

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of Freeport met on Monday, April 24th, 2017 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 Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
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
Dan Pennington, Police Chief
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Corp.

Visitors: Sam Reyna Melanie Oldham
Douglas Domingues Margaret McMahan
Troy Brimage Sabrina Brimage
Jerry Meeks Eric Hayes
Lila Diehl Larry Fansher
Ruben Renobato Cristian Tijernia
Brooks Bass

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Members of the public are allowed to address the City Council at this time. Note, specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to an inquiry made, but any deliberation, discussion, or decision with respect to any subject about which the inquiry was made shall be limited to a proposal to place such subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting for which notice is provided in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act unless said notice appears herein. The public is reminded that there is a (4) minute time limit as approved by City Council on June 21, 2010.

There were none.

Consideration of approving April 3, 2017 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the April 3, 2017 Council Minutes.

Consideration of approving and readopting Resolution No. 2017-2512 authorizing the City Manager to apply to the office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division, for FY 2017-2018 Asset Protection Initiative Grant and agreeing to certain conditions in connections with such Grant.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved readopting Resolution No. 2017-2512 authorizing the City Manager to apply to the office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division, for FY 2017-2018 Asset Protection Initiative Grant and agreeing to certain conditions in connections with such Grant.

Consideration of authorizing the purchase of new (CAD) Computer Aided Dispatcher and (RMS) Records Management System software from Zuercher Technologies for \$207,681. This amount has been screened and approved for 100% reimbursement by the State of Texas via a previous grant award.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing the purchase of a new (CAD) Computer Aided Dispatcher and (RMS) Records Management System software from Zuercher Technologies for \$207,681. This amount has been screened and approved for 100% reimbursement by the State of Texas via a previous grant award.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2017-2515 denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate increase of Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC made on or about April 6, 2017.

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2017-2515 denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate increase of Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC made on or about April 6, 2017.

Consideration of authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for closing, abandoning and/or the sale of Ash Street Right of Way on West 9th Street, Windsor Terrace Subdivision, between Block 3, Lot 18, (Zoned R-2) and Lot 1, Block 4 (Zoned R-3).

Eric Hayes owns 27 acres, directly behind West 9th Street, Windsor Terrace Subdivision. He asked City Council not to sell the right of way. He stated that he was not notified of the sale of Ash Street Right of Way on West 9th Street. He asked for the opportunity to bid on the sale of the right of way and is willing to pay more than the property's appraised value. The closing of this street would cause him not to have an entrance to his proposed development.

Councilwoman Mireles asked why Mr. Hayes was not considered and given an opportunity to buy the Right of Way.

Mayor Norma Garcia asked if selling 1/3 to each was an option. She asked Mr. Shaw if there was enough for a road.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles to deny the closing, abandoning and/or sale of Ash Street right of way on West 9th Street, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting 2 to 3, motion failed. Councilman Bolton, Councilman Barbree and Mayor Garcia opposed.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for closing, abandoning and/or the sale of Ash Street Right of Way on West 9th Street, Windsor Terrace Subdivision, between Block 3, Lot 18, (Zoned R-2) and Lot 1, Block 4 (Zoned R-3).

Consideration of approving the sale of Tract D-18, Abstract 99, 0.657 acres, known as No. 2 South Front Street, Velasco Townsite, Tax Id. 0099-0005-003.

Reagendaed.

Consideration of approving extending Municipal Water Service to Vernor Material on Commerce Street and approving the estimated cost not to exceed \$1,181,000.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved extending Municipal Water Service to Vernor Material on Commerce Street and approving the estimated cost not to exceed \$1,181,000.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas 77541

City Secretary, Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas 77511