

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 21st, 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-absent
 John Smith, III
 Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Gary Beverly, City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager
 Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
 Doug Caffey, Building Inspector
 Jeff Pynes, Police Chief
 John Stanford, Fire Chief
 Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors: Jim McEntire Wright Gore, III
 Rosa McDonald Roddy Mohler
 Barbara Mohler Pixie Floyd
 Lila Lloyd Jim Pirrung
 Dorothy Pirrung Jerry Meeks
 Alonzo Martinez Mike Heather
 Nelda Thrash Irene Ocanas
 Edna Allan Larry Luck
 Tom Black Ron Wise

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 April 7, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the April 7th 2008 Council Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

There was no comments.

Proclamation: Proclaiming May (2008) Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

Mayor McDonald read the proclamation and proclaimed May 2008 Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

Consideration of the approval of a request from Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County to waive building permit fees, inspection fees, and Utility hookups on 404 W. Broad in Freeport, Texas.

Mr. Mike Heather, President of Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County stated the address was 402 instead of 404 W. Broad.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from Habitat for Humanity of Southern County to waive building permit fees, inspection fees and utility hookups on 402 W. Broad in Freeport, Texas.

Consideration of the approval of setting a public hearing to consider designation of the reinvestment zone and entering a tax abatement agreement 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 to table this item to the next subsequent meeting.

Consideration of the approval of setting a public hearing to consider the adoption of a proposed amendment to the rules governing plats and the subdivisions of land within the jurisdiction of said City contained in Chapter 154 of the Code of Ordinances.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved May 19th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to set a public hearing to consider the adoption of a proposed amendment to the rules governing plats and the subdivisions of land within the jurisdiction of said City contained in Chapter 154 of the Code of Ordinances.

Consideration of the approval of a request from the Brazosport LULAC Council # 4655, to sell alcohol, have a public dance at the Freeport Municipal Park and close East and West Park between 2nd and Cherry Street and intersecting side streets on 2nd, for the Annual Cinco De Mayo Parade, between 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on May 3rd, 2008.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request from the Brazosport LULAC Council # 4655, to sell alcohol, have a public dance at the Freeport Municipal Park and close East and West Park between 2nd and Cherry Street and intersecting side streets on 2nd, for the Annual Cinco De Mayo Parade, between 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on May 3rd, 2008.

Consideration of the approval to auction off the City of Freeport retired vehicles and equipment.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Mr. Fansher’s recommendation to auction off the City of Freeport retired vehicles and equipment. The auction date has not been scheduled.

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 Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item to the next subsequent meeting.

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 Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item to the next subsequent meeting.

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 Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item to the next subsequent meeting.

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 Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to table this item to the next subsequent meeting.

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 Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved to table this item to the next subsequent meeting.

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 Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved to table this item to the next subsequent meeting.

Elected Official Report

Mayor McDonald attended the fund raiser for the Pfc. Bradley Thomas on Sunday, April 21st, 2008 at the Freeport Municipal Park. He complimented the Freeport Police Department, City Manager, City Staff, for their attendance.

Councilman Smith and Chief Pynes attended the Senior Citizens meeting. The Senior Citizens will participate in an Evacuation Drill on April 29, 2008.

Mayor McDonald closed the formal session and opened the Work Session at 6:22 p.m.

Work Session

Administration Report

Gary Beverly met with Waste Management to discuss service and increase rate issues. Presently the current contract includes a fuel increase each month, trying to identify ways to reduce costs.

He reported on numerous events coming to Freeport:

- Riverfest opens April 25 thru 27th of April, 2008 at the Freeport Municipal Park.
- Main Street – 18th Annual 5K Flapjack Fun Run on April 26th, 2008.
- Carnival
- Crawfish Boil
- Fireworks – Saturday Night.
- Festivities include several bands
- Freeport Fire Department – 25th annual Barbeque Cook-off Including 45 teams
- Belly Dancers
- Informational – Newsletter going out with water bills.

- Police Department parking lot finished.
- Mr. & Mrs. Beverly painted the City Managers office.
- City Council Agendas are on line.
- Chief Pynes working with the Senior Citizens on the Evacuation Drill scheduled for July 29, 2008.
- Freeport Golf Course doing well depending on good weather.
- Gearing up summer programs with the Recreation Department.
- Fund Raiser for Pfc. Bradley Thomas was a huge success, even had parking problems at the Freeport Municipal Park.
- Community Service Officer has hit the ground running, doing an excellent job.

Discussion concerning employee's survey by City Manager - Gary Beverly.

Mr. Gary Beverly, City Manager sent a survey to employees requesting input about their work, goals, and other areas of the City. He explained the employee's survey by department. He discussed the questions, results, and comments from the survey. A total of 74 of 136 employees participated in the survey.

Mayor McDonald stated that it was a good start getting input from the employees.

Councilman Cameron and Councilman Smith agreed it was an excellent idea, setting a bench mark for improvements.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor