

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on April 7th, 2014 at 6:00 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

Staff:

Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager  
Pat Julian Taylor, Assistant City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Brian Davis, Fire Chief  
Larry Fansher, Parks Director

Visitors:

Raymond Garivey	Gina Aguirre Adams
Petra Cuellar	Bryan Gonzalez
Francisco Gonzalez	Elizabeth Gonzalez
Alana Matthews	Areanna Neff
Nicole Mireles	Sam Reyna
Annette Sanford	Kaydance Mercedo
Jerry Meeks	

Call to order.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Pat Taylor offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Kaydance Mercado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the March 17th, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the March 17th, 2014 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Recognition: Homeland Preparedness Project would like to recognize the Citizen Emergency Response Team.

Spokesperson Kirk Webb for the Citizen Emergency Response Team presented awards to Jim Barrett and Fred Cordes. The CERT program is the Citizens Emergency Response Team taught by Home Land Preparedness. They taught the program in Freeport and graduated 13 students.

Awards: Acknowledge and award the participants of the City's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Art Display & Competition.

Elementary Schools	Intermediate School	High School
1st Place Cassiy Bivens	LaShelle Birgil	Marina Servin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Dasani Thomas	Johannah Cossin	Alana Matthews
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Aaliyah Velasquez	Bryan Gonzalez	David Ayala
4 <sup>th</sup> Place Jesus Castillo	Angel Guevara	Petra Cuellar
Community Favorite: Dasani Thomas, Johannah Cossin,		Marina Servin

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2437 approving and authorizing the execution of a corrected tax abatement agreement with Jasen and Julia Gast pursuant to the terms and conditions of and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest respectively a tax abatement agreement.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2437 approving and authorizing the execution of a corrected tax abatement agreement with Jasen and Julia Gast pursuant to the terms and conditions of and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest respectively a tax abatement agreement.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2438 authorizing the appointment of the Finance Director of the City to advertise for and receive application(s) for the Performance of Depository Services for the City for the period beginning June 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2014, and thereafter until a successor depositor is selected and qualified.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2438 authorizing the appointment of the Finance Director of the City to advertise for and receive application(s) for the Performance of Depository Services for the City for the period beginning June 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2014, and thereafter until a successor depositor is selected and qualified.

Consideration of adopting Bylaws for and conducting the organizational meeting of the Freeport Historical Museum Foundation, Inc. and taking any other action required by law to be taken by the initial Board of Directors of such corporation.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved adopting Bylaws for and conducting the organizational meeting of the Freeport Historical Museum Foundation, Inc. and taking any other action required by law to be taken by the initial Board of Directors of such corporation.

Consideration of approving the Mayor and City Secretary to sign and attest an Amendment of Real Estate Lease with Port Freeport to delete 1,625 square feet of space on the second floor of the Freeport City Hall.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the Mayor and City Secretary to sign and attest an Amendment of Real Estate Lease with Port Freeport to delete 1,625 square feet of space on the second floor of the Freeport City Hall.

Consideration of accepting request for proposals and resetting a bid date for May 28, 2014 for FEMA-1999-040 Generator Grant No. 1 and FEMA -1999-038 Generator Grant No. 2.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved accepting request for proposals and resetting a bid date for May 28, 2014 for FEMA-1999-040 Generator Grant No. 1 and FEMA -1999-038 Generator Grant No. 2.

Consideration of approving a request from the Riverfest Committee to sell alcohol, have a public dance, fireworks display and the closure of streets for the Flapjack Run on Saturday for the Riverfest event held at the Freeport Municipal Park on April 25th & 26th of April, 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Riverfest Committee to sell alcohol, have a public dance, fireworks display and the closure of streets for the Flapjack Run on Saturday for the Riverfest event held at the Freeport Municipal Park on April 25th & 26th of April, 2014.

Consideration of approving a request from the Freeport League to waive the carnival and health permits fees for the Riverfest event on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Freeport League to waive the carnival and health permits fees for the Riverfest event on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Consideration of approving a request from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to have a Cinco De Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., from the Museum to Baywood's parking lot. This will require closing East Park, from its intersection with 4<sup>th</sup> Street, to its intersection with 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and closing of Second Street, from its intersection with East Park past its intersection with Brazosport Boulevard, to its end at the diversion channel of the Brazos River adjacent to Baywood's parking lot.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to have a Cinco De Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., from the Museum to Baywood's parking lot. This will require closing East Park, from its intersection with 4th Street, to its intersection with 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and closing of Second Street, from its intersection with East Park past its intersection with Brazosport Boulevard, to its end at the diversion channel of the Brazos River adjacent to Baywood's parking lot.

Consideration of approving and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a letter of Memorandum of Understanding from Veolia Water for Freeport's SSI Program (Sanitary Sewer Initiative) submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to sign a letter of Memorandum of Understanding from Veolia Water for Freeport's SSI Program (Sanitary Sewer Initiative) submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to sign a lease purchase with Tyler Technologies to purchase two kiosks for the City of Freeport.

This item was reagendaed for a demonstration.

Consideration of advertising and setting a bid date for April 29, 2014 for mowing services for the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved advertising and setting a bid date for April 29, 2014 for mowing services for the City of Freeport.

Consideration of advertising and setting a bid date for April 29, 2014 for ground care, certain Right of Ways and parks in the City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved advertising and setting a bid date for April 29, 2014 for ground care, certain Right of Ways and parks in the City.

Consideration of cancelling April 21, 2014 Council meeting.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved cancelling April 21, 2014 Council meeting.

Consideration of the approval of any action to be taken as a result of closed executive session.

No action taken.

Mayor Norma Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:25 p.m.

Work Session:

Regarding annual fee increase on the Veolia Water Contract operations.

Bob Welch explained to Council the annual fee increase on Veolia Water Contract; includes the Load Adjustment, Electrical Adjustment and CPI Adjustments of 1.1%.

Discussion regarding further annexation of Follett's Island.

No discussion

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

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:

- Skymark Development Agreement / 380 agreement in MUD.

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to reconvene the Formal Session.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:01 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