

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday June 16th, 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
 Ron Wise
 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
 Jeff Pynes, Chief of Police
 Larry Ellis, Building Inspector
 Lee Cameron, Economic Development Director
 Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors:	Cele Damian	Rene Damian
	Roddy Mohler	Joyce Adkins
	Eileen Koenig	Edna Allan
	William Howard	Candace Kasserman
	Mark Wessels	Kimmy Wessels
	Maria Rollerson	Manning Rollerson
	Kelly Adkins	Wright Gore, III
	Scott McKay	Wayne Shaw
	Sandra Shaw	Edith Fischer
	Diane Williams	Jim McEntire
	Connie McEntire	Dan Tarver
	Angel Kant	Lila Lloyd
	Michelle Kent	Lorenzo Gomez
	Dorothy Pirrung	Jim Pirrung
	Eric Hayes	Gina G. Foster
	Rosa McDonald	Larry Shaefer
	Judy Shaefer	

Call to Order

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

Invocation.

Councilman Cameron offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the June 2nd, 2008 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the June 2nd, Council Meeting.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Joyce Adkins, 102 N. Ave. C., introduced Maria Rollerson, who complained on the inspection of her electrical service. She waited 7 to 8 days to have the power on.

Diane Williams, 1222 W. 2nd Street, Chairman of the Planning Commission voiced her concern on the \$5.00 safety inspection fee. She wants to bring this issue back to the Planners so that a reasonable solution can be implemented.

Kimmy Wessels works real estate and paying this fee is a monumental inconvenience for people who come in from out of town.

Manning Rollerson stated that he had received notification from the Justice Department of a dismissal on a complaint filed on the City.

Wright Gore, III stated since the marina project was in process, asked that safety and navigation issues be put on the next agenda.

Angel Kant thanked the Freeport Police Department for a close patrol on her house. Also thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to a house fire on 2nd Street. She asked Council to so see the plans on the marina have the Economic Director on the next agenda.

Larry Shaefer property owner on Ave. C stated he had trash issues.

Scott McKay, 113 Flag Drive East, Lake Jackson, announces the River of Hope ministry located on Hwy. 288 b. The ministry helps those in crises, in the past they help people with money, but now they are helping people become more self sufficient.

Consideration of the approval of authorizing Chief Pynes to implement a Civilian Police Commissioner Program.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Chief Pynes’ to implement a Civilian Police Commissioner Program and adding a special district for the Bridge Harbor Subdivision.

Consideration of the approval of signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Freeport Chief of Police and Youth & Family Counseling Services.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Freeport Chief of Police and Youth & Family Counseling Services.

Consideration of the approval of a request to sell Block 716, Lot 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 1209 North Ave. N.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request to sell Block 716, Lot 17, Velasco Townsite, known as 1209 N. Ave N.

Consideration of the approval of a request to sell West one half of Wharton Street Rights-of Way between North Ave. Q and North Ave. R. adjacent to Block 811, Lot 13, Velasco Townsite.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved a request to sell West one half of Wharton Street Rights-of Way between North Ave. Q and North Ave. R. adjacent to Block 811, Lot 13, Velasco Townsite.

Consideration of the approval of a request to sell Block 661, Lots 1 thur 12, Velasco Townsite, known as North Ave. G.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council approve to reschedule this item to the next subsequent meeting.

Consideration of the approval of a request to sell Block 661, Lots 13 thur 24, Velasco Townsite, known as North Ave. G.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approve to reschedule this item to the next subsequent meeting.

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Consideration of the approval of advertising the sell of Block 638, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W/2 -9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite, North Ave. G.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved advertising the sell of Block 638, Lot s 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W/2-9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite, North Ave. G.

Consideration of the approval of setting a date to receive bids for the sale of Block 638, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W/2-9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite, North Ave. G.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved July 16th, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to receive bids for the sale of Block 638, Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W/2-9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite, North Ave G.

Consideration of the approval of granting a license to William Howard and Kandace Kasseman to use a portion of the City’s Right of Way at 93 Dolphin Lane in Bridge Harbor Subdivision to place a propane tank for residential use.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council amended to include granting a \$50.00 license to William Howard and Kandace Kasserman to use a portion of the City’s Right of Way at 93 Dolphin Lane in Bridge Harbor Subdivision to place a propane tank for residential use. Councilwoman Garcia opposed. Mr. Shaw was asked to prepare the license.

Consideration of the approval of setting a bid date for the Velasco Boulevard renovation project.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approve setting a pre-bid date for July 8th, 2008 and July 24th , 2008 date to receive bids on the Velasco Boulevard renovations.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Saccomanno announced a Main Street meeting for tomorrow. Also announced that the Union Pacific Railroad has submitted to the Coast Guard an application for a bridge permit amendment to modify the existing swing span bridge across the Old Brazos River. The public hearing will be held June 23rd, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at River Place, 733 Mystery Harbor Lane, Freeport Texas. He had lunch with the Senior Citizens at the Freeport Municipal Park. The Interlocal Agreement has been sent to the Brazosport Independent School for approval to utilize their buses for local trips. The Lions Club constructed a ticket booth as an extension to the Freeport Municipal Park kitchen and they did a good job.

Mayor McDonald attended the SPCA meeting today in Lake Jackson and attended a Hurricane Preparedness meeting with Gary Beverly, John Stanford and Chief Pynes.

Mayor McDonald closed the formal session and opened the work session at 7:06 p.m.

Work Session

Discussion concerning Chapter 111, Mobile Food Vendors and Chapter 116, Food Peddling.

This item was tabled for further study.

Discussion concerning appointing qualified person(s) on the following Boards and Commissions.

- Planning Commission
- Library Board
- Historical Commission and Main Street Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustments
- Urban Renewal Board
- Beautification/Parks & Recreation Committee
- Economic Development Corporation
- Charter Review
- Senior Citizens Commission

It was Council's consensus to advertise more in the Facts and post notices for volunteers at all city facilities. This item will be rescheduled to the next subsequent meeting.

Presentation by Edith Fisher, Director of Tourism of the Brazosport Convention & Visitors Council promoting and request for continued funding.

Edith Fisher, Director of tourism of the Brazosport Convention & Visitors Council presented a PowerPoint presentation, promoting Brazosport Area as a convention and leisure designation. She requested Council to continue funding the Brazosport Convention and Visitors Council.

Executive Session

- A. Section 551.071, Government Code
Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation Settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit;

- (1) Marina

B. Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit:

(1) City Manager

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor