

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF BRAZORIA

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City of Freeport, met in a called meeting on Monday, September 10, 2007, 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: Larry L. McDonald  
Clan A. Cameron  
Jim Saccomanno  
John Smith, III  
Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Ron Bottoms, City Manager  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Gary Beverly, Finance Director  
Larry Fansher, Public Works Director  
Doug Caffey, Building Inspector  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Jeff Pynes, Police Chief  
John Stanford, Fire Chief  
Mary Stotler, Main Street Director

Visitors: Cathy Williams Angela Kant  
Cele Damian Ron Damian  
Bill DeMain Faia DeMain  
Joyce Adkins Jim Phillips  
Rosa McDonald Diane Williams  
Pixie Floyd Hunter Sauls  
Loni Kershaw Ruben Renobato  
Kathy Lum Chip Gentry  
C. W. Hunter Lynda Hunter  
Gus Flores Jay Newton  
Juanita Cordoza Steve Epperly  
Allan Lawson Larry Shaefer  
Patrick Gore Carmen Bottoms  
Jerry Meeks Jay Garcia  
Kenny Kouches

Call to Order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the September 4, 2007 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved the minutes of September 4, 2007. Councilman Cameron opposed.

**Public Hearing:** Consideration of the second public hearing to set a tax rate in excess of the effective tax rate for the 2007 tax year.

Mayor McDonald opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Bottoms said the budget is based on keeping our current tax rate of 0.71 per \$100.00 evaluation tax rate for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Mayor McDonald announced the next meeting will be September 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the tax rate. There being no further questions or comments, Mayor McDonald closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

**Public Hearing: Proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.**

Mayor McDonald opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m., on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Mr. Bottoms presented a PowerPoint presentation of infrastructure improvements and pending projects throughout the City. Included in this budget is the issuance of \$3,000,000 worth of Certificates of Obligation to be used for street and drainage improvements, specifically to the Velasco Boulevard, Pecan, Yaupon, Locust, and the levee road from the sewer plant towards Bryan Mound. Also included in this budget is the continuation of our ten-year sewer replacement program, additional street improvements, a new emergency dispatcher, two new parks employees, a new part-time recreation center attendant, and continuing to provide our employees with the tools they need by replacing worn out department equipment. Phase II of the entryway landscaping to start this fall and be completed by next spring, which will take the landscaping from where it left off under Phase I, all the way to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Rene Damian of Damian Associates, discussed details of the three \$3,000,000.00 infrastructure expenditure on Velasco Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cedar, Pecan, Yaupon, Locust Streets.

Angel Kant asked about the revenue loss on the industrial contracts. Mr. Bottoms said it was roughly around \$150, 000.00 industrial tax rate, lowered from 0.71 to 0.67.

Mayor McDonald and Councilman Cameron stated that they were against the issuance of \$3,000,000 Certificate of Obligation and would like it presented to the voters of the City.

Councilman Saccomanno disagreed, he said the citizens elected council to make these decisions, stating that it was a manageable debt, and for a good purpose.

Councilman Saccomanno and Councilman Smith were in favor of the \$3,000,000 Certificate of Obligation to be used for street and drainage improvements.

Councilwoman Garcia's concern is that there are already three Certificates of Obligation outstanding and paying off a debt before adding more, would benefit the City.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor McDonald closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

**Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2007-2173, adopting a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the City of Freeport.**

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council approved Ordinance No. 2007-2173 adopting a budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the City of Freeport. Mayor McDonald and Councilman Cameron opposed.

**Adjourn**

On a motion by Councilman Saccomanno, seconded by Councilman Smith, with all present voting "aye", the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Delia Muñoz  
City Secretary

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Larry L. McDonald  
Mayor