

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, November 2nd, 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 items:

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

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager (absent)
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Larry Fansher, Parks Director

Planning Commission: Diane Williams Joyce Adkins
Reuben Cuellar Eric Hayes
Alonzo Martinez

Visitors: Brenda Laird Gloria Millsap
Judy Shaefer Larry Shaefer
Dorothy Pirrung Jim Pirrung
Susie Wise Lila Diehl
John Stanford Sherri Stanford
Paul Kellie Edna Allan

Call to Order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

City Attorney Mr. Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the October 19th, 2009 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the October 19th, 2009 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

the Stephen F. Austin Survey, Abstract 29, Brazoria County, Texas to the City of Freeport; described in the property description attached to the public notice.

Mayor McDonald opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m., concerning whether or not the corporate limits of said City should be expanded by annexing some or all of the following described real property lying contiguous and adjacent thereto: 122 acres out of parts of the of the John Martin Survey, abstract 331, the Richard H. Barrow Survey, Abstract 639 and the Stephen F. Austin Survey, Abstract 29, Brazoria County, Texas to the City of Freeport; described in the property description attached to the public notice.

Their being no questions or comments from staff or audience, Mayor McDonald closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Joint Public Hearing: The City Council and the Planning Commission of said City will conduct a joint public hearing to consider the repeal or amendment of the Supplementary District and Regulations contained in Section 155.023 (I)(10) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, requiring the paving of any off –street vehicular parking area, surface drive or driveway within said City in the manner therein prescribed.

There being a quorum with the Planning Commission and City Council, Mayor McDonald opened the Joint Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. to consider the repeal or amendment of the Supplementary District and Regulations contained in Section 155.023 (I)(10) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, requiring the paving of any off –street vehicular parking area, surface drive or driveway within said City in the manner therein prescribed.

Planning Commission Chairwoman, Diane Williams stated that the Planning Commission voted and agreed to delete Section 155.023 (I) (10) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City.

The Planning Commission felt that this item would not apply to residences but only to townhouses or new construction or something else. She felt there is some confusion on directive from council and asked for some relief or clarification of what the Planning Commission needs to address. She understood that they were to address multiple car parking, not the construction material.

Joyce Adkins advised that the paving and parking ordinance is very poorly written and needs to be reworked with more details. Some residences have no room for a driveway. Some of the lots in Velasco side are 25' x 35', have no space for a driveway, therefore they park on the street.

Councilman Phillips said that some residence has no access to parking, no alleys and some have just “runners”. Most families have more than two cars. He asked if the Code Enforcement office could be more compassionate with the parking issue.

Councilman Wise said that Ave. H, Terry, Sweeny, Wharton Street have no options but to park in the street or in a ditch. The lot size has a lot to do with the parking. It would be impossible for the Planning Commission to develop a Comprehensive Plan to suit the City.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2009-2214 nominating candidate(s) for the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District for the two year term that begins 2010-2011.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting 3to 1, Council approved Jesse Hibbetts as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District for the two year term that begins 2010-2011. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of closing and abandoning a 0.142 acre tract out of the T. F. McKinney Labor No. 6 Abstract A-87, and out of S. F. Austin 1/3 League, Abstract A-28, known as the East Brazos Boulevard.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously declined closing and abandoning 0.142 acre tract out of the T. F. McKinney Labor No. 6 Abstract A-87, and out of S. F. Austin 1/3 League, Abstract A-28, known as the East Brazos Boulevard.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 36, Lot 13 & 14, Velasco Townsite, known as 623 S. Ave. G., Tax Id 8110-0397-000.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 36, Lot 13 & 14, Velasco Townsite, known as 623 S. Ave. G., Tax Id 8110-0397-000.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 87, Lot 9 Freeport Townsite, known as 607 W. 6th, Tax Id. 4200-0859-000.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 87, Lot 9 Freeport Townsite, known as 607 W. 6th, Tax Id. 4200-0859-000.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 588, Lot 3 Velasco Townsite, known as 520 North Ave, F, Tax Id. 8110-1794-000.

On a motion by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 588, Lot 3, Velasco Townsite, known as 520 North Ave, F, Tax Id. 8110-1794-000.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Phillips, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Delia Muñoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor