

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council and the Planning Commission of the City of Freeport met on Monday, September 17th, 2012 at 6:04 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council:	Norma M. Garcia	Planning Commission:	Edward T. Garcia
	Michelle Kent		Reuben Cuellar
	Fred Bolton		Jesse Aguilar
	Sandra Loeza		Tobey Davenport
	Sandra Barbree-absent		Eddie Virgil – absent

Staff:

- Jeff Pynes, City Manager
- Gilbert Arispe, Asst. City Manager
- Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
- Delia Munoz, City Secretary
- Nat Hickey, Property Manager
- Ty Morrow, Police Chief
- Brian Davis, Fire Chief
- Bob Welch, Finance Director

Visitors:	Jerry Meeks	Juanita Cordozo
	Steve Epperley	Landis Adams
	Shannon Daughtry	Jim Pirrung
	Dorothy Pirrung	

Call to order.

Mayor Norma Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the September 4th, 2012 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the September 4th, 2012 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider and hear recommendations of a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinance of said City, changing the zoning classification of the following described land from its present classification of R-3 to a new classification of C-1:

Block 662, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Texas according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 32, page 14 of the Deed Records of said county.

There being a quorum with the Planning Commission, Mayor Norma Garcia opened the Joint Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m., to consider and hear recommendations of changing the zoning classification of the following described land from its present classification of R-3 to a new classification of C-1.

Block 662, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Texas according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 32, page 14 of the Deed Records of said county.

Mr. Edward Garcia, Chairman of the Planning Commission stated that their committee had discussed the rezoning of Block 662, Velasco Townsite, of the City. Mr. Garcia took a vote on the rezoning of Block 662 and it was unanimous to change the present classification of R-3 to a new classification of C-1.

There being no questions, comments or opposition from Council and Audience, Edward Garcia closed the Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Norma Garcia thanked and excused the Planning Commission and adjourned the Joint Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2012-2021 amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of said City to change the zoning classification of Block 662, Velasco Townsite from its present zoning classification of R-3 to a new zoning classification of C-1.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2012-2021 amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance of said City to change the zoning classification of Block 662, Velasco Townsite from its present zoning classification of R-3 to a new zoning classification of C-1.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2012-2022 adopting a tax rate of for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent to adopt the effective tax rate of \$ 0.717484, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting 2 to 2, motion failed. Mayor Garcia and Councilman Bolton opposed.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton to adopt a tax rate of \$ 0.68, seconded by Mayor Garcia, with all present voting 2 to 2, motion failed. Councilwoman Kent and Councilwoman Loeza opposed.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton to adopt a tax rate of \$ 0.70, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved Ordinance No. 2012-2022 adopting a tax rate of \$ 0.70. Councilwoman Kent opposed.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2012-2023 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2012-2023 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Consideration of a request from the Fraternal Order Eagles # 3111, 6817 E. Hwy 332, Freeport, Texas to have their Annual Turkey Shoot, every Sunday from Noon to 4:00 p.m., beginning October 14th, 2012 thru December 16th, 2012.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Fraternal Order Eagles # 3111, 6817 E. Hwy 332, Freeport, Texas to have their Annual Turkey Shoot, every Sunday from Noon to 4:00 p.m., beginning October 14th, 2012 thru December 16th, 2012.

Consideration of designating a representative and an alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2013 General Assembly.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Mayor Garcia, with all voting "aye". Council approved Councilwoman Barbree to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2013 General Assembly and Councilwoman Loeza as an alternate.

Consideration of approving Kennemer, Masters & Lunford for audit services for the year ending September 30th, 2012.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Kennemer, Masters & Lunford for audit services for the year ending September 30th, 2012.

Consideration of renewing an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved renewing an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Freeport.

Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to expand funds for the City's Centennial Event.

Jeff Pynes discussed the cost of the City's Hometown Centennial Event and requested approximately \$39,000 for the event.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council approved \$39,000 for the City's Hometown Centennial Event.

Work Session:

Discussion regarding the upcoming City of Freeport Centennial Event.

Mr. Pynes discussed the City's Hometown Centennial Event- 1912-2012, scheduled for November 9th thru 11th, 2012.

- November 9th, 2012 Friday a \$10.00 wrist band fee with the largest shrimp boil in Texas, live music at the Freeport Marina.
- November 10th, 2012 Saturday at the Freeport Municipal Park, Amphitheatre, 12 hours of live music during the day, food vendors, extreme rides, fireworks.
- November 11th, 2012; Sunday Veterans Day Parade.

Mayor Garcia closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment and duties of a public officer, to wit:

- Chief Ty Morrow
- City Manager

Mayor Garcia closed the Executive Session reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas