

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 17th, 2008 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: Larry McDonald
Clan A. Cameron – absent
Jim Saccomanno
John Smith, III
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Gary Beverly, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
Doug Caffey, Building Inspector
Larry Ellis, Asst Building Inspector

Visitors: Joyce Adkins Joaquin Damian
Patrick Gore Rosa McDonald
Larry Schaefer Judy Schaefer
Alonzo Martinez Yvette Nunez
Jerry Meeks

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem John Smith III, at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

John Smith III, offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem John Smith III, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the March 3rd, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the March 3rd, 2008 minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Joyce Adkins complained about the City Hall and Police Departments phone system.

Joaquin Damian complained about George Elizondo’s application for City Council. He asked Council to consider eliminating the light on Ave. A. & Velasco Boulevard.

Presentation of the annual financial audit for fiscal year 2006-2007 by Tom Masters of Kennemer-Masters, LLC.

Tom Masters, audit coordinator of Kennemer, Masters & Lunford, LLC presented the annual audit and answered Council’s question of the financial statements of the City of Freeport for year ending September 30, 2007.

Mayor McDonald was attending a SBCA meeting and resumed his responsibilities at 6:18 p.m.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2193 amending Ordinance No. 2008-2185 of said City, which called the annual election of officers for the second Saturday in May, 2008, being May 10th, 2008 to change the polling place for voters residing within the City but outside of Brazoria County Precinct No. 8.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-2193 amending Ordinance No. 2008-2185 of said City, which called the annual election of officers for the second Saturday in May, 2008, being May 10th, 2008 to change the polling place for voters residing within the City but outside of Brazoria County Precinct No. 8.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2194 amending Ordinance No. 2008-2186 of said City, which called a Charter Amendment Election for the second Saturday in May, 2008, being May 10, 2008, to change the polling place for voters residing within the City but outside of Brazoria County Precinct No. 8.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-2194 amending Ordinance No. 2008-2186 of said City, which called a Charter Amendment Election for the second Saturday in May, 2008, being May 10th, 2008, to change the polling place for voters residing within the City but outside of Brazoria County Precinct No. 8.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 715, Lot 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 1211 North Ave. M.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved Nat Hickey's recommendation to deny selling the City's interest on Block 715, Lot 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 1211 North Ave. M. Mayor McDonald opposed.

Consideration of the approval of bids and awarding the contract for Block 716, Lot 16, 18, 20 and Block 717, Lot 2, 4, Velasco Townsite, known as 1200 North Ave. N.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the bids and awarded the contract to George Matamoros for Block 716, Lot 16, 18, 20 and Block 717, Lot 2, 4, Velasco Townsite, known as 1200 North Ave N.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Smith reported that the Senior Citizens have been asked to participate on a EMS Drill in April.

Councilman Saccomanno reported that Main Street met on March 11, 2008 and had a special guest from the Texas Historical Commission. Mr. Robert Johnson presented good data and ideas on the economic impact on restoring the City's downtown.

Mayor McDonald attended a SPCA meeting in Lake Jackson and complimented the animal control officer.

Mayor McDonald opened the Work Session at 6:41 p.m.

Work Session

Administration Report

Gary Beverly reported the Joy Rod Run event was well attended. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday-March 22, 2008 at the Freeport Municipal Park. Sunrise service underneath the pavilion on Sunday. A request from citizen's to address drainage, adding 18" culverts at Ave H. which will delay project about 2-3 weeks. A new telephone system installed and changing long distance carriers from CTI to AT&T. A \$4000.00 yearly savings on long distance. The City is experiencing lines that are shorting out due to moisture, AT&T have said they will solve the problems. The 911 line has not been down. Mr. Beverly and Waste Management's personnel are working together to improve services, Waste Management has postponed any rate increases. He is looking for a new PA system for Council Chambers. He will talk to the Texas Historical Commission about potential funding.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor