

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning and Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting on **Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

**Edward Garcia
Rueben Cuellar
Tobey Davenport
Mike Jones**

Staff: Kola Olayiwola
Melissa Farmer
Wallace Shaw
Councilwoman Michelle Kent
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
Jeff Pynes, City Manager

Guest: Joyce Adkins
Terry Jopplin

Open Meeting.

Mr. Edward Garcia called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw opened the meeting with a prayer.

Election of Chairman.

Mr. Mike Jones made a motion to elect Mr. Edward Garcia to act as Interim-Chairman until a new Board Member has been appointed by the City Council, seconded by Mr. Tobey Davenport, unanimous vote for approval.

Approval of Minutes.

Mr. Mike Jones moved to accept the minutes for November 23, 2010 and the minutes for the Joint Public Hearing on December 6, 2010, seconded by Mr. Rueben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/ consider lighted (LED) sign to be located at 1601 East Highway 332, by Terry Jopplin, referred to the Planning Commission by the City Council for a recommendation.

Mr. Mike Jones made a motion to send a recommendation to City Council to allow Mr. Terry Jopplin to have a lighted (LED) sign located at 1601 East Highway 332, seconded by Mr. Tobey Davenport, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss the conditions of Union Pacific's Railroad Crossings located in the City Limits of Freeport, and consider improvement options on said Railroad Crossings.

The Board Members discussed the conditions of the railroad crossings and their options to have them improved. Mr. Tobey Davenport made a recommendation to have:

- City Staff contact other communities that have regulations and specifications dealing with railroad crossings on city streets.
- Have the appropriate officials from the City contact Union Pacific and express our concerns regarding the safety hazards and the danger to vehicles because of their crossings.
- Investigate the possibility of requiring Union Pacific to put flagmen at every unmarked railroad crossing until the repairs are completed.

No Action was taken on this Item.

Adjourn.

Mr. Mike Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rueben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Edward Garcia, Acting Chairperson