

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, February 6th, 2012 at 6:03 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: Norma M. Garcia
Michelle Kent –Absent
Fred Bolton –Absent
Nicolosa Mireles
Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Asst. City Manager
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Brian Davis, Fire Chief
Ty Morrow, Police Chief
Raymond Garivey-Warrant Officer

Visitors: Jim Pirrung Dorothy Pirrung
Lila Lloyd Annette Sanford
Shannon Daughtry Melanie Oldham

Call to Order.

Mayor Norma Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation.

Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Norma Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the January 17th, 2011 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the January 17th, 2012 Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Melanie Oldham questioned the fourth proposed Charter Review amendment. She asked for the job description of a City Health Officer, she said it would be difficult to have a physician practice medicine and be a resident of the City. Brazoria County Health office has no data on Freeport.

Consideration of receiving, discussing and approving the 6th propose amendment from the Charter Review Commission 2011-2012.

Mr. Pynes explained the 6th propose amendment from the Charter Review. The change would be from 3% to 5% allocations of the total budget annual budget. Councilwoman Mireles questioned the wording of “funds may only be used with the specific consent of the Mayor for unforeseen contingencies by the City Manager” she requested that the wording be changed from Mayor to City Council.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting “aye”, Council unanimously approved the two above changes to the 2011-2012 Charter Review Commission.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2012-2299 calling the Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2012, being May 12th, 2012 at which the voters of said City residing in Wards A and C shall be permitted to vote for or against the candidates for positions A and C on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

On a motion by Councilwoman Sandra Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present “aye”, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2012-2299 calling the General Annual General Election for the City of Freeport for the second Saturday in May 2012, being May 12th, 2012 at which the voters of said City residing in Wards A and C shall be permitted to vote for or against candidates for positions A and C on the City Council of the City of Freeport.

Consideration of approving Ordinance No. 2012-2300 calling the Charter Review Amendment Election on the question of adopting all approved amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City.

Melanie Oldham opposed the 4th proposed amendment. She requested Council change the wording from resident of the City of Freeport to Brazoria County.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting ‘aye’, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2012-2300 calling the Charter Review Amendment Election on the question of adopting all approved amendments to the Home Rule Charter of said City.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2012-2275 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Joint Election Agreement and contract for Election Services.

On a motion by Councilwoman Sandra Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present "aye", Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-2275 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Joint Election Agreement and contract for Election Services.

Consideration of approving the final Fair Housing Activity Statement (FHASt) for the Disaster Relief Program.

Gilbert Arispe Asst. City Manager stated that this was a requirement to comply with the grant on the Central Lift Station.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting 'aye', Council unanimously approved the final Fair Housing Activity Statement (FHASt) for the Disaster Relief Program.

Consideration of authorizing the City Manager to sale 2 tracts of land in Abstract: A0033 S F Austin Tract 4 Acres 0.764 and A0033 S F Austin Tract 4 (und 1/3) Acres 0.220 Freeport and advertise for bids.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved the City Manager to advertise for bids, selling 2 tracts of land in Abstract: A0033 S F Austin Tract 4 Acres 0.764 and A0033 S F Austin Tract 4 (und 1/3) Acres 0.220 Freeport and setting March 19th, 2012 for a bid date.

Consideration of rescheduling February 20th, 2012 Council Meeting to February 21st. due to President Day holiday.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved rescheduling February 20th, 2012 Council Meeting to February 21st., due to Presidents Day holiday conflict.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye" Council adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Norma M. Garcia
City of Freeport

City Secretary-Delia Munoz
City of Freeport