

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the Freeport Court Room, Freeport Police Department, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
Councilman Larry McDonald
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree - absent

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Brian Davis, Fire Chief
Dan Pennington, Police Chief
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Kola Olayiwola, Building Inspector

Visitors: Manning Rollerson Nicole Mireles
Sam Reyna Elijah Galicia
Lucy Martinez Ella Mae Williams
Odis Williams, Jr. Karen Medway
Lila Lloyd Martin Velez
Misty Bosley Chris Jennings
Leighan Jennings Jose Salazar
Annette Sanford Melanie Oldham
Ronald Barnes Wilford James
Efren Garcia Jennifer Hawkins
Edward Garcia Eric Hayes

Call to order.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Lucy Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the January 20, 2015 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the January 20, 2015 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson stated that he had a threatening phone call about the body cameras on police officers. The officer put their lives at risk and there shouldn't be any excuses for the body cameras not to be working. This was not acceptable.

Annette Sanford stated that there was a structure on Cherry Street and West Broad that was unsafe.

Nicole Mireles thanked City Manager Mr. Pynes for immediately responding to a sewer call.

Recognition of the American Cancer Society, South Brazoria Relay for Life.

Lucy Martinez, Team Captain for the American Cancer Society thanked Council for supporting the American Cancer Society for South Brazoria Relay for Life. February is awareness month.

Public Hearing: City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas sitting as the Board of Adjustments and Appeals under the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code adopted by Sections 150.025 and 150.026 of the Code of Ordinances of the City (hereinafter "the Standard Code") for the purpose of determining whether or not the structures located on hereinafter described real property located within the corporate limits of the City fail to meet the standards set forth in the Standard Code and is/are therefore "unsafe" as that term is defined in the Standard Code:

Block 8, Lot 7, South View Gardens, known as 1003 West 11th Street
Block 12, Lot 14, Freeport Townsite, known as 410 East 6th Street
Block 87, Lot 4, Freeport Townsite, known as 619 West 6th Street
Block 87, Lot 3, Freeport Townsite, known as 623 West 6th Street.
0.203 Acres, Tract 14, Block I-II, A0089 JNO McNeel, known as 3434 Bowie Lane
Block 86, Lot 4-5, Freeport Townsite, known as 615 West 5th Street
Block 22, Lot 2, Freeport Townsite, known as 307 East 7th Street.

Mayor Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of determining whether or not the structures located on hereinafter described real property located within the corporate limits of the City fail to meet the standards set forth in the Standard Code and is/are therefore "unsafe" as that term is defined in the Standard Code:

1003 West 11th Street, - Mr. Kola Building Inspector stated the property is vacant and in the process of foreclosure. The structure is at the point of collapsing. He requested demolition be granted.

410 E. 6th Street, - Mr. Kola Building Inspector stated that the property is vacant. Building is falling apart and in poor condition. Mr. Otis Williams requested a 4 week extension. He is negotiating with the Port of Freeport to sale.

619 W. 6th Street – Mr. Kola Building Inspector stated that the property is vacant. Roof damage and fatigued and fallen structural components. He requested demolition be granted .

623 W. 6th Street- Mr. Kola Building Inspector stated that the property is vacant. He has been working with the owner since 2011. Roof damage, interior and exterior are in poor condition. He requested demolition be granted.

3434 Bowie Lane- Mr. Kola Building Inspector stated that the property is vacant. The property has roof damage with gaping holes, interior is gutted. He requested demolition be granted.

615 W. 5th Street- Mr. Kola Building Inspector stated that the property is vacant. Structural components are falling apart, unsafe structure; poor condition. He requested demolition be granted.

307 East 6th Street - Mr. Kola Building Inspector stated that the property is vacant. Structural components are falling apart. Structure is in poor condition and unsafe. Mr. Barnes of said property stated that the house was not going to fall and the house was solid and the yard was being kept up.

Manning Rollerson stated that commercial buildings have roofs fallen too, that we need to be looking at those as well.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign an order of findings that the above structures fail to meet the standards set forth in the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code and is/are therefore unsafe as that term is defined in such Standard Code be unsafe.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved to exclude 410 E. 6th and 307 E. 7th Street from the list and authorized the Mayor to sign an order of findings that the above structures fail to meet the standards set forth in the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code and is/are therefore unsafe as that term is defined in such Standard Code be unsafe.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2015- 2082 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2015, being May 9, 2015 at which the voters of said City residing in Ward B and D shall be permitted to vote for against the candidates for positions B and D on the City Council of the City of Freeport and at which the voters of said City shall elect at large a Mayor for said City.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2015-2082 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2015, being May 9, 2015 at which the voters of said City residing in Ward B and D shall be permitted to vote for against the candidates for positions B and D on the City Council of the City of Freeport and at which the voters of said City shall elect at large a Mayor for said City.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2015-2460 providing that the Annual Election called by the City Council of said City for the election of a Mayor and Council members for Council positions B and D called for the 9th day of May 2015, be held jointly with all elections called for the same day by other political subdivision located in Brazoria County; and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest a contract with the County Clerk of Brazoria County to conduct such joint election.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2015-2460 providing that the Annual Election called by the City Council of said City for the election of a Mayor and Council members for Council positions B and D called for the 9th day of May 2015, be held jointly with all elections called for the same day by other political subdivision located in Brazoria County; and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to execute and attest a contract with the County Clerk of Brazoria County to conduct such joint election.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2015-2461 making findings of fact regarding the TDMA Radio Completion Project; approving the grant application by the City for a grant for such project; agreeing to provide applicable funds as required by the Harris-Galveston 2015-2016 grant application; agreeing to return grant funds in the event of misuse; designating City Manager Jeff Pynes as the City's representative for such grant and specifying his powers and duties.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2015-2461 making findings of fact regarding the TDMA Radio Completion Project; approving the grant application by the City for a grant for such project; agreeing to provide applicable funds as required by the Harris-Galveston 2015-2016 grant application; agreeing to return grant funds in the event of misuse; designating City Manager Jeff Pynes as the City's representative for such grant and specifying his powers and duties.

Consideration of approving and releasing the City of Freeport trust property on Block 37, Lots 8-10, NW 13 ft. of Lot 11 Velasco Townsite, 620 South Ave. G., Id. 8110-0408-000.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved to release the City of Freeport trust property on Block 37, Lots 8-10, NW 13 ft. of Lot 11 Velasco Townsite, 620 South Ave. G., Id. 8110-0408-000.

Consideration of approving a Freeport Intermediate School 5 K Color Run on March 21, 2015 and requesting closure of streets on Dixie and West 4th Street, to Ash Street and 2nd Street, to Arbutus and 4th Street.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Freeport Intermediate School 5 K Color Run on March 21, 2015 and requesting closure of streets on Dixie and West 4th Street, to Ash Street and 2nd Street, to Arbutus and 4th Street.

Consideration of approving rescheduling February 16, 2015 Council Meeting to February 17, 2015 due to President's Day holiday.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved rescheduling February 16, 2015 Council Meeting to February 17, 2015 due to President's Day holiday.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilwoman Leoza, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas