

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on May 19th, 2014 at 6:09 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: Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Brian Davis, Fire Chief
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Larry Fansher, Park Director
Chief Dan Pennington

Visitors: Nicole Mireles Sam Reyna
Lila Lloyd Jerry Meeks
Glenda Fansher Melanie Oldham
Ed Garcia Brenda Laird
Kenny Kouches Tina Rogers
Gloria Millsap Audrey Pena
Larry McDonald Rosa McDonald
Bill Morris Joshua Ramirez
Richardo Loeza Marcos Loeza
Darlene Weir

Call to order.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief Dan Pennington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the May 5, 2014 Council Minutes.

There was an objection from a citizen, Nicole Mireles, 2002 N. Ave. Q stating that her comments from the Work Session were left off. Councilman Bolton also stated that his comments concerning the purchase of the bank building were left off.

The following corrections will be added to the Work Session of May 5th, 2014 minutes.

He asked that the minutes be corrected to read that he opposed the purchase of the bank building downtown. Councilman Bolton stated that the City was not in the business of purchasing buildings.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes of May 5th 2014 with the added corrections.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2065 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the 2014 General Annual Election.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014-2065 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the 2014 General Annual Election.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2066 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the 2014 Charter Review Election.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014-2066 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the 2014 Charter Review Election.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2067 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of an election held in and throughout said city on the second Saturday in May 2014, being the 10th day of May 2014, on the question of approving or disapproving the proposed consolidation of Riverside Park with Stephen F. Austin Park and the sale of that portion of Riverside Park located north of a westerly extension of the public street shown on the plat of said Townsite as Ave C to finance the development at such consolidated park as modern sports complex.

Councilman Bolton's concern is that Stephen F. Austin Park is not big enough for a modern sports complex, maybe another location would be better.

Edward Garcia, 1924 North Ave. G. stated that there had been no provision made to the consideration of the Joe Ortiz Field at Riverside Park. He asked Council if they should purchase somewhere else that they reconsider renaming the field "Joe Ortiz".

He organized the Hispanic community baseball league in the East end of Freeport. He also concurred with Councilman Bolton that Stephen F. Austin Park was not big enough for a sports complex.

Administer Oath of Office to duly elect Larry McDonald for Councilman Ward A and the re-election of Councilwoman Sandra Loeza for Ward C.

Mayor Norma Garcia administered the oath to newly elected Larry McDonald for Council Ward A and the re-election of Councilwoman Sandra Loeza for Ward C. They took their seats.

Recognition to Michelle Kent for service as city councilwoman to the City of Freeport

Mayor Norma Garcia presented to Michelle Kent a plaque for service as city councilwoman to the City of Freeport 2010-2014.

The Selection of the Mayor Pro Tem.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Councilman Fred Bolton, Ward B according to the 2014 Charter Review Election.

Consideration of approving June 16th, 2014 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider a Specific Use Permit to build a new church on portion of the property legally described as Velasco Heights, A0049 A. Calvit Division 14 BCIC, Freeport Lots 2-8 Annex, Acres 1.084.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved June 16th, 2014 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider a Specific Use Permit to build a new church on portion of the property legally described as Velasco Heights, A0049 A. Calvit Division 14 BCIC, Freeport Lots 2-8 Annex, Acres 1.084.

Consideration of approving an Earnest Money Contract and a Development Agreement to finalize the Skymark Development Company, Inc., proposal as awarded on Nov. 18, 2013 to facilitate development initiation.

This item was reagendaed.

Consideration of approving any action to be taken as a result of closed Executive Session.

No action taken.

Work Session:

Regarding Sanitary Sewer Initiative Plan submittal with Veolia Water.

Jerry Meeks of Veolia Water reviewed and discussed the 10 year Sanitary Sewer Initiative Plan; the goal is a 5 year plan. He reviewed the Freeport, Slaughter Road and Bridge Harbor three systems of Freeport. He reviewed some of the history of the lift stations, sewer system, the age of the system and types of material. He discussed not only the sewer main work but also the rehabbing of the lift stations piping, equipment and resurfacing of the stations structure for protection and longer life of the stations.

Councilman Bolton and Councilman McDonald requested Jerry Meeks attend the budget workshops for allocating funds.

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 Company, Inc. - 380 Agreement

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman McDonald with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary – Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas