

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 16th, 2010 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  
  Clan A. Cameron  
  James W. Phillips  
  Ron Wise  
  Norma M. Garcia

Staff:                                Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
  Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.  
  Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
  Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
  Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
  Tyrone R. Morrow, Chief of Police

Visitors:                         Rosa McDonald                Susie Wise  
  Loren Hayes                    Annette Sanford  
  Jon B. Quick                    Jim Pirrung  
  Michelle Kent                   Larry Shaefer  
  Allan Lawson                   Jerry Meeks  
  Melanie Oldham                Bobby Fuller  
  Edna Allan                      Dorrie Varnell  
  Jennifer Crainer                Alonzo Martinez

Call to order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation.

Councilman Phillips offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the February 8th, 2010 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the February 8th, 2010 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Mayor McDonald announced that the next City Council Meeting will be held March 1st, 2010 at River Place. The Youth Art display is at City Hall and the City will issue awards for the competition.

Mr. Jim Pirrung of Bridge Harbor expressed his concern on the percent rate on the Economic Development Corporation Marina loan.

**Public Hearing:** To consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owners or owners thereof granting a tax abatement agreement: Allan R. Lawson, 1721 N. Ave. U., Lots 22, 23, 24, 24A, Block 785, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas

according to the map or plat of said Townsite on file in the Plat Records of said county.

Mayor McDonald opened the Public Hearing on 6:05 p.m., to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owners or owners thereof granting a tax abatement agreement: Allan R. Lawson, 1721 N. Ave. U., Lots 22, 23, 24, 24A, Block 785, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat of said Townsite on file in the Plat Records of said county. There being no questions or comments, Mayor McDonald closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2010-2240 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said City as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Allan R. Lawson, reinvestment zone.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2010-2240 designating improvements to land located within the incorporated limits of said City as a reinvestment zone to be known as the Allan R. Lawson reinvestment zone.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2010-2221 authorizing and executing a tax abatement agreement for Allan R. Lawson, 1721 N. Ave. U., Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2221 authorizing and executing a tax abatement agreement for Allan R. Lawson, 1721 North Ave. U., Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of approving a request by the Texas Port Ministry, 1103 Cherry, for two (2) recreational vehicles to be on site for security and ministry purposes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request by the Texas Port Ministry, 1103 Cherry Street, for two (2) recreational vehicles to be on site for security and ministry purposes.

Consideration of closing, abandoning, and selling that portion of Stratton Street right-of-way between Blocks 708 and 736 and between North Avenue F and Gulf Boulevard and directing the city attorney to prepare the documents.

Councilman Phillips suggested setting a minimum bid on property that is to be appraised. Councilman Wise said the City puts out money for getting the property appraised and if the constituents change their minds, the city loses money.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved to reagenda this item.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2010-2222 a special warranty deed conveying to Jessie Aguilar, Jr., the sale of Lots 20 and 21, Block 631, Velasco Townsite.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2222 a special warranty deed conveying to Jessie Aguilar Jr., the sale of Block 631, Lots 20 and 21, Velasco Townsite.

Consideration of the approving Resolution No. 2010-2223 granting a license to use a 8 x 20 feet area in the alley right of way on parts of Lots 2 and 3, Block 710 to Mark Storey, Dollar General Store for an air-condition pad.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2223 granting a license to use a 8 x 20 feet area in the alley right of way on parts of Lots 2 and 3, Block 710, to Mark Storey, Dollar General Store for an air-condition pad.

Consideration of approving an agreement with TxDot to install signs at SH 288 at the intersection of Cherry Street and FM 1495 at the intersection of Fourth Street.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved an agreement with TxDot to install signs at SH 288 at the intersection of Cherry Street and FM 1495; and at the intersection of Fourth Street with no required match from the City.

Consideration of approving a request from Alonzo Martinez member of the Fraternity of Eagles Aerie # 3111 to be allowed to conduct a Spring Turkey Shoot every Sunday from Noon to 4:00 p.m. beginning on March 7th thru May 30th, 2010.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council approved a request from Alonzo Martinez, member of the Fraternity of Eagles Aerie # 3111 to be allowed to conduct a Spring Turkey Shoot every Sunday from Noon to 4:00 p.m. beginning on March 7th thru May 30th, 2010.

Consideration of approving a request from the Brazoria County Community Development Department to waive all permitting, building, and inspections fees for residential reconstruction on 607 N. Ave. B. and 1014 W. 10th Street.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Brazoria County Community Development to waive all permitting, building, and inspection fees for residential reconstruction on 607 N. Ave. B. and 1014 W. 10th Street.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2010-2241 amending section 51.16 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the rates for water service furnished on or after March 1, 2010 to industrial facilities, offices and other commercial establishments.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2010-2241 amending Section 51.16 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the rates for water service furnished on or after March 1, 2010 to industrial facilities, offices and other commercial establishments.

**Work Session:**

Update by Stoney Burke, City of Freeport BWA representative regarding erosion protection at 16" waterline Dow Barge Canal in Freeport, Texas.

Mr. Stoney Burke was ill and Mr. Pynes reported to Council regarding a pipe line on FM 523 and the Dow Barge Canal. They received the Corps of Engineer permit and expect to start construction on February 22nd, 2010. There is no cost to the City. This \$30,000 project funded by the Brazosport Water Authority.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all voting "aye", the meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

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Delia Munoz  
City Secretary

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Larry L. McDonald  
Mayor

