

State of Texas

Brazoria County

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in called meeting on Monday, August 11, 2008, 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
Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
John Stanford, Fire Chief
Jeff Pynes, Police Chief
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
Pinkey Hartline, Golf Course Director
Bob Welch, Finance Director
Gilbert Arispe, Parks Director
Corey Brinkman, Officer

Visitors:

Mary Darnell	Melanie Oldham
Diane Williams	Toby Davenport
Louie Jones	Kathy Lum
Dorothy Pirrung	Jim Pirrung
Lucky Gilbert	Fai Demain
Bill Demain	Yvette Ruiz
Alonzo Martinez	Minnett Ashley
Cele Damain	Rene Damian
Dude Payne	Joe King
Ron Damian	Judy Shaefer
Susie Wise	Rosa McDonald
Mitchell Kent	Janice Hawley
Lila Lloyd	Pixie Floyd
Eric Hayes	Lila Diehl
Wright Gore, III	Bobby Casale
Fred Bolton	Larry Shaefer

V. L. Scott	Sandra Barbree
Sandra Leavey	Edna Allan
Carol Rangel	Roddy Mohler
Barbara Mohler	Roy Yates
James Barnett	Sandra Barnett
Jerry Meeks	Brenda Laird
Johnny McQuaig	Damon Rector
Ann Rector	Eileen Koenig

Call to Order.

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

Invocation by Chris Moore of the Velasco Baptist Church.

Mr. Shaw offered the invocation, Chris Moore was not available.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the July 21, 2008 Council Minutes and July 23, 24, 29, 2008 Workshop Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the July 21, 2008 Council Minutes and July 23, 24, 29, 2008 Workshop Minutes.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Terlesa Conyers of 1318 W. 7th Street has worked for the City of Freeport for 14 years and is a resident has seen many City Managers come to work and collect a paycheck. City employees have been very lucky to have had two City Managers that care about the employees and the City as a whole.

Lila Lloyd of 1820 N. T., expressed her dissatisfaction with the current situation. She was dissatisfied with replacement of the Planning Commission and the Economic Development members and was not happy that Bryan Beach might be de-annexed. She asked what Council was doing to bring in revenue. This present Council has not shown any positive side and that this disturbs her.

County Judge E. J. King and Commission Dude Payne stated that Wright Gore, III had stated erroneous information concerning Louie Jones during the July 7, 2008 City Council meeting. He wants to inform Council and audience and that the information given by Wright Gore III was incorrect.

Fred Bolton of 124 Brazos Landing reminded Council to be careful of what is said to the press. He stated that the City has a good City Manager- Mr. Beverly that knows how to work with people and is very pleasing, and very positive. He asked Council what vision they had and what were they're expectations. Bryan Beach, RiverPlace, Municipal Park, Entrance to Freeport, is a vision. He did not accept mediocrity. Working together, we win together.

Melanie Oldham expressed her support for Mr. Gary Beverly, thinks he is doing a fine job. She attends Port meeting and County Commissioners meeting and is very familiar with agendas. She is also looking at the chemical analysis data on the Golf Course. She wants Council to make note that there are environmental problems at the Golf Course.

Bobby Casale asked about the \$16,000 paid to the Appraisal District each year, felt this is unnecessary. Also that the budget was protecting Parks, Main Street, and the Golf Course. He said that the Golf Course is losing too much money and that it has environmental problems.

Sandra Barbree of 1502 N. Ave. R. felt that the City was always in an uproar. Too many rumors are rampant. She said that RiverFest, Summer Time Blues, Triathlon, Bryan Beach are for the betterment of Freeport. She also supports Mr. Gary Beverly.

Sandra Leavey of 311 W. Broad is disappointed that City Supervisors and Employees are being slammed. And now the City Manager is on the agenda, is very disturbing. She is appalled that Council is considering removing Mr. Beverly. She stated that Mr. Beverly is very knowledgeable on bonds and finances. He is doing an excellent job.

Ron Damian started coming to council meeting a few months ago, because of all that is happening. He suggested Mr. Beverly be given more time. He appreciates all of Council and that Freeport will survive.

Consideration of the approval of bids and awarding the contract for the Velasco rehabilitation project.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Rene Damian's of Damian & Associates, Inc recommendation to award the contract for the Velasco rehabilitation project to Matula and Matula Construction, Inc, for \$1,721,232,61.

Consideration of the approval of designating 311 E. Park as the Freeport Historical Museum.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Nat Hickey's recommendation to designate 311 E. Park as the Freeport Historical Museum. He announced that Freeport will be 100 years old in August 2012, and this building for a museum would be a definite asset and attraction to the City.

Consideration of the approval of approving and signing a replat on Block 671, Lots 1 through 12, Velasco Townsite, between North Brazosport and Quintana Street.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved signing a replat on Block 671, Lots 1 through 12, Velasco Townsite, between North Brazosport and Quintana Street.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2181 establishing a moratorium on Safety Inspections.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution 2008-2181 establishing a moratorium on Safety Inspections.

Consideration of the approval Resolution No. 2008-2182 authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed conveying Block 638, Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W-2-9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2182 authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed conveying Block 638, Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, W-2-9, 10, 11, Velasco Townsite.

Consideration of the approval of setting a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission regarding a Specific Use Permit for 517 West 2nd Street.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved setting September 2, 2008 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission regarding a Specific Use Permit for 517 West 2nd Street.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2008-2205 increasing to nine (9) the number of positions on the combined Historical Commission and Main Street Advisory Board.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-2205 increasing to nine (9) the number of positions on the combined Historical Commission and Main Street Advisory Board.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2183 appointing Sandra Shaw, Sandra W. Wicke, Margie Clark, Pixie Floyd and a person to be selected by the City Council to the Historical Commission and Main Street Advisory Board for a two year term of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2008-2183 appointing Lance Olshovsky, Nat Hickey, Sandra W. Wicke, Margie Clark, Pixie Floyd to be selected by the City Council to the Historical Commission and Main Street Advisory Board for a two year term of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2008-2184 appointing a qualified person(s) to be selected by the City Council to the Historical Commission and Main Street Advisory Board for a one year term of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-2184 appointing Rosemary Bravo to the Historical Commission and Main Street Advisory Board for a one year term of said City.

Consideration of any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Mayor McDonald reconvened the open session for a consideration of any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

No action taken, due to lack of motion.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Saccomanno reported that it will cost 2.5 million dollars to remove the old swing bridge. The Main Street Advisory board meets tomorrow and are focusing on the Summer Time Blues Festival coming up August 29, 30, 31, 2008, accepting applications for the Triathlon Run.

Work Session

Administration Report

No report

Report from Bob Welch, Finance Director on 3rd Quarter Financials through 6/30/08.

Bob Welch presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 3rd Quarter Financials through 6/30/08.

Mayor McDonald closed the work session and opened the Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Session

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:

City Manager

Mayor McDonald closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Open Session for a consideration of item 15 on the agenda.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor