

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Tuesday, July 5th, 2011 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: Norma Moreno Garcia  
Michelle Kent  
Fred Bolton  
Nicolasa Mireles  
Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager  
Gilbert Arispe, Administrative Asst.  
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney  
Delia Munoz, City Secretary  
Nat Hickey, Property Manager  
Larry Fansher, Parks Director  
Ty Morrow, Police Chief  
Brian Davis, Fire Chief  
Sadie Alanis, Police Officer

Visitors: Lalo Garcia                      Joyce Adkins  
Annette Sanford                      Gina Adams  
Landis Adams                      Dan Tarver  
Eric Hayes                      Lila Diehl  
Lila Lloyd                      Louis Barrientes  
Glen Moody                      Ed Garcia  
Lucky Gilbert                      Marjorie Clark  
Cliff Shimek                      Mike Kouches  
Stephanie Brown                      George Elizondo  
Jim Barnett                      Pixie Floyd  
Jack Brown                      Brenda Laird  
Sandra Leavey                      Martin Villarreal  
Manny Sanchez                      Danny Davis  
Shari Wright

Call to Order.

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

Invocation.

Mr. Shaw offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Norma Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of approving the June 20th & June 23rd, 2011 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting 'aye', Council unanimously approved the June 20th, & June 23rd Council Minutes.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson asked when he could expect the information he requested on Chief Morrow.

**Proclamation:** Proclaiming the month of July 2011 as Adopt a Shelter Animal Month.

Mayor Norma Garcia read out the Proclamation proclaiming the month of July as Adopt a Shelter Animal Month.

Jack Brown Director of the SPCA received the Proclamation and thanked Mayor Norma M. Garcia and Council.

Consideration of transferring Block 538, Lots 13 to 24, Block 558, Lots 13-24, Block 539, Lots 1-24, Block 557, Lots 1-24 in Urban Renewal Project No. 1 to Freeport Economic Development for economic development.

Mr. Shaw advised Council that the Urban Renewal Plan had to be for residential development.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved transferring Block 538, Lots 13-24, Block 539, Lots 1-24, Block 557, Lots 1-24 in Urban Renewal Project No. 1 to Freeport Economic Development for economic development. Mayor Norma Garcia instructed Mr. Shaw to proceed with the necessary documentation.

Consideration of setting a date for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider granting Richard Clark a Specific Use Permit for the purpose of constructing a Recreational Vehicle Park, Freeport Properties S/D, Lot Two (2) Acres 12.863.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved setting August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission to consider granting Richard Clark a Specific Use Permit for the purpose of constructing a Recreational Vehicle Park, Freeport Properties S/D, Lot Two (2) Acres 12.0863.

Joyce Adkins complained, stating that the address was not given, city had problems with their computers, notices were poorly written, due diligence was not done.

Consideration of authorizing Chief Morrow to expand court technical funds to purchase audio/video equipment.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilwoman Kent, with all present voting "aye", Council unanimously approved Chief Morrow to expand court technical funds to purchase audio/video equipment, not to exceed \$8,000.

Work Session:

Update by the Veteran of Foreign Wars on the Summertime Blues event.

Glen Moody VFW Commander stated that the Summertime Blues event will take place September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Freeport Memorial Park. Mayor Garcia asked Mr. Moody what resources he was requesting from the City. He stated that he needed security, EMS, participation from the Street Department and Parks Department, trash pickup, generators, diesel fuel and maybe if possible a notice of the event in the water bills. Mayor Norma Garcia requested that Mr. Moody submit a list of resources to her or Mr. Pynes. He invited all to their meeting at 101 North Gulf Blvd. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Councilwoman Barbree stated that Main Street Committee had partnered with VFW and asked members to attend the meetings. Councilwoman Mireles and Councilwoman Barbree requested that a money trail be kept.

Discussion regarding an agreement with PoliceReports.Us, LLC to retrieve police reports on line.

Chief Morrow explained the agreement with PoliceReports.Us, LLC. This will allow citizens and businesses get police reports online. The fee collected for each report is \$10.00, PoliceReport.Us per report fee is \$4.00, and amount returned per report distributed is \$6.00, no cost to the City.

Discussion regarding the new Senate Bill 100 requiring adjustments to the Municipal Election Dates.

This item was reagendaed.

Appointing City Council liaison(s) to the following boards and commissions.

- Planning Commission
- Library Board
- Freeport Historical Commission & Main Street Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustments
- Urban Renewal Board
- Beautification/Parks & Rec. Committee
- Economic Development Corporation
- Charter Review Commission
- Senior Citizens Commission

City Council liaison(s) to the boards and commissions are:

- Planning Commission, Councilman Kent
- Library Board, Councilman Bolton
- Freeport Historical Commission & Main Street Advisory Board, Councilwoman Barbree
- Board of Adjustments, Mayor Garcia
- Urban Renewal Board, Councilwoman Mireles
- Beautification/Parks & Rec. Committee, Mayor Garcia
- Economic Development Corporation, Councilman Bolton
- Charter Review Commission, Councilwoman Mireles
- Senior Citizens Commission, Councilwoman Mireles

Appointing qualified person(s) to the following boards and commissions.

- Planning Commission
- Library Board
- Freeport Historical Commission & Main Street Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustments
- Urban Renewal Board
- Beautification/Parks & Rec. Committee
- Economic Development Corporation
- Charter Review Commission
- Senior Citizens Commission

Council members reviewed the applications and appointed person(s) to the following boards and commissions. The approval of applications will be on the July 18<sup>th</sup>, Council Meeting.

Discuss and consider an ordinance regarding chaining or restraining a dog to a stationary object and/or safety guideless.

Chief Morrow introduced Larissa Faskan and Kylie Stuart, the two animal control officers. He proposes a no tethering ordinance be implemented. The City of Freeport has a lot of irresponsible pet owners. He presented a video where chains wrapped around dog's necks have cut into their skin.

Veterinarian Manny Sanchez, owner of the Freeport Veterinary Medical Center, 1316 North Brazosport stated that dogs chained alone in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffer psychological issues. Tethering restricts a dogs movement, causing them to be aggressive and mean.

Martin Villarreal and his wife with Brazosport Muffler, 713 North Gulf Blvd., grieved over their boston terrier killed by a pit bull that had been tethered. Mr. Villarreal emphasized that it was at 8:15 a.m. in the morning when kids are walking to school.

Dan Tarver is an owner of three dogs, chaining a dog is abusive and needs to stop. He is in favor of a no tethering ordinance.

Councilwoman Kent agrees that Council needs to look at implementing a anti-tethering ordinance.

Discussion regarding Chief Morrow expanding court technical funds to purchase audio/video equipment.

Chief Morrow discusses the need to purchase audio/video equipment. The equipment would be permanently mounted on police cruisers, when police officers are out of their vehicles talking to suspects.

Mayor Norma Garcia closed the formal agenda and opened the executive session at 7:38 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:

- Freeport Marina

Adjourn

Mayor Norma Garcia reconvened the formal session to adjourn. On a motion by Councilwoman Kent, seconded by Councilwoman Mireles, with all voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Mayor Norma Garcia  
City of Freeport, Texas

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City Secretary-Delia Munoz  
City of Freeport, Texas