

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006, at 6:00 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: Jim Phillips
 Clan A. Cameron
 Jim Saccomanno
 John Smith, III
 Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Ron Bottoms, City Manager
 Pat Taylor, Asst. City Attorney
 Gary Beverly, Finance Director
 Larry Fansher, Public Works Director
 Doug Caffey, Building Official
 Mary Stotler, Main Street Director
 Gus Flores, Police Lt.
 John Stanford, Fire Chief
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Visitors: Abel Garcia Beverly Nixon
 Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
 Pixie Floyd Bobby Joe Casale
 Joaquin Damian Lila Lloyd
 Jerry Meeks Eric Hayes
 Michelle Kent Ken Tyner
 Louie Jones Chris Robinson
 Marie Bogan Louis Jones

Call to Order.

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

Invocation.

Pastor Abel Garcia from the First Baptist Church offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the June 5, 2006 City Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the minutes of June 5, 2006.

Attending Citizens and Their Business.

Bobby Casale discussed the power shortage at Bridge Harbor. He couldn't understand why they were down six hours.

Joaquin Damian of 915 W. 7th Street, has been trying to get service to a house he plans to acquire. He has rewired the house, and it has passed inspection. He has waited ten days, but CenterPoint is waiting for an approval from the City. He says he cannot put up with this. Then its one fee on top of another. He also complained about the traffic light at Velasco and Ave. A. He thanked Chief Pynes for his efforts on the noise ordinance.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2108 granting a Tax Abatement agreement to Thomas and Juana Gallardo for 1631 W. 4th Street.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting "aye", Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2108 granting a Tax Abatement agreement to Thomas and Juana Gallardo for 1631 W. 4th St.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2109 reappointing Robert Leffingwell to the Planning Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2109 reappointing Robert Leffingwell to the Planning Commission of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2110 appointing Michelle Kent to the Planning Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all presenting voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2110 appointing Michelle Kent to the Planning Commission of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2111 reappointing Rita Angel Cundieff and Laverne Siemers to the Library Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2111 reappointing Rita Angel Cundieff and Laverne Siemers to the Library Board of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2112 reappointing Charles O.Lloyd to the Historical Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2112 reappointing Charles O. Lloyd to the Historical Commission of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2113 reappointing Roddy Mohler, Hallard Fields and Raul Ramirez to the Board of Adjustments Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2113 reappointing Roddy Mohler, Hallard Fields and Raul Ramirez to the Board of Adjustments Board of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2114 reappointing John F. Schults, and Fred Bolton to the Urban Renewal Board of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2114 reappointing John F. Schults, and Fred Bolton to the Urban Renewal Board of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2115 reappointing Pauline Burton, Jo Ann Fields, and Carol Rangel to the Beautification/Park/Recreation Committee of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2115 reappointing Pauline Burton, Jo Ann Fields, and Carol Rangel to the Beautification/Parks/Recreation Committee of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2116 reappointing Jacque Cundieff, Norma M. Garcia and Ronald Theriot to the Economic Development Corporation of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2116 reappointing Jacque Cundieff, Norma M. Garcia and Ronald Theriot to the Economic Development Corporation of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of Resolution No. 2006-2117 reappointing Carol Rangel, Jim Pirrung, Dorothy Pirrung, and Mazie Mack to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Saccomanno, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Resolution No. 2006-2117 reappointing Carol Rangel, Jim Pirrung, Dorothy Pirrung and Mazie Mack to the Senior Citizens Commission of said City. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of purchasing Tract 4, S.F. Austin Abstract No. 33, Freeport Townsite, located behind 1130 West 2nd Street on the West side of Velasco Bridge.

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Mr. Bottoms recommendation to purchase Tract 4, S.F. Austin, Abstract No. 33, Freeport Townsite, located behind 1130 West 2nd Street on the West side of Velasco Bridge for \$100,000. Councilman Cameron opposed.

