

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Monday, April 19th, 2010 at 6:03 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Blvd. for the purpose of considering the following agenda item:

City Council:

Larry L. McDonald  
Clan A. Cameron  
James W. Phillips – absent  
Ron Wise – absent  
Norma M. Garcia

Staff:

Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Larry Fansher, Parks Director  
Brian Dybala, Golf Director

Economic Development Corporation:

Dan Tarver  
Larry Shaefer  
Lila Diehl  
Sandra Wood-Wicke  
William W. Rains  
Jack Taylor

Visitors:

Pixie Floyd	Edna Allan
Rosa McDonald	Annette Sanford
Joyce Adkins	Gloria Millsap
Lila Lloyd	Mary Seidler
Tom Pearl	Barbara Pearl
Rex Mangus	Susan Mangus
Mark Cameron	Jon B. Quick
Dorothy Pirrung	Jim Pirrung
Jerry Meeks	John Stanford
Minnette Ashley	Patrick Gore
Wright Gore, III	Eric Hayes
Loren Hayes	Mitchelle Kent
Nicolas Mireles	

Call to order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the April 5th, 2010 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the April 5th, 2010 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Tom Pearl of 1710 W. 10th Street complained that the landscaping crew neglects the South side of Brazosport Boulevard, and more lights are needed on Highway 288 at the crosswalk of Brazosport High School to the field house. Mayor McDonald said that TxDot did help them with the crosswalk and agreed more lights are needed.

Mary Seidler of 530 W. Broad announced that she is trying to get a bakery started, and requested a metal container in her back yard. Mayor McDonald advised her that the Planning Commission will be reviewing this issue.

John Stanford of 703 W. 8th Street recently visited a local restaurant and there is a rumor in Freeport that outraged him, as well as them. The rumor is that the City Manager purchased a desk chair in excess of \$3,000. The rumor is also that another senior executive on staff purchased one too. I was a bit concerned about such reckless spending. So, I did a formal open records request to verify whether or not this actually occurred. I was informed today that the Assistant City Attorney had taken this issue before the Attorney General's office for interpretation and that they were going to try to block it, based on "medical." My point is, if we had spend that kind of money for a piece of office furniture for one individual or two individuals, whatever the case may be, I think the Council needs to be aware and the citizens need to be aware of that. In fact I challenge you all to bring this \$3000, or whatever it is, \$3,000 to \$6,000 chair; I've heard both prices. Bring it out here, put it out there, let the citizens see, sit in it, put a prize tag on it so we can see the outrageous spending, if it's true. Now if it's not true, why would we block my request for that information, which should be available under the Public Information Act. Why are we blocking that information? Is there a reason? Mayor McDonald said: "No Sir, not that I know of." Mayor McDonald said he would be looking into that for him. John Stanford stated, "you guys swore to an oath, you have responsibilities as Council members and I would like to see you take it serious, not just wash it under the rug."

Mayor McDonald announced the City of Freeport newsletters will be ready for mail and the inflatable planetarium will be available at the City Hall on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Consideration of approving and ratifying a lease agreement for a fairway mower for the Freeport Golf Course.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting, “aye”, Council approved to table this item due to the Resolution 2010-2225.

Consideration of Resolution No. 2010-2225 ratifying the actions of the City Manager in entering into a master Lease-Purchase agreement and expending funds in connection therewith for a new mower for the Freeport Municipal Golf Course.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting, “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2225 ratifying the actions of the City Manager in entering into a master Lease-Purchase agreement and expending funds in connection therewith for a new mower for the Freeport Municipal Golf Course.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Century 21 Shows, L.L. C., to provide carnival rides, games and food concession for the Blessing of the Fleet festival.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting, “aye”, Council unanimously approved the Mayor to sign a contract with Century 21 Shows, L.L.C., to provide carnival rides, games and food concession for the Blessing of the Fleet festival.

Consideration of Council to create a full time departmental/ manager to facilitate the operations of the Municipal Marina.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting 2 to 1, Council approved to create a full time departmental/manager to facilitate the operations of the Municipal Marina. Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of authorizing a part time position and funding for the Freeport Historical Museum.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting, “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing a part time position and funding for the for the Freeport Historical Museum.

Consideration of approving to sell the City's interest on Block 71, Lot 8, 9, 11, Velasco Townsite, known as 216-218 & 222 South Ave. I., Tx. Id 8110-0709-000.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting 2 to 1, Council approved to sell the City's interest on Block 71, Lot 8, 9, 11, Velasco Townsite, known as 216-218 & 222 South Ave. I., Tx. Id 8110-0709-000. Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of approving to sell the City's interest on Block 51, Lots 18, 19, Velasco Townsite, Tx. 411- 413 South Ave. G., Id 8110-0501-000.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting 2 to 1, Council approved to sell the City's interest on Block 51, Lots 18, 19, Velasco Townsite, Tx. 411- 413 South Ave. G., Id 8110-0501-000. Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of approving to sell the City's interest on Block D, Lot 23, Velasco Townsite, 1826 Zapata St., Tx Id. 8115-0058-000.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting 2 to 1, Council approved to sell the City's interest on Block D, Lot 23, Velasco Townsite, 1826 Zapata St., Tx Id. 8115-0058-000. Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of approving to sell the City's interest on Abstract 0008, S T Angier, Tract 50F Acres 0.300, Velasco Townsite, Tx Id. 0008-0001-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved to table this item until the appraisal district discrepancies are resolved.

Mayor McDonald opened the work session at 5:30 p.m.

**Work Session:**

Update on the Marina project by President Dan Tarver, Economic Development Corporation.

Dan Tarver reported on the Freeport Marina project.

Discussion regarding the Mexican Consular Id Card Program.

Julian Escutia counselor for Community Affairs at the Mexican Consular of Houston, gave a presentation on the requirements and issuance process of the Matricula Consular or Consular Identification Card. The Matricula Consular or Consular Identification Card is the official record for Mexicans living abroad.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Delia Munoz  
City Secretary

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Larry McDonald  
Mayor