

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, March 4, 2013, at 6:02 p.m., at the Freeport Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma M. Garcia  
Councilwoman Michelle Kent  
Councilman Fred Bolton  
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza  
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Gilbert Arispe, Asst. City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Attorney  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Brian Davis, Fire Chief  
Larry Fansher, Parks Director  
Dan Pennington, Interim Police Chief

Visitors: Glenda Fansher Jerry Meeks  
Gary Bullard Melanie Oldham  
Roy Yates Ty Morrow  
Manning Rollerson Michael Shane Vandergriff  
Shannon Daughtry George Beaman  
Lila Lloyd Johnathan Sublet  
Jim Pirrung Jim Barnett  
L. Ardoin T. Prevost  
M. Ardoin

Call to Order.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roy Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the February 19th, 2013 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the February 19th, 2013 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Lila Lloyd expressed sadness and disappointment when coming to Council Meetings. She said that projects start and never come to fruition. She witnesses a ripple effect happening at the East End of Freeport, unproductive growth. She has lost trust and integrity in the City leaders.

Manning Rollerson concurred with Lila Lloyd. He said that Ave. J needed to be repaired and the grass was in dire need of cutting.

Consideration of approving a request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles # 3111, 6818 East Highway 332, to conduct their Spring Turkey Shoot, every Sunday from Noon to 4:00 p.m. beginning March 10, 2013 thru May 19, 2013.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles # 3111, 6818 East Highway 332, to conduct their Spring Turkey Shoot, every Sunday from Noon to 4:00 p.m. beginning March 10, 2013 thru May 19, 2013.

Consideration of approving a request from CenterPoint Energy's for an overhead easement across a portion of the 9.98 acre tract in the J.G. & G.W. McNeel 1.2 League, Abstract 90, known as the Cayer Road right of way and authorizing the Mayor to sign the easement document.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from CenterPoint Energy's for an overhead easement across a portion of the 9.98 acre tract in the J.G. & G.W. McNeel 1.2 League, Abstract 90, known as the Cayer Road right of way and authorizing the Mayor to sign the easement document.

Work Session:

Discussion regarding implementing a Community Garden Program.

Gilbert Arispe discussed a draft used by other cities, implementing a Community Garden Program in the City of Freeport. It provides opportunities for local citizens to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers in the City. The participants of the program are entitled to an assigned plot and have access to water. A Community Garden Site Leader will be selected and will have rules and regulations.

Jonathan Sublet a resident in Freeport lives at the Remington Apartments said he was in favor of the Community Garden Program. He said working together side by side is a good sign of binding. A good start for citizens to be involved and friends to connect.

Discussion regarding Waste Management's new guidelines and complaints.

Gilbert Arispe discussed the new guidelines and complaints to Gary Bullard of Waste Management. Mr. Arispe said some of the complaints were that trash was not being picked up in the front. The City send out notifications that Waste Management would no longer pick up in the alley due to the tearing up of the alleys, meters and electrical lines. The City was getting complaints that they had moved their heavy trash to the front of their property and still was not getting serviced. Gary Bullard said he was willing to work out a plan with City leaders to discuss the issues and felt sure that it would be corrected. Councilwoman Kent suggested a public hearing to educate the residents.

Discussion regarding the Gulf Boulevard Motel property.

Gilbert Arispe stated that the City had purchased the Gulf Boulevard Motel for \$23,980 anybody interested in Commercial Property to make contact with the City Manager.

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberation concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit:

- Interim Chief of Police – Dan Pennington  
(no action)

Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matter in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- Pending Litigation – Freeport Marina Lawsuits;  
Karen Jewel, Roy Yates, Brooks Bass, James Barnett  
(no action)

Mayor Norma M. Garcia closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Formal Session at 7:26 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Mayor Norma M. Garcia  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary – Delia Munoz  
City of Freeport, Texas