Consideration of the approval of a request from the Freeport Host Lions Club to waive the vendor permits for the 59th annual Fishing Fiesta on June 28 thru July 2, 2006 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved a request from the Freeport Host Lions Club to waive the vendor permits for the 59th annual Fishing Fiesta on June 28th thru July 2, 2006 at the Freeport Municipal Park.

Elected Official Report

Councilman Saccomanno attended the Main Street meeting on June 6, 2006. The main thrust was the planning of the Summertime Blues Festival for September 1, 2, and 3, 2006. Discussed starting a support group; Preservation Committee and Friends of Main Street.

Mayor Phillips attended a SPCA board meeting. He reported that the Executive Director, Tracy Copeland has resigned. She will be returning to work at Dow's Community Relations Department. The Brazoria County Cities Association meeting will be hosted by the City of Manvel on June 21, 2006. He attended an Appraisal District informational forum hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on June 14, 2006 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. Also waiting on a membership survey from the Economic Development Alliance.

Work Session

Administration Report

Mr. Bottoms is busy preparing the budget and getting budget input. The City has been asked to participate in a transportation study for Southern Brazoria County. The City's share would be \$900. The City of Clute sent letters asking for volunteers to participate in the Mosquito Festival contests. The marina developer plans to have boats in the water by spring, hopes to be at the Houston Boat Show promoting the marina.

Jerry Meeks crew out working on Old River Street. Replacing a 6'' water main on South Front Street.

Mary Stotler working on a Preservation Overlay District. Getting donations for the Summertime Blues Festival. Three bands are scheduled to play at the festival. McDonalds has a large red shoe to enter the parade, and working on the triathlon route.

Gus Flores busy filling patrol vacancies at the Police Department. Also getting positive feedback on Noise Ordinance.

Larry Fansher reported Public Works Department busy working with Safety Town at Freeport Intermediate School. Cleaning RiverPlace facility, Riverside Park, and aggressively spraying for mosquito's outbreak. Preparing and spraying Freeport Municipal Park for the Fishing Fiesta coming June 28 thru July 2, 2006. Riverside Park is hosting Little League tournament on June 26, 27, 28, 2006. City and county crews doing roadwork on Old River Street, Munson, and North Ave. G., moving towards Freeport side. Demolition continues at the old Freeport Intermediate School.

Doug Caffey, reported that Freeport Oaks Apartments are in up and running. He received 4 new house plans. School inspections continue and Port Freeport is expanding requiring inspections.

John Stanford has scheduled July 15, 2006 for employee testing. Also participating in Safety Town and reviewing ordinances, some private ambulance do not meet criteria.

Gary Beverly working on budget figures.

Discussion concerning appointing qualified person(s) on the following boards and commissions.

- Planning Commission
- Library Board
- Freeport Historical Commission
- Board of Adjustment
- Urban Renewal Board
- Beautification/Parks & Recreation Committee
- Economic Development Corp.
- Main Street Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Commission

Review applications for committees/boards.

Discussion concerning the renewal franchise agreement with CenterPoint Energy.

Mr. Bottoms discussed the franchise agreement with the city that will expire in May 2008. The City of Freeport did join the coalition of cities to intervene in the rate case of CenterPoint. CenterPoint has recovered about 100 million, would like the cities to recover some of these funds.

Marie Bogan, Regional Director for CenterPoint was present to answer questions concerning the franchise agreement. The original agreement was for 50 years, expiring in May 2008. She advised that the franchise is essentially the same, but only for 30 years.

She discussed the franchise payments and what effects high/low usage, we would have on the franchise fee. Mayor Phillip wanted noted that if the franchise agreement changed later, that Centerpoint amend the City's agreement to get the best offer.

Mayor Phillips closed the work session and opened the executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Executive Session

A. 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:

- (1) Marina
- (2) Manning Rollerson

Mayor Phillips reconvened the open session at 7:45 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

James W. Phillips
Mayor