

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on Monday September 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Municipal Court Room, Police Department, 430 North Brazosport, 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

Visitors: Glenda Fansher Annette Sanford
Nicole Mireles Sam Reyna
Lance Reaves

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.

Nicole Mireles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the September 8, 2014 Second Tax Rate Public Hearing Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the September 8, 2014 Second Tax Rate Public Hearing Minutes.

Consideration of approving the September 8, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald , seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the September 8, 2014 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2074 adopting a tax rate for fiscal year 2014-2015.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree , "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.675586, which is effectively a 3.36 percent increase in the tax rate", seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting 4 to 1 Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014-2074 adopting a tax rate for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Record Vote:	Mayor Norma M. Garcia	Aye
	Councilman Larry McDonald	Nay
	Councilman Fred Bolton	Aye
	Councilwoman Sandra Loeza	Aye
	Councilwoman Sandra Barbree	Aye

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2450 supporting the activities of the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition of Cities ("TCUC") and other similarly situated coalitions of Municipalities opposing rules proposed by the railroad commission of Texas benefiting the utility industry that if adopted would greatly diminish cities' ability to effectively and meaningfully evaluate and challenge a utility's proposal to increase its rates.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2450 supporting the activities of the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition of Cities ("TCUC") and other similarly situated coalitions of Municipalities opposing rules proposed by the railroad commission of Texas benefiting the utility industry that if adopted would greatly diminish cities' ability to effectively and meaningfully evaluate and challenge a utility's proposal to increase its rates.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2451 suspension of Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric's proposed effective date as allowed by statute regarding its proposed amendment to rate schedule for lighting services; authorizing the City to direct the activities of its lawyers and consultants; authorizing the hiring of attorneys and consultants; and requiring reimbursement of reasonable legal and consultant expenses.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2451 suspension of Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric's proposed effective date as allowed by statute regarding its proposed amendment to rate schedule for lighting services; authorizing the City to direct the activities of its lawyers and consultants; authorizing the hiring of attorneys and consultants; and requiring reimbursement of reasonable legal and consultant expenses.

Consideration of designating a representative and an alternate to the Houston –Galveston Area Council, 2015 General Assembly.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting, “Aye”, Council unanimously approved designating Councilwoman Sandra Barbree as a representative and Councilwoman Loeza as an alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2015 General Assembly.

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 Contractual Negotiations regarding Skymark Development Corporation

Mayor Garcia closed the Executive Session at 6:32 to reconvene the Formal Session.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman McDonald with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas