

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on Monday, February 3rd, 2014
At 6:05 p.m. at the Freeport Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport
Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
Councilwoman Michelle Kent
Councilman Fred Bolton - Absent
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

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

Visitors: Tina Rogers Kenny Kouches
Jennifer Hawkins Jerry Meeks
Manny Rollerson Ruth Rollerson
Raymond Garivey Jim Pirrung
Dorothy Pirrung Lila Lloyd
Stoney Burke Ronald Woodruff
Shannon Daughtry

Call to order.

Mayor Norma Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandon Oobauiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the January 21st, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the January 21, 214 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson is concerned that some of our Freeport schools in the Brazosport Independent School District failed to meet academic requirements. He asked the City Council to review the accountability of BISD.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2059 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2014, being May 10, 2014 at which the voters of said City residing in Wards A and Ward C shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions A and C on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014-2059 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2014, being May 10, 2014 at which the voters of said City residing in Wards A and Ward C shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions A and C on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving of Resolution No. 2014-2432 approving issuance up to a maximum amount of \$59,000,000 Brazosport Water Authority water supply system revenue bonds, Series 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2432 approving issuance up to a maximum amount of \$59,000,000 Brazosport Water Authority water supply system revenue bonds, Series 2014.

Consideration of rescheduling February 17th, 2014 to February 18th, 2014 to observe President's Day.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved rescheduling February 17th, 2014 to February 18th, 2014 to observe President's Day.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2433 to form a non-profit corporation under 501 (C) (3) of the U.S. Federal Tax Code to receive and administer funds and other assets donated for the benefit of the Freeport Museum; such corporation to be controlled with oversight by the City Council of the City of Freeport.

This item reagendaed.

Mayor Garcia opened the Work Session at 7:15 p.m.

Work Session:

Regarding Summer Time Blues Festival.

Jeff Pynes spoke on downsize the Summer Times Festival budget. Council agreed on a \$45,000 budget, focusing on trimming expenses, charging \$10 at the gate instead of \$5.00, using two stages instead of four. Jennifer Hawkins member of the Freeport Downtown Association volunteering in the festival is in contact with Austin Blue Festival and will be contacting local bands, and marketing the festival.

Presentation by the Brazos Water Authority on a propose new water desalination project.

Ronnie Woodruff General Manager of Brazosport Water Authority discussed and answered questions of the bond that is needed to build the plant and providing water to seven municipalities, two Texas Department of Criminal Justice and Dow. The \$59,000,000 desalination plant would provide water through a process of reverse osmosis converting brackish water.

Propose a Freeport Golf RV Park.

Jeff Pynes proposed a Freeport Golf RV Park. The City has the land for a proposed recreational RV park, a way of generating additional revenue. He projected expense of picnic tables, road, pads, parking, water/sewer installation, fencing and lighting of \$173,000 in house, compare to \$254,000 vendor price. This item will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Discussion relating to alley usage and designating a no thru alley.

Jeff Pynes suggested designating a no thru alley by barricading half of the alley and only serving the residents. It is suggested that this item be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Regarding creating an ordinance regarding animal waste removal.

Bobby Casale asked City Council to implement an ordinance on animal waste removal. It is a health and safety issue and a good policy for the owners of dogs to dispose animal waste from yards and properties.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matters 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 Litigations - Marina Lawsuit

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting “aye”, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary – Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas