

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, July 20th, 2009 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:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
Clan A. Cameron
James W. Phillips
Ron Wise
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Parks Superintendent
Larry Fansher, Parks Director
Allen Lawson, Police Lieutenant

Visitors: Rosa McDonald Susie Wise
Larry Shaefer Judy Shaefer
Gloria Millsap Joyce Adkins
Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
Pixie Floyd Diane Williams
Annette Sanford Jerry Meeks
Jim Boyle

Call to Order:

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

Invocation.

City Attorney Wallace Shaw delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the July 6th, & July 7th , 2009 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the July 6th & July 7th, 2009 Council Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Gloria Millsap, District Assistant with Senator Joan Huffman, announced and invited all to the senator's office at 129 Circle Way, Suite 101 in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Proclamation: International Clown Week, August 1st through 7th, 2009.

Mayor McDonald read out a proclamation, proclaiming August 1st through 7th, 2009 "International Clown Week. Tiny the clown belongs to Coastal Confetti Club and attends non profit organizations and church functions to help raise money for handicap children and adults. He can be reached at 979-849-0348.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2009-2194 to suspend effective date and provide authority to join with other cities in acting on rate request.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Mr. Jim Boyle's of Diversified Utilities Consultants, Inc. and Herrera & Boyle, PLLC, recommendation to approve Resolution No. 2009-2194 to suspend the effective date to October 30th, 2009 and to provide authority to join with other cities in acting on rate request.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2009-2195 appointing five (5) persons for a six (6) month term to the Charter Review.

Councilman Phillips stated that the Charter Review had conflicts that needed to be addressed. It needs to be a workable document.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, to appoint Jeff Pynes and Annette Sanford to the Charter Review of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-2195 appointing Dorothy Pirrung, Tobey Davenport, William W. Rains, Annette Sanford and Jeff Pynes to the Charter Review of said City.

Consideration of the approval of setting a bid date for the removal of seven (7) derelict vessel and removal from the Brazos River.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting a bid date for August 11th, 2009 for the removal of seven (7) derelict vessels and removal from the Brazos River.

Consideration of the approval of setting a date for a public hearing on the designation of “Friends Liquors & Wines”, 511 West 2nd Street as a reinvestment zone and the approval of a commercial tax abatement application.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved August 17th, 2009 for a public hearing on the designation of “Friends Liquors & Wines, 511 West 2nd Street as a reinvestment zone and the approval of a commercial tax abatement application.

Consideration of the approval of authorizing the City Manager to sign a \$3,000.00 Tobacco Grant Acceptance Agreement and Compliance Standards for the Freeport Police Department.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved authorizing the City Manager to sign a \$3,000.00 Tobacco Grant Acceptance Agreement and Compliance Standards for the Freeport Police Department to use for tobacco education.

Consideration of the approval of appointing qualified person(s) on the following Boards and Commission and appointing liaisons to each committees.

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

Planning Commission: Liaison Jeff Pynes

On a motion Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Phillip, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council nominated Joyce Adkins to the Planning Commission. Councilman Wise opposed.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council nominated Reuben Cuellar to the Planning Commission.

On a motion by Mayor McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council nominated approved Edward T. Garcia to the Planning Commission.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council nominated Diane Williams to the Planning Commission. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Library Board: Liaison: James W. Phillips

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council nominated Joyce Girouard, Nancy Hughes, Margie Edwards, James Walker and June Strambler to the Library Board.

Historical Commission & Main Street Advisory Board: Liaison James W. Phillips

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all voting 4 to 1, Council nominated Lila Lloyd, Sandra Leavey, Sandra Barbree and Joshua Pettijohn to the Historical Commission & Main Street Advisory board of said city. Councilman Cameron opposed

Board of Adjustment: Liaison Wise

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council nominated Jim Pirrung, William W. Rains, and Tim Closs, to the Board of Adjustment of said City.

Urban Renewal Board: Liaison Ron Wise

No action taken

Beautification/Parks/Rec Committee: Liaison Norma Garcia

No action taken

Economic Development Corporation: Liaison Clan Cameron

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council nominated Lila Diehl and William W. Rains to the ECD Corporation.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting 2 to 3, motion failed to nominate Jason Montier to the EDC board. Mayor McDonald, Councilman Cameron, and Councilman Wise opposed.

On a motion by Mayor McDonald, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting 3 to 2 Council nominated Sandra W. Wicke to the EDC board. Councilman Phillips and Councilman Cameron opposed.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Mayor McDonald, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council renominated Jason Montier to the EDC board. Councilman Wise and Councilman Cameron opposed.

Charter Review: Resolution 2009-2195

Senior Citizens Committee: Liaison

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council nominated Mary Darnell, Beverly Garrison, Martha Westbrook and Dana Glenn to the Senior Citizens Committee of said city. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of appointing a member of council to the following boards/committees:

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved:

- Councilman Cameron to the Houston Galveston Area Council – HGAC Representative and Mayor McDonald as alternate.
- Mayor McDonald to the Southern Brazoria County Animal Shelter – Board Member.
- Councilman Phillips to the Brazoria County Community Development Board (CDBG) and liaison to the Brazoria Economic Alliance.

Elected Officials Report

No Report

Work Session

Discussion concerning Waste Management contract and alternate rates and service options.

This item was reagendaed.

Discussion concerning Section 155.023 Supplementary District Regulations and Exceptions, Section I (10 Paving) of the Code of Ordinances.

City Manager Jeff Pynes showed a power point presentation on metal storage containers, trailers, portable building parked in unauthorized areas, all over the City. He asked Council for direction and asked for recommendations whether to enforce this section of the code. Councilman Wise and Councilman Cameron suggested forwarding this to the Planning Commission for review.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor