

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Freeport City Council met on May 5, 2014 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:	Mayor Norma M. Garcia	
	Councilwoman Michelle Kent	
	Councilman Fred Bolton	
	Councilwoman Sandra Loeza	
	Councilwoman Sandra Barbree	
Staff:	Jeff Pynes, City Manager	
	Gilbert Arispe, Asst. City Manager	
	Wallace Shaw, City Attorney	
	Delia Munoz, City Secretary	
	Bob Welch, Finance Director	
	Nat Hickey, Property Manager	
	Brian Davis, Fire Chief	
	Dan Pennington, Police Chief	
	Larry Fansher, Parks Director	
	Kola Olayiwola, Building Inspector	
Visitors:	Annette Sanford	Manuel Bustos
	Nicole Mireles	Mobey Burrige
	Evelyn Burrige	Lila Lloyd
	Melanie Oldham	Shannon Daughtry
	Kenny Kouches	Jerry Meeks
	Glenda Fansher	

Call to order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Brenda Laird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the April 7, 2014 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the April 7, 2014 Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2014-2063 declaring it to be a nuisance for and amending Section 91.08 of the Code of Ordinances of said City to provide that the owner or agent, tenant or lessee of any premises in the City shall be responsible for maintaining the Front, Back and Side Yards of such premises, including sidewalks, grass strips and one-half of any alley or unpaved right-of-way adjoining such premises, free and clear of accumulations of grass cutting, yard refuse or clippings and other trash. Garbage or litter of any kind, and providing that no person shall sweep into or deposit the same upon or in any street, alley, drainage structure or ditch within the City.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014-2063 declaring it to be a nuisance for and amending Section 91.08 of the Code of Ordinances of said City to provide that the owner or agent, tenant or lessee of any premises in the City shall be responsible for maintaining the Front, Back and Side Yards of such premises, including sidewalks, grass strips and one-half of any alley or unpaved right-of-way adjoining such premises, free and clear of accumulations of grass cutting, yard refuse or clippings and other trash. Garbage or litter of any kind, and providing that no person shall sweep into or deposit the same upon or in any street, alley, drainage structure or ditch within the City.

Consideration of approving the bids, awarding the mowing contract, and authorizing the Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a contract with the successful bidder for the Building Department.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved and awarded the mowing contract to Bustos Lawn Service, P.O. Box 2316, Freeport Texas.

Consideration of approving the bids, awarding the Mowing, Grounds Care, and Flowerbed Maintenance contract, and authorizing the Mayor to sign and City Secretary to attest a contract with the successful bidder for the Parks Department.

On a motion by Councilwoman Loeza, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved and awarded the Mowing, Grounds Care and Flowerbed Maintenance Contract to Maldonado Nursery & Landscape Inc., 1707 Ojeman, Houston Texas.

Consideration of approving and authorizing the City Manager to sign a lease purchase with Tyler Technologies to purchase two kiosks for the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved and authorized the City Manager to sign a lease purchase with Tyler Technologies to purchase two kiosks for the City of Freeport.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 64, Lot 21, Velasco Townsite, known as 307 S. Ave. H, Tx. Id. 8110-0635-000.

On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 64, Lot 21, Velasco Townsite, known as 307 S. Ave. H, Tx. Id. 8110-0635-000.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 116, Lot 15, Freeport Townsite, known as 1026 W. 4th Street, Tx. Id. 4200-1163-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved selling the City's interest on Block 116, Lot 15, Freeport Townsite, known as 1026 W. 4th Street, Tx. Id. 4200-1163-000.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 746, Lot 5 & 6, Velasco Townsite, known as 1414-1416 North Ave P, Tx. Id 8110-3440-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Nay", Council unanimously declined to sell the City's interest on Block 746, Lot 5 & 6, Velasco Townsite, known as 1414-1416 North Ave P, Tx. Id 8110-3440-000.

Consideration of selling the City's interest on Block 777, Lot 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 1623 North Ave. P, Tx. Id. 8110-3852-000.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Loeza, with all present voting "Nay", Council unanimously declined to sell the City's interest on Block 777, Lot 24, Velasco Townsite, known as 1623 North Ave. P, Tx. Id. 8110-3852-000.

