

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Municipal Court Room, Police Department, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma M. Garcia  
Councilman Larry L. McDonald  
Councilman Fred Bolton  
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza  
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Bob Welch, Finance Director  
Brian Davis, Fire Chief  
Dan Pennington, Police Department

Visitors: Melanie Oldham Jerry Meeks  
Royce McCoy Lila Lloyd  
Nicole Mireles Sam Reyna  
Martin Velez James Williams  
Evelyn Burridge Moby Burridge  
Ron Wise

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the August 4 & 5, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the August 4 & 5, 2014 Council Minutes.  
Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2449 approving a qualified person to fill the expired term as a representative of the Brazosport Water Authority for the term 2014-2016.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2449 appointing Ron Wise to fill the expired term as a representative of the Brazosport Water Authority for term 2014-2016.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2070 enacting and adopting a supplement (S-18) to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014-2070 enacting and adopting a supplement (S-18) to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2450 declaring an emergency and authorizing the City Manager to purchase an air condition chiller unit and pump without complying with the competitive bidding requirements of Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Larry Fansher's recommendation to approve Resolution No. 2014-2450 to declare an emergency and authorizing the City Manager to purchase an air condition chiller unit and pump without complying with the competitive bidding requirements of Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code, not to exceed \$80,000.

Consideration of approving a request from the Free Spirit Worship Center, 223 South Ave. C, Freeport Texas to have a Cancer Run and street closures held at the Freeport Municipal Park to South Ave. A, to Caldwell Street to North Ave. C, left to Karankawa, back to Caldwell Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2014.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Free Spirit Worship Center, 223 South Ave. C, Freeport Texas to have a Cancer Run and street closures held at the Freeport Municipal Park to South Ave. A, to Caldwell Street to North Ave. C, left to Karankawa, back to Caldwell Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2014.

Consideration of rescheduling September 1, 2014 Council Meeting to September 2, 2014 due to Labor Day Holiday.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved rescheduling September 1, 2014 Council Meeting to September 2, 2014 due to Labor Day Holiday.

Consideration of setting September 8th, 2014 for a Budget Hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved setting September 8, 2014 for a Budget Hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Consideration of proposing a tax rate and, if such proposed rate exceeds the effective rate, setting by a record vote; two public hearing for September 2, & 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council proposed the current tax rate of \$.675586 tax rate for fiscal year 2014-2015. Mayor McDonald opposed. Mayor Garcia announced September 2 & 8, 2014 for public hearings on the proposed tax rate.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

For: Mayor Norma Garcia  
For: Councilwoman Loeza  
For: Councilwoman Barbree  
For: Councilman Bolton  
Against: Councilman McDonald

Mayor Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:10 p.m.

Work Session:

Discussion regarding the budget and tax rate.

Mr. Pynes will present Council with the budget on September 8, 2014.

Discussion regarding the Appraisal Tax Values.

Mr. Pynes presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Appraisal Tax Values for 2014 & 2015.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:20 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