

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 2, 2007, at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: James W. Phillips
Clan A. Cameron
Jim Saccomanno
John Smith, III
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Ron Bottoms, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Muñoz, City Secretary
Gary Beverly, Finance Director
Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
Doug Caffey, Building Inspector
Nat Hickey, Property Management
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
John Stanford, Fire Chief
Jeff Pynes, Chief of Police
Pinkey Hartline, Golf Course Director
Debbie Turner, Rec. Center Coordinator
Larry Ellis, Code Enforcement
Gilbert Arispe, Park Supervisor

Visitors: Larry McDonald Rosa McDonald
Dan Tarver Carol Rangel
Mary Darnell Larry Schaefer
Don Gibson Willie Rains
Joyce Adkins Eric Hayes
Mingo Marquez Jaime Hernandez
Edna Allan Jim Pirrung
Dorothy Pirrung Lila Lloyd
Carmen Bottoms Larry Kirkland
Janice Hawley Mark Wessels
Janice Goines William Howard
Candance Kasserman Abel Garcia
Pixie Floyd Roddy Mohler
Barbara Mohler Jarvis Davis

Call to Order.

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

Invocation by Don Gibson from the First Assembly of God.

Pastor Don Gibson with the First Assembly of God offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the March 19, 2007 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes of March 19, 2007.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Pixie Floyd of 832 Leder Street, Clute, asked Council if the City had a truck route ordinance. She had seen numerous trucks in the City. Mayor Phillips stated that the City does have an ordinance for streets designated for truck routes.

Audrey Garza asked if the City had a noise ordinance, and what was the Police Department procedure. Mayor Phillips answered her yes. It was based on vibration system. A complainant may be filed at the Police Department by taking down a license plate number and identifying the driver.

Joyce Adkins of 102 N. Ave. C. complained that the street department graded her alley, used a dump truck to remove the material for another location. The Street Department did not come back to complete the project.

Recognizing the coaches and volunteers of Freeport Youth Basketball Program.

Mr. Larry Fansher, Public Works Director and Staff, recognized the coaches and volunteers of the 2007 Freeport Youth Basketball League program. Gilbert Arispe gave a short overview of the season, and a program overview, with a video presentation. Debbie Turner, Program Coordinator handed out Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers. The program involved 135 participants and consisted of 15 teams. It received excellent community support. Council thanked all for their efforts and participation for making the program a success.

Proclamation: Proclaiming April 2007 to be Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Mayor Phillips read the proclamation, proclaiming April 2007 to be “Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month”.

Proclamation: Proclaiming April 2007 as “Fair Housing Month”

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Consideration of the approval of setting a public hearing to consider designation of reinvestment zone and execution of tax abatement agreement for William Howard and Candance Kasserman for 93 Dolphin Lane, Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved May 7, 2007 at 6:00 p. m. to schedule a public hearing to consider designation of a reinvestment zone and tax abatement agreement for William Howard and Candance Kasserman for 93 Dolphin Lane, Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 728, Lot 10, Velasco Townsite, known as 1306 North Ave. O., Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Mr. Hickey’s recommendation to sell the City’s interest on Block 728, Lot 10, Velasco Townsite, known as 1306 North Ave. O., Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 85, Lot 5 & 6, Velasco Townsite, known as 110-112 South Gulf Boulevard, Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Mr. Hickey’s recommendation to sell the City’s interest on Block 85, Lot 5 & 6, Velasco Townsite, known as 110-112 South Gulf Boulevard, Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 73, Lot 5, Freeport Townsite, known as 515 West 7th Street, Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Mr. Hickey’s recommendation to sell the City’s interest on Block 73, Lot 5, Freeport Townsite, known as 515 West 7th Street, Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of the approval of setting a bid date for a CDBG project to rehabilitate sewers and streets on 9th and 10th Streets.

This item was reagendaed to hold a community hearing to hear comments and suggestions from residents on the possibility of one way streets. Mayor Phillips asked that residents be notified of the hearing.

Consideration of the approval to build a Veteran Memorial and designate a location and to determine the cost of commemorative pavers.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present "aye", Council approved Dan Tarver's recommendation to construct a Veterans Memorial at Freeport Municipal Park, and to approve the design that was presented, sale of commemorative pavers at \$50.00 and request to industry and general public to solicit funds to offset cost of the project.

Consideration of the approval of bids and awarding the contract on the deck for RiverPlace project.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council approved Mr. Bottoms' recommendation to reject all three bids on the RiverPlace project.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Cameron stated that the Library Board meets on April 3, 2007.

Councilman Saccomanno attended the Main Street Board training on March 12, 2007.

Councilwoman Garcia attended the Beautification Parks Committee meeting and saw the presentation of the proposed Veterans Memorial.

Councilman Smith stated that the Marina is moving forward with bids out on the dry stacks and moving Trico. He threw the first ball for Little League. The Senior Citizens are making plans for their 5th year anniversary.

Mayor Phillips reported that he is now feeling better and is driving a vehicle.

Work Session

Administration Report

Mr. Bottoms reported the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31, 2007 was rescheduled to April 7, 2007 due to bad weather. City Wide Cleanup was a good response. Mr. Bottoms spoke to Waste Management to step up customer service; may be experiencing some personnel issues. The City received four (4) public comments on the marina. House Bill 1311 &

1312 passed; sitting on Senate Committee. Bill are not scheduled yet. Plans to take a bus to Austin to oppose house bills 1311 & 1312, hoping to get enough attendance to show a strong representation. City Hall has challenged the Police Department to a softball game.

Discussion concerning insurance requirements for house leveling.

Council discussed Section 150.106 insurance requirements for house leveling that has existed for 17 years. The City requires house leveling contractors to carry; Workers Compensation, Bodily Injury liability, and General Liability coverage. Council opt to raise the requirements to protect the homeowner. Mayor Phillips suggested that the Planning Commission do research on the item.

Discussion concerning appointing qualified person (s) on the Main Street Board.

Council reviewed Dr. Janice Goines application for Main Street Board. Mr. Shaw was asked to draft a resolution for the next meeting.

Discussion regarding further revision of proposed Section 113.002 (B) of the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Shaw discussed the revision of Section 113.002 (B) of the Code of Ordinances, adding item (5) to prohibit distribution of advertising matter within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City and outside of the C-3 Entertainment Zoning District. Mr. Shaw was asked to draft an ordinance.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

James W. Phillips
Mayor