Consideration of authorizing the Mayor to sign and acknowledge and the City Secretary attest a deed from the Velasco Drainage District conveying the land between the Velasco Townsite and the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River, beginning at the point where a projection of the easterly boundary line of Front Street intersects the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River and then proceeding in an easterly direction to the point where the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River intersects a southerly projection of the common boundary of Lots 10 and 11 of Block 20 of said townsite.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved authorizing the Mayor to sign and acknowledge and the City Secretary attest a deed from the Velasco Drainage District conveying the land between the Velasco Townsite and the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River, beginning at the point where a projection of the easterly boundary line of Front Street intersects the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River and then proceeding in an easterly direction to the point where the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River intersects a southerly projection of the common boundary of Lots 10 and 11 of Block 20 of said townsite.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2014-2439 authorizing the Mayor to sign and acknowledge and the City Secretary to attest a deed from the City of Freeport to Braztux Development, LLC, conveying the portion of the land between Bridgepoint Subdivision and the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River, beginning at the point where a southerly projection of the westerly boundary line of Lot 1 of said subdivision intersects the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River and continuing in an easterly direction to the point where the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River intersects a southerly projection of the easterly boundary line of Lot 16 of said subdivision.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-2439 authorizing the Mayor to sign and acknowledge and the City Secretary to attest a deed from the City of Freeport to Braztux Development, LLC, conveying the portion of the land between Bridgepoint Subdivision and the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River, beginning at the point where a southerly projection of the westerly boundary line of Lot 1 of said subdivision intersects the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River and continuing in an easterly direction to the point where the left descending bank of the Old Brazos River intersects a southerly projection of the easterly boundary line of Lot 16 of said subdivision.

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

- Skymark Development Agreement /380 Agreement and MUD

On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye" Council unanimously approved the Skymark Development -Municipal Utility District – MUD only.

Work Session:

Report on the collections of delinquent taxes by Mike Darlow of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L. P.

Mike Darlow presented to Council pie charts and yearly percentage of collections.

Discussion on purchasing a downtown building and relocating City Hall.

Brenda Laird is in favor of purchasing the old bank building for use as City Hall. She commented that the City Manager has done huge efforts and has added value to the Freeport Museum and Freeport history. The Parks Department is doing a wonderful job and she has fallen in love with downtown. She has spent numerous amount of time researching at the Freeport Museum and the library is exquisite.

Nicole Mireles, 2002 North Ave. G, asked that if we purchased the old bank building would the City Hall building be put on the tax roll.

She asked if the bank building had been assessed for mold or asbestos or any other issues. She was concerned on the amount of money it would take to renovate the bank building.

An installation of an elevator for the bank building and making it ADA compliance would be necessary. She asked how much money was spent in the last five years in renovations of the City Hall and Museums. She asked if something was wrong with the City Hall building. She would like Council to concentrate more on street infrastructures.

Kenny Kouches is interested in the preservation of the City and moving City Hall downtown would bring fruition to downtown.

Mr. Jeff Pynes showed a PowerPoint presentation of the old historic bank building.

Councilwoman Barbree stated that industry donated a lot of the money for the Freeport Museum. The City and children deserves the Freeport Museum. A wonderful place to go and encourages all to go and visit.

Councilwoman Kent likes the idea of City Hall relocating to downtown because it, brings more people further downtown.

Demonstration of kiosks payment system for City Hall.

John Johnson of AdComp Systems Group presented a PowerPoint presentation of the kiosks online payment system. It would provide 24 hour accessibility. The system would take cash, credit cards, debit cards & checks. Residents will be able to make payments online after hours.

Mayor closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code


Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matters 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:

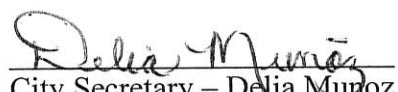
- Pending Contractual Negotiations – Industrial District Agreement for Freeport LNG.
- Consultation pending legations on Freeport Marina.
- Skymark Development Agreement 380 Agreements and MUD
(motion made on item # 16 – open session)
- Contractual negotiations regarding building purchase.

Mayor Garcia closed the Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened the Formal Session to motion on no. 16 on the agenda.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma M. Garcia adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.


 Mayor Norma M. Garcia
 City of Freeport, Texas


 City Secretary – Delia Munoz
 City of Freeport, Texas