

Call to Order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the June 18, 2007 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes of June 18, 2007.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Bobby Casale of Bridge Harbor Subdivision attended a meeting in Lake Jackson at the Civic Center regarding the tax appraisal district. He suggested a workshop be included on the next agenda.

Don Lamont stated that keeping taxes to a minimum would attract citizens and businesses to cities.

Gilbert Lucky said that Ed Garcia was the new commander of the VFW # 4341. The Freeport's Park & Recreation Department and the VFW Post is having a fish fry fundraiser on July 14, 2007. He invited all to come and support the building of the Veterans' Memorial. The applications for the memorial pavers have been extended to July 14, 2007.

Gail Pate, employee and Mr. and Mrs. De La Torre, owners of the Palesio Apartments, 902 North Ave. J., complained that the Code Enforcement Officer had sent a high grass violation letter to their premises. Mr. Shaw interrupted and stated that the conduct of a city employee could not be discussed, only under the executive session. Mayor McDonald advised her to call him to discuss the matter.

Mary Galvan of 819 W. 6th Street complained of the Building Inspector. Mr. Shaw also advised her that a city employee could not be discussed. Mayor McDonald advised her to call him to discuss the matter.

Angel Kant of 115 W. Broad said they could also make contact with their councilman.

Skipp Pratt of 1027 W. 8th Street asked if the old Weingarten' corner had been cited for overgrown weeds.

Lucy Ware owner of Action Reality asked if it was a conflict of interest that the city's mower is the uncle of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Lila Loyd of 1620 North T, said she had had a similar complaint. The Code Enforcement Office have rules and procedures for sending out letters.

Abel Garcia of 1751 W. 9th Street said that Mayor McDonald had shown he had an open door policy and should be applauded.

Consideration of the approval of calling a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider a request from C. J. Perme of the Texas Star Casino, to change the present zoning classification of M-1 to W-2 for 307 Sailfish Drive.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, and Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved to set a Joint Public Hearing date for August 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with the Planning Commission to consider a request from C. J. Perme of the Texas Star Casino, to change the present zoning classification of M-1 to W-2 for 307 Sailfish Drive.

Consideration of the approval of a request for a variance of the sign ordinance; (Chapter 113) from the First United Methodist Church, 1600 W. Broad, to install two (2) directional signs to church.

- On 2nd Street, in the right of way, in front of CVS Pharmacy's.
- Southwest corner of 2nd Street and Velasco by Windmill Water.

This item was tabled.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2141 reappointing Linda Allen, Abel Garcia, Michelle Kent, and Diane Williams to the Planning Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2007-2141 reappointing Linda Allen, Abel Garcia, Michelle Kent, and Diane Williams to the Planning Commission of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2142 reappointing Joyce Girouard, June Strambler, Nancy Hughes, and Margie Edwards to the Library Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-2142 reappointing Joyce Girouard, June Strambler, Nancy Hughes, and Margie Edwards to the Library Board of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2143 reappointing Terry Starnes, Jim Pirrung, Tim Closs and appointing James F. Lindsey to the Board of Adjustment board of said City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council Resolution No. 2007-2143 reappointing Terry Starnes, Jim Pirrung, Tim Closs and appointing James F. Lindsey to the Board of Adjustment board of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2144 appointing Jason Montier to the Urban Renewal Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution 2007-2144 appointing Jason Montier to the Urban Renewal Board of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2145 reappointing Dan Tarver, Margaret L. McMahan, Eddie Virgil, and Janice Hawley to the Beautification & Parks Recreation Committee of said City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-2145 reappointing Dan Tarver, Margaret L. McMahan, Eddie Virgil, and Janice Hawley to the Beautification & Parks Recreation Committee of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2146 appointing Mingo Marquez to the unexpired term of office of Carl Rangel of the Beautification & Parks Recreation Committee of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-2146 appointing Mingo Marquez to the unexpired term of office of Carl Rangel of the Beautification & Parks Recreation Committee of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2147 reappointing John Smith, III, Carlos Martinez, Louie Jones, and appointing Mark Wessels to the Economic Development Corporation of said City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting 2 to 2, Council failed Resolution No. 2007-2147 reappointing John Smith, III Carlos Martinez, Louie Jones, and appointing Mark Wessels to the Economic Development Corporation of said City. Mayor McDonald and Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2148 reappointing Mary Darnell, Beverly Garrison, Martha Westbrook and Joan Stovall to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-2148 reappointing Mary Darnell, Beverly Garrison, Martha Westbrook and Joan Stovall to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2007-2149 reappointing Willie Rains, and appointing Freddie Brenk, Dorothy Pirrung, Tobey Davenport, and Joyce Adkins to the Charter Review Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting 2 to 2, Council failed Resolution No. 2007-2149 Willie Rains, and appointing Freddie Brenk, Dorothy Pirrung, Tobey Davenport, and Joyce Adkins to the Charter Review Commission of said City. Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 775, Lot 19 & 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 1615 North Ave. N.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council approved Mr. Nat Hickey’s recommendation to sell the City’s interest on Block 775, Lot 19 & 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 1615 North Ave. N.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 15, Lot 13 thru 18, Freeport Townsite, known as 414-422 East Broad.

This item will be reagendaed, due to incorrect wording.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City’s interest on Block 781, Lot 4, Velasco Townsite, known as 1618 N. Ave. S.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved to sell the City’s interest on Block 781, Lot 4, Velasco Townsite, known as 1618 N. Ave. S.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Smith attended the Lions V.I.P dinner at RiverPlace. It was a very well attended event by local and business leaders.

Mayor McDonald attended the CDBG board meeting and discussed 9th & 10th Street grant. He also attended the ribbon cutting of Brazoria County FM 1495 Boat Dock dedication on June 27, 2007.

Work Session

Administration Report

Mr. Bottoms announced the fountains on the Old Brazos River were official turned on today at 3:00 p.m. The fountains look very nice and is an environmental benefit. It was funded by Dow Chemical Company and a grant.

Report from Jerry Meeks of Veolia Water on the 2006 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

Mr. Meeks of Veolia Water presented the 2006 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. The readings of City of Freeport and Freeport Slaughter Road systems were within state specifications.

Mayor McDonald closed the work session and opened the Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Executive Session:

C. 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

Mayor McDonald reconvened the open session at 8:19 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron and seconded by Mayor McDonald to begin the termination hearing process on Mr. Bottoms employment, with all present voting 2 to 2, the motion failed. Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor