

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on March, 17, 2014 at 6:03 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas 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 – Absent

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Larry Fansher, Parks Director

Visitors: Cindy Suggs Jerry Meeks  
Roy Yates Bobby Casale

Call to order.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Cindy Suggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the March 3rd, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the March 3, 2014 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Bobby Casale complained about Freeport LNG, not communicating with the surrounding cities, information needs to be shared. Plans for a new treatment plant has been changed from Hide A Way on the Gulf to Hwy. 332.

Proclamation designating the month of May as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month”.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia read the proclamation designating the month of May as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month”.

Proclamation designating the month of April 2014 as “Fair Housing Month”.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia read the proclamation designating the month of April 2014 as “Fair Housing Month”.

Public Hearing to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the city as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner of owners thereof granting a tax abatement:

A portion of Lots 435A, 435A-1, 436A, 436A-1, 436B, 437A, 437A1, 437B, 458A, 463, 464, Part Lots 459, 460, 461, 462, Brazos Coast Investment Company Subdivision, Division 14, Abstract 49, and Lots 17, 18, 19, 50A, 51 to 54, 55A, 56A-PT, 14A, 15A, 16-20, 21A, closed ROW, Brazos Coast Investment Company Subdivision, Division 15, S.F. Austin Survey, Abstract 19, Brazoria County, Texas.

Mayor Norma Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the city as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner of owners thereof granting a tax abatement:

A portion of Lots 435A, 435A-1, 436A, 436A-1, 436B, 437A, 437A1, 437B, 458A, 463, 464, Part Lots 459, 460, 461, 462, Brazos Coast Investment Company Subdivision, Division 14, Abstract 49, and Lots 17, 18, 19, 50A, 51 to 54, 55A, 56A-PT, 14A, 15A, 16-20, 21A, closed ROW, Brazos Coast Investment Company Subdivision, Division 15, S.F. Austin Survey, Abstract 19, Brazoria County, Texas.

There being no comments from staff or audience, Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2062 designating improvements to land located within the Incorporated Limits of said City as a Reinvestment Zone to be known as the BASF Corporation Reinvestment Zone and providing for its initial term and the renewal thereof.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. Ordinance No. 2014-2062 designating improvements to land located within the Incorporated Limits of said City as a Reinvestment Zone to be known as the BASF Corporation Reinvestment Zone and providing for its initial term and the renewal thereof.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2436 granting a tax abatement to BASF Corporation pursuant to the terms and conditions of and authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively, a tax abatement agreement with the said BASF Corporation.

This item tabled.

**Public Hearing** to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement:

Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 15 of the Velasco Townsite, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 32, page 14 of the Deed Records of Brazoria County, Texas, known locally as 203 South Gulf Boulevard, Freeport Texas 77541.

No motion

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2063 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said City, as a Reinvestment Zone to be known as the Signal Electronics, Inc., Reinvestment Zone and providing for its initial term and the renewal thereof.

No motion

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2437 granting a tax abatement to Signal Electronics Inc. pursuant to the terms and conditions of and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest, respectively a tax abatement agreement with the said Signal Electronics, Inc.

No motion

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2064 amending Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinance of said City to add thereto a new section, to be known as section 90.50, requiring the owner or person in control of any dog to immediately remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left by such dog on any residential, commercial or public premises in the city; requiring the owner or person in control of a dog at any residential; commercial or public premises in the city to have in possession a container or other instrument suitable for the removal and disposal of such dog's feces in a sanitary manner.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved Ordinance No. 2014-2064 amending Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinance of said City to add thereto a new section, to be known as section 90.50, requiring the owner or person in control of any dog to immediately remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left by such dog on any residential, commercial or public premises in the city; requiring the owner or person in control of a dog at any residential, commercial or public premises in the city to have in possession a container or other instrument suitable for the removal and disposal of such dog's feces in a sanitary manner. Councilman Bolton opposed.

Consideration of accepting a revised Deed Without Warranty from the Velasco Drainage District and authorizing the Mayor to sign and acknowledge and City Secretary to attest the Deed Without Warranty from the Velasco Drainage District along the North and South side of the Old Brazos River, excluding the Tidal Gate and the area around it.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "aye", Council approved accepting a revised Deed Without Warranty from the Velasco Drainage District and authorizing the Mayor to sign and acknowledge and City Secretary to attest the Deed Without Warranty from the Velasco Drainage District along the North and South side of the Old Brazos River, excluding the Tidal Gate and the area around it.

Work Session:

Discussion regarding an Automatic Municipal Kiosk.

Mr. Pynes suggested to Council installing two kiosks, one outside next to the ATM, and one inside the lobby of City Hall. It would be used to pay water bills and traffic tickets after hours and would be tied in to the Encode System. A cost of \$9,576 divided in 12 months, Technical Funds would be used to fund the kiosks.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:23 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