

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:05 p.m. at the Freeport Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma M. Garcia
Councilwoman Michelle Kent
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Sandra Loeza
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Planning Commission: Edward T. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Asst. City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Larry Fansher, Parks Director
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Brian Davis, Fire Chief

Visitors: Danny Gillchriest Melanie Oldham
Jerry Meeks Shannon Daughtry
Tina Rodgers Debra Martinez
Larry Daniels Esther Williams
Moby Burrridge Evelyn Burrridge
Lila Lloyd

Call to order.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation.

Mr. Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moby Burrridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the November 18, 2013 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved November 18th, 2013 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Public Hearing: The City Council of the City of Freeport and the Planning Commission of said city will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said city, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, to add condominium to Section 155.032 (R-2A District) and adding a definition of condominium to Section 155.002.

Mayor Norma Garcia announced that there would be no Public Hearing, due to the lack of quorum of the Planning Commission.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2013-2056 to add to Section 155.002 a definition of condominium and to amend Section 155.032 to require that a condominium satisfy the requirements of Section 155.032 for townhouses unless such requirements conflict with the provision of Chapter 81 or 82 of the Property Code.

Reagenda this item.

Consideration of a request from Will J. Brooks, Parade Co-Chairman of the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Parade to close portions of the streets during the Parade to be held on Monday January 20th, 2014. The parade will start 11:00 a.m. and the staging area will start at 8:30 a.m. on Cherry Street, East Park, & Fourth and continue along 2nd Street to Hwy. 288 B to the Freeport Municipal Park.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from Will J. Brooks, Parade Co-Chairman of the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Parade to close portions of the streets during the Parade to be held on Monday January 20th, 2014. The parade will start 11:00 a.m. and the staging area will start at 8:30 a.m. on Cherry Street, East Park, & Fourth and continue along 2nd Street to Hwy. 288 B to the Freeport Municipal Park.

Consideration of approving an Investment Grade Audit with Schneider Electric for an energy performance contract utilizing the Region I Education Service Center (ESC) Interlocal Agreement.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved an Investment Grade Audit with Schneider Electric for an energy performance contract utilizing the Region I Education Service Center (ESC) Interlocal Agreement.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2013-2057 amending Division (B) of Section 71.21 of the Code of Ordinance of said City, which established the prima facie speed limit for school crossing zone of 20 miles per hour, to adjust the times therein specified for the Velasco Elementary, Lanier Middle School, Brazosport High School and Freeport Intermediate School speed zones to the current needs of each school; amending Divisions (A) (B) of Section 71.06 of the Code of Ordinance of said City designating one-way streets on Karankawa and McNeil during the times when school crossing zones are in effect as herein specified; amending divisions (A) and (D) of Section 71.30 of the Code of Ordinances of said city regulating turns by vehicles entering or existing from school driveways at Freeport Intermediate School, Lanier Middle School and Velasco Elementary School during the times when school crossing zones are in effect as herein specified; Amending Division (A) of Section 72.03 of the Code of Ordinances of said City regulating the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on the east side of Ave. B, on the South side of McNeil Street and on the North side of Karankawa Street during the times when school crossing zones are in effect as herein specified, providing for the posting of signs or other traffic control device giving notice thereof at such location.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2013-2057 amending Division (B) of Section 71.21 of the Code of Ordinance of said City, which established the prima facie speed limit for school crossing zone of 20 miles per hour, to adjust the times therein specified for the Velasco Elementary, Lanier Middle School, Brazosport High School and Freeport Intermediate School speed zones to the current needs of each school; amending Divisions (A) (B) of Section 71.06 of the Code of Ordinance of said City designating one-way streets on Karankawa and McNeil during the times when school crossing zones are in effect as herein specified; amending divisions (A) and (D) of Section 71.30 of the Code of Ordinances of said city regulating turns by vehicles entering or existing from school driveways at Freeport Intermediate School, Lanier Middle School and Velasco Elementary School during the times when school crossing zones are in effect as herein specified; Amending Division (A) of Section 72.03 of the Code of Ordinances of said City regulating the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on the east side of Ave. B, on the South side of McNeil Street and on the North side of Karankawa Street during the times when school crossing zones are in effect as herein specified, providing for the posting of signs or other traffic control device giving notice thereof at such location.

Mayor Garcia opened the work session at 6:36 p.m.

Work Session:

City of Freeport's Preliminary Audit presentation by Debra Martinez of Schneider Electric.

Debra Martinez spoke on facilities audited: City Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Library, River Place, Municipal Marina, Historical Museum, Golf Course, Recreation Center, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Water Distribution System, Community Housing, and Street Department. She reviewed the potential annual savings of \$305,000. Rebates from CenterPoint and tax credits help finance the energy performance contract.

Mayor closed the formal session and opened the Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matter in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- Related to ABC project.
- Propose annexation

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting “aye”, Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

Delia Munoz – City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas