

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 7th, 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 L. McDonald
 Clan A. Cameron
 Jim Saccomanno
 John Smith, III
 Norma M. Garcia - absent

Staff: Gary Beverly, City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager
 Mary Stotler, Main Street Manager
 Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
 Doug Caffey, Building Inspector
 Jeff Pynes, Police Department
 Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors:	Jim McEntire	Rosa McDonald
	Joyce Adkins	Eric Hayes
	Roddy Mohler	Barbara Mohler
	Judy Schaefer	Larry Schaefer
	Diane Williams	Pixie Loyd
	Melanie Oldham	Steve Palmer
	Dorothy Pirrung	Jim Pirrung
	Jerry Meeks	Frank Wasek
	Wright Gore, III	Richard Barnes
	Linda Barnes	Alonzo Martinez
	Debbie Pennington	Danielle Garcia
	Gregg Frasher	

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDonald at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the March 17th, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the March 17th, 2008 Council Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Larry Schaefer advised Council that a Public Hearing was scheduled today at 7:00 p.m. at the Freeport Library. This will be a time for the public to present their questions and also express their “support or “opposition” to Brazoria County’s participating in the Pilot Program, that would allow all voters at any voting location open on Election Day.

Proclamation: Proclaiming April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”

Mayor McDonald read the proclamation, proclaiming April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”.

Proclamation: Proclaiming April 2008 as “Fair Housing Month”.

Mayor McDonald read the proclamation, proclaiming April 2008 as “Fair Housing Month”.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2195 amending the 2007-2008 budget.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Gary Beverly’s recommendation to approve Ordinance No. 2008-2195 amending the 2007-2008 budget for \$24,293.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2166 authorizing the Mayor to sign a deed conveying Block 716, Lot 16, 18, 20 and Block 717, Lot 2, 4, Velasco Townsite, known as 1200 North Ave. N. , to George Matamoros.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2166 authorizing the Mayor to sign a deed conveying Block 716, Lot 16, 18, 20 and Block 717, Lot 2, 4, Velasco Townsite, known as 1200 North Ave. N. , to George Matamoros.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2167 suspending the effective date of the rates and Tariffs contained in the statement of intent filed with the City on March 6th, 2008 by CenterPoint Energy (Entex) for ninety (90) days.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Gary Beverly’s recommendation to approve Resolution No. 2008-2167 suspending the effective date of the rates and Tariffs contained in the statement of intent filed with the City on March 6th, 2008 by CenterPoint Energy (Entex) for ninety (90) days and authorizing the City to join the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition.

Consideration of the approval of a commercial a tax abatement application for Concepts West Logistic Center, 102 West 8th Street, Freeport, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a commercial tax abatement application for Concepts West Logistic Center, 102 W. 8th Street, Freeport, Texas. Mr. Shaw will draft the necessary documents.

Consideration of the approval of accepting Credit/Debit cards as a method of payment for Water & Sewer bills.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Gary Beverly’s recommendation to accept Credit/Debit cards as a method of payment for Water & Sewer bills.

Consideration of the approval of a request from the Freeport League to waive the carnival and vendor permit fees for Riverfest on April 25th thru 26th, 2008 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from the Freeport League to waive the carnival and vendor permit fees for Riverfest on April 25th thru 26th, 2008 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

Consideration of the approval of a request from the Freeport Host Lions Club to sell alcohol, have a public dance and have fireworks display for Riverfest on April 25th & 26th at the Freeport Municipal Park.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from the Freeport Host Lions Club to sell alcohol, have a public dance and have fireworks display for Riverfest on April 25th & 26th at the Freeport Municipal Park.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Main Street to close the following streets: North ends of West Park and East Park, 2nd Street from Velasco to Memorial Park and the North bound lane of Velasco from 2nd street to Ave. B. from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Flapjack Run on Saturday, April 26th, 2008.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from Main Street to close the following streets: North ends of West Park and East Park, 2nd Street from Velasco to Memorial Park and the North bound lane of Velasco from 2nd street to Ave. B. from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Flapjack Run on Saturday, April 26th, 2008.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 100, Lot 5, Freeport Townsite, known as 815 West Broad.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 6, South 1/2-of Lot 18, Freeport Townsite, known as 502 E. 7th Street.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 779, Lot 1 & 2, Velasco Townsite, known as 1622-1624 North Ave. Q.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on BCIC 14, Lot 13-14, A-49, Velasco Heights Annex, known as 1717 -1721 Yellowstone.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 7, Lot 8, Freeport Townsite, known as 727 West 11th Street.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 7, Lot 11, Southview Gardens Subdivision, known as 715 West 11th Street.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Cameron assisted on the City Wide Clean on April 5th, 2008 and complimented the city crew for their help.

Councilman Saccomanno reported that Main Street Committee will meet on April 6th, 2008. He received a letter from Margaret McMahan recommending the Recreation Department be upgraded.

Councilman Smith reported local kids from Freeport Intermediate School competed in the National Science Bowl in Philadelphia and took 2nd Place in Math, Science, and Physics.

Mayor McDonald also participated in the City Wide Cleanup and thanked staff and Waste Management for their efforts.

Mayor McDonald opened the work session at 6:43 p.m.

Work Session

Administration Report

Gary Beverly introduced Bob Welch, CPA and new Finance Director with the City of Freeport. Finishing up Ave. H and moving on to the Police Department parking lot. Progressing with the bids of Velasco Blvd. The City will be addressing pot holes in streets and alleys. The City Council Agendas packets are now on line for the first time.

Chief Pynes announced the appointment of Officer Steven Epperly to the newly created position of Community Service Officer.

Dicussion concerning amending Chapter 154 Subdivisions of the Code of Ordinances to include plats and replats within the extra territorial jurisdiction of the City.

Mr. Shaw displayed a Brazoria County map showing all of the City's ETJ boundaries. Mr. Shaw stated that the Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County concerns the regulation of subdivisions located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City. The City can only govern the platting and replatting of the property. Mr. Shaw recommends amending Chapter 154 Subdivisions of the Code of Ordinance to include plats and replats within the ETJ of the City.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor

