

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, March 21, 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
Councilman Sandra Loeza
Councilman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Pat Julian Taylor, Asst. City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Brian Davis, Fire Chief
Dan Pennington, Police Chief
Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors: Manning Rollerson
Sabrina Brimage
Sam Reyna
Desiree Pearson
Jennifer Hawkins
Larry Fansher
Ed Garcia
Troy Brimage
Nicole Mireles
Margaret McMahan
Tom Pearson
Kenny Kouches
Jerry Meeks
Royce McCoy

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Councilman Johnathan Sublet offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson inquired at the Brazoria County Appiasal District about the East End property taxes and expressed his disappointment in the taxing of the East End of town. Port Freeport steady buying property and felt that the City had no concern of the residents. He stated that that the City had dilapated building downtown and asked that it be addressed.

Consideration of approving February 16, 2016 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the February 16, 2016 Council Minutes.

Proclamation: Recognizing March 29th as "Vietnam Veterans Day".

Mayor Norma read the proclamation recognizing March 29th as Vietnam Veteran's Day.

Consideration of approving a residential tax abatement application for a new house for Patrick & Mary Bel Garza, # 2 South Ave. D., Freeport Texas and setting a Public Hearing date to consider designating the following described property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement : Block 5, Lot 1, 2 Velasco Townsite, a subdivision in the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the plat records of said county, known as # 2 South Ave. D.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved setting April 18, 2016 for a Public Hearing date to consider designating the following described property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement : Block 5, Lot 1, 2 Velasco Townsite, a subdivision in the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the plat records of said county, known as # 2 South Ave. D.

Consideration of approving a residential tax abatement application for remodeling for Nicholas Sanchez, 1932 N. Ave. H, Freeport Texas and setting a Public Hearing date to consider designating the following described property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement : Block 5, Lot 16, Riverside Terrace, a subdivision in the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the plat records of said county, known as # 1932 N. Ave. H.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved setting April 18, 2016 for a Public Hearing date to consider designating the following described property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement : Block 5, Lot 16, Riverside Terrace, a subdivision in

the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the plat records of said county, known as # 1932 N. Ave. H.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2016-2107 amending Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinance by adding sections to address the discharge of fats, oils, and grease into the sanitary sewer system.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2016-2107 amending Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinance by adding sections to address the discharge of fats, oils, and grease into the sanitary sewer system.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2016-2108 providing for collection of Scofflaw Fees pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Section 702.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2016-2108 providing for collection of Scofflaw Fees pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Section 702.

Consideration of approving an Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County to participate in the Scofflaw program.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County to participate in the Scofflaw program.

Consideration of approving and awarding a bid for Mystery Harbor Lane and Front Street, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract with the successful bidder and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary, respectively, to execute and attest such contract.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved to award the bid to A-I Construction Services, 6108 Brittmoore, Houston, Texas for Mystery Harbor Lane and Front Street, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate a contract with the successful bidder and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary, respectively, to execute and attest such contract.

Consideration of approving and modifying the Freeport Historical Museum Foundations, Bylaws.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved to modify the Freeport Historical Museum Foundation Bylaws.

Consideration of approving and releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 809, Lot 15, 18-19, Velasco Townsite, known as 1805 and 1811-1813 North Ave. P. Tax Id. 8110-4177-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree to release the City's interest in trust property on Block 809, Lot 15, 18-19, Velasco Townsite, known as 1805 and 1811-1813 North Ave P., Tax Id 8110-4177-000, died for lack of motion.

Consideration of approving and releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 715, Lot 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 1223 N. Ave. M., Tax Id. 8110-3076-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously rejected releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 715, Lot 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 1223 N. Ave. M., Tax Id. 8110-3076-000.

Consideration of approving and releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 36, Lot 9-10, 12 Velasco Townsite, known as 618-620, 624 S. Gulf Boulevard, (old Surfside Rd.) Tx Id. 8110- 0394-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously rejected releasing the City's interest in trust property on Block 36, Lot 9-10, 12 Velasco Townsite, known as 618-620, 624 S. Gulf Boulevard, (old Surfside Rd.) Tx Id. 8110- 0394-000.

Consideration of approving the purchase of police radio dispatch console desks, furniture, and flooring using a combination of city funds and awarded grant monies.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Sublet, with all present voting "Aye, , Council approved Mr. Pennington recommendation to purchase of police radio dispatch console desks, furniture, and flooring using a combination of city funds and awarded grant monies.

Consideration of approving a request from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to have a Cinco De Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., from the Freeport Museum to Baywood's parking lot. This will require closing East Park, from its intersection with 4th Street, to it intersection with 2nd Street, and closing of Second Street, from its intersection with East Park past its intersection with Brazosport Boulevard, to its end at the diversion channel of the Brazos River adjacent to Baywood's parking lot.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to have a Cinco De Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., from the Freeport Museum to Baywood's parking lot. This will require closing East Park, from its intersection with 4th Street, to it intersection with 2nd Street, and closing of Second Street, from its intersection with East Park past its intersection with Brazosport Boulevard, to its end at the diversion channel of the Brazos River adjacent to Baywood's parking lot.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2016-2109 amending Ordinance No. 2016-2103 of said city, which called the annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2016, being May 7, 2016, at which the voters of said city residing in Wards 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; amending the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for the day of said election and amending the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for early voting.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2016-2109 amending Ordinance No. 2016-2103 of said city, which called the annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2016, being May 7, 2016, at which the voters of said city residing in Wards 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; amending the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for the day of said election and amending the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for early voting.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2016-2110 amending Ordinance No. 2016-2104, which called a Charter Amendment Election for said City on the question of adopting eight (8) amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City; as amended by Ordinance No. 2016- 2106 to amend the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for the day of said election and amending the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for early voting.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2016-2110 amending Ordinance No. 2016-2104, which called a Charter Amendment Election for said City on the question of adopting eight (8) amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City; as amended by Ordinance No. 2016- 2106 to amend the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for the day of said election and amending the provisions of said ordinance designating polling places for early voting.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2016-2111 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2016-2111 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Consideration of the approval of any action to be taken, including the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-2489, as a result of closed Executive Session.

No motion.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:28 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:

- Planning Commission

Adjourn

Mayor Norma M. Garcia reconvened the Formal Session at 6:43 p.m.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma M. Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas