

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, February 1, 2016 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 Moreno Garcia
Councilman Johnathan Sublet
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Visitors: Bill Morris Lila Lloyd
Troy Brimage Sabrina Brimage
Moby Burrige Evelyn Burrige
Margaret McMahan Angela Slade
Nicole Mireles Sam Reyna
Keith Stumbaugh Melanie Oldham
Jacob Edmundson Nathan Edmundson
Moises Garcia Carlos Perez
Rolando Perez Nancy Gray
Magaly Luna Jerry Meeks
Steve Massolettie Ed Garcia
Larry Fansher Annette Sanford

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Councilman Sublet offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Rolando Perez of Boy Scouts Troop # 345 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Lila Lloyd approach Council with a sadden heart and her concern is that the Port Freeport is buying east end property. Port Freeport is a tax free entity. She observed an eighteen wheeler truck getting water from a fire hydrate on Skinner and Ave R.

Margaret McMahan of 1330 West 8th Street, spokesperson for the “Concern Citizens of Freeport”, stated that they conducted neighborhood surveys and the result is that they prefer majority over plurality voting in city elections and infrastructure improvements instead of a proposed sports/recreation complex and setting term limits for Council.

Consideration of approving January 4, 2016 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved the January 4, 2016 Council Minutes.

Public Hearing to discuss a proposed grant from the USDA Rural Development for the purchase of two radio console desks to be installed in the Police Department dispatch call center.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m. Captain Raymond Garivey discussed a proposed grant through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for partial funding for two dispatch radio console desks, a judges desk, flooring, delivery and installation of all items. The total cost of the project is \$65,282.25 (HGAC-pricing). The Police Department already budgeted \$25,000 this year for the project and are asking the USDA for the remaining \$45,282.25 via a grant.

There being no further comments from staff or audience, Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Consideration of approving a grant from the USDA Rural Development for the purchase of two new radio dispatch console desks to be installed in the Police Department dispatch call-center.

No action taken

Consideration of approving a Joint Election Agreement and contract for election services with the County Clerk of Brazoria and the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a Joint Election Agreement and contract for election services with the County Clerk of Brazoria and the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No.2016-2103 calling the annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the first Saturday in May, 2016 being May 7, 2016, at which the voters of said City residing in Ward A and C shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions A and C on the City Council 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. 2016-2103 calling the annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the first Saturday in May, 2016 being May 7, 2016, at which the voters of said City residing in Ward A and C shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions A and C on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2016-2104 calling a Charter Amendment Election on the question of adopting six (6) amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2016-2104 calling a Charter Amendment Election on the question of adopting (6) amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City.

Consideration of rescheduling February 15, 2016 Council Meeting to February 16, 2016 due to President's day holiday.

On a motion by Councilman Sublet, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved rescheduling February 15, 2016 Council Meeting to February 16, 2016 due to President's day holiday.

Consideration of approving and releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 42, Lot 6, Velasco Townsite, known as 512 S. Avenue L, Tax Id. 8110-0436-110.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 42, Lot 6, Velasco Townsite, known as 512 S. Ave. L, Tax Id. 8110-0436-110.

Consideration of approving and releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 50, Lot 16 & 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 415-417 South Avenue F, Tax Id. 8110-0486-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved releasing the City’s interest in trust property on Block 50, Lot 16 & 17 , Velasco Townsite, known as 415-417 South Avenue F, Tax Id. 8110-0486-000.

Consideration of approving and releasing the City’s interest in trust property on Block 87, Lot 10, Velasco Townsite, known as 20 South Avenue F, Tax Id. 8110-0881-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved to decline releasing the City’s interest in trust property on Block 87, Lot 10, Velasco Townsite, known as 20 South Avenue F, Tax Id. 8110-0881-000.

Consideration of advertising and setting a bid date for February 26, 2016 for installation of asphalt on Mystery Harbor Lane and Front Street.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved setting a bid date for February 26, 2016 for installing asphalt on Mystery Harbor Lane and Front Street.

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

No action taken.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia opened the Work Session at 6:20 p.m.

Work Session

Update transition of new solid waste collection services with Waste Connections.

Mr. Pynes updated Council on the trash collection transition.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia opened the Executive Session at 6:20 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:

- Port Freeport.
- City annexation plan.

Section 551.074, Government Code:

Deliberations concerning the duties, employment, evaluation, employment contract of a public officer or employee:

- City Manager

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia reconvened the formal session at 6:45 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Sublet, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting “Aye”, Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas

