

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Thursday, December 31st, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Larry L. McDonald
 Clan A. Cameron
 James W. Phillips – Absent
 Ron Wise
 Norma M. Garcia

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
 Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
 Delia Munoz, City Secretary
 Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Visitors: Larry Shaefer Judy Shaefer
 Susie Wise Rosa McDonald
 Annette Sanford Mark Sanford
 Lila Lloyd Melanie Oldham
 Jerry Meeks

Call to Order.

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Invocation.

City Attorney Mr. Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the approval of the December 7th, 9th, and 10th, 2009, Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the December 7th, 9th, and 10th, 2009 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

There were none.

Consideration of the approval of Ordinance No. 2009-2233 adopting pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.03 of the Home Rule Charter of said City, annexing approximately 122 acres of land out of the John Martin Survey, Abstract 331, The Richard H. Barrow Survey, Abstract 639 and the Stephen F. Austin Survey, Abstract 29, Brazoria County, Texas.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2009-2233 adopting pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.03 of the Home Rule Charter of said City, annexing approximately 122 acres of land out of the John Martin Survey, Abstract 331, The Richard H. Barrow Survey, Abstract 639 and the Stephen F. Austin Survey, Abstract 29, Brazoria County, Texas.

Consideration of the approval of setting January 19th, 2010 for a public hearing to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement: Javier & Guadalupe Caro, Lot 22, Brazos landing Section 1, known as 126 Brazos Landing Court.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting January 19th, 2010 for a public hearing to consider designating the following described real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City as a reinvestment zone for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the owner or owners thereof granting a tax abatement: Javier & Guadalupe Caro, Lot 22, Brazos landing Section 1, known as 126 Brazos Landing Court.

Consideration of the approval of selling the City's interest on Block 13, U/5 - Int. - Lot 9 thru 12, known as 218-224 South Ave. B., Tax Id. 8110-0164-000.

On a motion by Councilman Cameron, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting 3 to 1, Council approved the selling the City's interest on Block 13, U/5-Int. - Lot 9 thru 12, known as 218-224 South Ave. B., Tax Id. 8110-0164-000. Councilwoman Garcia opposed.

Consideration of the approval of accepting the bid of Jesse Aguilar, Jr. in the amount of \$6,536 for Block 631, Lots 20 & 21, Velasco Townsite and instructing the City Attorney to prepare a deed for same.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilwoman Garcia, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the bid of Jesse Aguilar, Jr. in the amount of \$6,536 for Block 631, Lots 20 & 21, Velasco Townsite and instructing the City Attorney to prepare a deed for same.

Consideration of the approval of canceling January 4th, 2010 council meeting and rescheduling January 18th, meeting to January 19th , 2010 due to Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

On a motion by Councilwoman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Wise, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved canceling January 4th, 2010 council meeting and rescheduling January 18th, meeting to January 19th , 2010 due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Discuss and consider the report of the Charter Review Commission and instruct the City Attorney which recommendation(s) if any, to place in the Charter Review Election Ordinance.

City Council reviewed and discussed the charter review amendments. Councilman Wise suggested prioritizing the amendments, phrasing the wording to read simple, and not boggle the ballot.

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 of the Charter Review recommendations, exempting number five (5) to be placed in the Charter Review Election Ordinance.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman Wise, seconded by Councilman Cameron, with all present voting "aye", Council adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Delia Munoz
City Secretary

Larry L. McDonald
Mayor