

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning and Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a **Workshop** on **Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

Diane Williams, Chairperson
Raul Ramirez
Roberto Caceres
Eric Hayes
Alonzo Martinez
Reuben Cuellar

Staff:

Gary Beverly
Larry Ellis
Melissa Farmer
Wallace Shaw
Nat Hickey
Fire Chief - John Stanford

Visitors:

Joyce Adkins

Open Meeting

Ms. Diane Williams called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation

Mr. Reuben Cuellar opened meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Eric Hayes moved to accept the minutes for July 28, 2008, seconded by Mr. Alonzo Martinez, unanimous vote for approval.

Further discussion and consideration of the recommendations to City Council regarding changes, if any, to safety inspections under Section 151.23(D) and 151.28(A) of the Code of Ordinances.

Ms. Diane Williams discussed with the Planning Commission members that City Council had passed their recommendation to put a moratorium on the safety issues for 180 days and that she did not think that they would need that long to come up with a recommendation to send back to City Council on the safety permits. Mr. Raul Ramirez stated that he did not want to totally repeal the safety inspections.

Fire Chief John Stanford spoke to the Planning Commission members and handed out copies of the City of Rosenberg's Ordinances. He discussed at length the issues and ways to protect the citizens of Freeport.

Mr. Eric Hayes and Mr. Alonzo Martinez wanted to know why the Planning Commission couldn't just take out the second sentence that reads, "whenever any service is disconnected to any building structure for any cause whatever (expecting nonpayment of bill) a clearance will be necessary before each building or structure can be reconnected." Ms. Diane Williams stated that the members did not need to rush into any decisions and that they needed to take their time and come up with solutions that were going to protect the citizens.

Ms. Diane Williams asked Mr. Wallace Shaw and the City Manager, Gary Beverly, to compile information and try to get it to the members before the next meeting so that they had some references to look at so that they could come to the next Planning Commission meeting and make uniformed decisions.

Mr. Alonzo Martinez made a motion to remove from Section 151.28(A) the second sentence, seconded by Mr. Rueben Cuellar.

By a vote of 3 to 3, with Ms. Diane Williams, Mr. Raul Ramirez and Mr. Roberto Caceres voting against, the motion was denied.

Adjourn

Mr. Eric Hayes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Alonzo Martinez. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Diane Williams, Chairperson