

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, January 3rd, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
Michelle Kent
Fred Bolton
Nicole Mireles
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Brian Davis, Fire Chief
Tyrone Morrow, Police Chief
Gary Pohl, Marshal
Larry Fansher, Park Director
Kola Olayiwola, Building Official

Visitors: Clan Cameron Terry Jopplin
Joyce Adkins Rosa McDonald
Annette Sanford Sandra W. Wicke
Michael Jones Kenny Kouches
Jerry Meeks Lila Lloyd
Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
Lila Diehl Manning Rollerson
Diane Williams John Stanford

Call to Order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the December 6th, 2010 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the December 6th, 2010 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Joyce Adkins of 102 N. Ave. C, expressed her opinion on a club opening soon near a park, “children and beer do not mix”. She felt the city was in violation and unethical of allowing a former Mayor to serve as president on the Economic Development Corporation.

Diane William of 1223 West 2nd announced her resignation from the Planning Commission. She has served for over 40 years on various boards. She thanked Council, Mr. Shaw and city staff for their education, help and knowledge.

John Stanford of 703 W. 8th asked Council to be more conscience of City spending. He is not against the Freeport Museum, but felt the City had buildings available to occupy if needed.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2011-2270 amending Section 155.064 of the Code of Ordinance of said City relating to the procedure for amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City to add to Division (A) thereof a new item (4) requiring preliminary review of proposed amendments by the Planning Commission amending item (1) of Division (B) thereof regarding the calling of a Joint Public Hearing, amending item (3) of division (B) thereof specifying the action to be taken by the Planning Commission at the conclusion of a Joint Public Hearing and adding to division (B) thereof a new item (4) requiring that all amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance be embodied in an ordinance adopted by the City Council; Ratifying and confirming all actions previously taken by the Planning Commission of said City or the City Council, or both.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2011 amending Section 155.064 of the Code of Ordinance of said City relating to the procedure for amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City to add to Division (A) thereof a new item (4) requiring preliminary review of proposed amendments by the Planning Commission amending item (1) of Division (B) thereof regarding the calling of a Joint Public Hearing, amending item (3) of division (B) thereof specifying the action to be taken by the Planning Commission at the conclusion of a Joint Public Hearing and adding to division (B) thereof a new item (4) requiring that all amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning

Ordinance be embodied in an ordinance adopted by the City Council; Ratifying and confirming all actions previously taken by the Planning Commission of said City or the City Council, or both.

Public Hearing: 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 owner's thereof granting tax abatement:

Improvements located on the old Stauffer Sulfur Company, known locally as 608 E. 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas

Mayor McDonald opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m. There being no comments or questions from audience or staff, Mayor McDonald closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2011-2271 designating land located within the incorporated limits of said city as a reinvestment zone to be known as the S. F. Sulfur Corporation reinvestment zone and providing for its initial term and the renewal thereof.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2011-2271 designating land located within the incorporated limits of said city as a reinvestment zone to be known as the S. F. Sulfur Corporation reinvestment zone and providing for its initial term and the renewal thereof.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2011-2250 granting a tax abatement agreement to S. F. Sulfur Corporation, known as 608 E. Second Street, Freeport Texas.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2011-2250 granting a tax abatement agreement to S. F. Sulfur Corporation, known as 608 E. Second Street, Freeport Texas.

Public Hearing: The City Council of the City of Freeport, 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 Ordinance of the City (hereinafter "the Standard Code") for the purpose of determining whether or not the structure(s) located on hereinafter described real property located within the corporate limits of the City fail to meet the standard set forth in the Standard Code and is/are therefore "unsafe" as that term is defined in the Standard Code:

Block 6, Lots 15-21, Velasco Townsite, City of Freeport , Brazoria County Texas, known as 119 S. Gulf Boulevard

Mayor McDonald opened the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m. There being no comments or questions from audience or staff, Mayor McDonald closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Consideration of determining whether or not the building, structure or portion thereof located within the City on Lots 15-21, Block 6, Velasco Townsite, is/are therefore “unsafe”, known as 119 S. Gulf Boulevard.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously declared “unsafe” the building, structure or portion thereof located within the City on Lots 15-21, Block 6, Velasco Townsite, known as 119 S. Gulf Boulevard.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Freeport and Port Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Freeport and Port Freeport.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Brazoria County and City of Freeport to purchase an inflatable planetarium for the Freeport Museum.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the Brazoria County and City of Freeport to purchase an inflatable planetarium for the Freeport Museum.

Consideration of selling the City’s interest on Block 3, Lot 8, Freeport Townsite, known as 1219-1223 West 10th Street, Tax Id. 8125-0031-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved selling the City’s interest on Block 3, Lot 8, Freeport Townsite, known as 1219-1223 West 10th Street, Tax Id. 8125-0031-000.

Consideration of approving a request from the Brazoria County Peace Officers Association to temporary close certain streets from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to conduct a 5K Run and Fun Festival on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Freeport Community House.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from the Brazoria County Peace Officers Association to temporarily close certain streets from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to conduct a 5K Run and Fun Festival on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Freeport Community House.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a renewal of the CTY Connect lease agreement for 1 year.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing the Mayor to sign a renewal of the CTY Connect lease agreement for 1 year.

Consideration of rescheduling January 17th, 2011 Council Meeting to January 18th, 2011 due to Martin Luther King holiday.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved rescheduling January 17th, 2011 Council Meeting to January 18th, 2011 due to Martin Luther King holiday.

Consideration of expanding the Freeport Museum by purchasing the adjacent building located at 305-307 E. Park Ave. and authorizing the Mayor to sign an earnest money contract for purchasing the adjacent building.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “4 to 1, Council approved to reagendaed this item for a work session. Mayor McDonald opposed.

Consideration of a request to install a 5 x 10 lighted sign with a 2 x 8 LED monochrome display for Pier 30 Bar & Grill, 1601 E. Hwy. 332.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council referred this item to the Planning Commission. Mayor McDonald and Councilman Bolton opposed.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor – Larry L. McDonald

City Secretary- Delia Munoz

