’s GIS and Encode. Presently a locked in cost of \$2,500 and \$150.00 per month is in place. A better system to identify locations in the city that need to be cleaned up, associates pictures with violations, better documentation is needed.

Update regarding the Freeport Marina.

Jeff Pynes reported that James Barnett Chairperson for the Economic Development is working to resolve the encroachment of the Freeport Marina Project along FM 1495.

The dry stack bunker board needs repair. He needs to discuss with vendors concerning preconstruction buildings that contain rest rooms and showers. He is also talking to vendors on fueling options and installing a fire suppression system.

Mr. Pynes predicts a 70% capacity of wet slips to be rented out by the end of the budget year. He announced the Freeport Marina will be in the Houston Boat Show. Brochures, pamphlets, advertising to market the Freeport Marina are available.

Mr. Pynes stated that they are still funds in the marina account and recommends landscaping be added to complete the boardwalk beautification plans.

Discussion regarding potential development on A0033 S. F. Austin, Tract 2A Acres 7,800 Freeport and A0103 M. B. Nuchols, Tract 2D, Acres 5,200.

Mr. Pynes stated that this was about 13 acres of land the city owns between the Brazosport High School and Brazos Landing. He has been approached by a couple of developers interested in making a proposal on developing this land.

In efforts to stimulate economic development activity in Freeport, he requested Council allow him to go out for proposals on this site. He requested this item be placed in the next subsequent meeting.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor – Larry L. McDonald

Delia Munoz – City Secretary