

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on February 18th, 2014 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

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Dan Pennington, Police Chief
Larry Fansher, Parks Director

Visitors: Evelyn Burridge
Moby Burridge
Troy Brimage
Bobby Casale
Tina Rogers
Kellie McKnight
Lila Lloyd
Melanie Oldham
Chris Witte
Jerry Meeks

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Bobby Casale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the February 3, & February . 4, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved February 3 & February 4, 2014 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2434 calling for a Joint Election Agreement and contract for Election Services for May 10, 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2434 calling for a Joint Election Agreement and contract for Election Services for May 10, 2014.

Consideration of approving the proposed amendments to the 2014 Charter Review.

3.05 Mayor Pro Tem – having a Mayor Pro Tem rotate by ward.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting, 4 to 1, Council approved having a Mayor Pro Tem rotate by ward. Councilwoman Kent opposed.

3.15 Publication of financial statement – publish financial statements on city websites.

On a motion Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council approved publishing financial statements on the City website.

4.01 City Manager – require City Manager to reside in the City.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, requiring the City manager to reside in the City or/in the zip code area. This requirement shall not apply to the person serving as the City Manager on the date it becomes a part of the Home Rule Charter.

4.02 Department of Police - require Chief of Police to reside in the City.

Mr. Wallace Shaw advised Council that it is a conflict with the Open Government Code. No motion made.

4.08 Fire Department – require Fire Chief to reside in the City.

Mr. Wallace Shaw advised Council that it is a conflict with the Open Government Code. No motion made.

Consideration of approving Ordinance 2014-2060 calling a Special Election for May 10, 2014, on the question of a sale of that portion of Riverside Park North of a Westerly extension of Avenue C for the purpose financing a new sports complex to be located on Blocks 643, 656, 681 and the one-half of Block 618 adjoining Block 643 of the Velasco Townsite.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014 calling a Special Election for May 10, 2014 on the question of consolidation of Riverside Park with Stephen F. Austin Park and the sale of that portion of Riverside Park located North of a westerly extension of Avenue C for the purpose of financing a new sports complex to be located on Blocks 643, 656, 681 and the one-half of Block 618 adjoin Block 643 of the Velasco Townsite.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2435 nominating American Rice, Inc., as an enterprise project pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, codified as Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Government Code.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2435 nominating American Rice, Inc., as an enterprise project pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, codified as Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Government Code.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2433 authorizing the City Manager to form a non-profit corporation and to seek a tax exemption for it under the Section 501 (C) (3) of the U. S. Federal Tax Code to receive and administer funds and other assets donated for the benefit of the Freeport Museum; such corporation to be controlled with oversight by the City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas, which shall be the Board of Directors of such corporation.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2433 authorizing the City Manager to form a non-profit corporation and to seek a tax exemption for it under the Section 501 (C) (3) of the U. S. Federal Tax Code to receive and administer funds and other assets donate for the benefit of the Freeport Museum; such corporation to be controlled with oversight by the City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas, which shall be the Board of Directors of such corporation.

Consideration of returning Tract U-3 (1/5 interest, Abstract 90, J. G. & G.W. McNeel, 1.944 acres, Geographic Id: 0090-0051-111 to Percy Beacroft, etal.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved returning Tract U-3 (1/5 interest, Abstract 90, J. G. & G.W. McNeel 1.944 acres, Geographic Id. 0090-0051-111 to Percy Beacroft, etal

Consideration of approving a commercial tax abatement application for pipeline infrastructure for BASF and setting a Public Hearing date for March 17, 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a commercial tax abatement application for pipeline infrastructure for BASF and setting a Public Hearing date for March 17, 2014.

Consideration of approving a commercial tax abatement application for improvements for Signal Electronics, 203 S. Gulf Boulevard, Freeport Texas and setting a Public Hearing date for March 17, 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a commercial tax abatement application for Signal Electronics, 203 S. Gulf Boulevard, Freeport Texas and setting a Public Hearing date for March 17, 2014.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary – Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas