CITY OF FREEPORT PLANNING COMMISSION

Friday, October 30, 2015, 2:00 P.M. Freeport Police Department, Municipal Courtroom 430 North Brazosport Boulevard Freeport, Texas

AGENDA

Edward Garcia, Chairman Cindy Cain Royce McCoy

Lesa Girouard Eddie Virgil

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning & Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas will meet in a regular meeting on **Friday, October 30, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Courtroom, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

- 1. Open Meeting.
- 2. Consideration of approving the Mintues of October 19, 2015.
- 3. Discuss and consider recommending to City Council to erect a yellow caution light(s) on the North & South ends of the median crossing Velasco Bridge.
- 4. Discuss and consider recommending to City Council to amend the truck route.

Work Session:

A. Discussion by City Manager Jeff Pynes regarding truck route in the City.

Adjourn.

NOTE: ITEMS NOT NECESSARILY DISCUSSED IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE AGENDA. THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AT ITS DISCRETION, MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED.

I, Delia Munoz, City Secretary, City of Freeport, Texas, hereby certify that this Agenda was posted on the official bulletin board/glass door of City Hall facing the rear parking lot of the building with 24-hour access at 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas on or before **Tuesday**, **October 27, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.**

Delia Munoz, City Secretary

City of Freeport, Texas

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Planning & Traffic Commission and the City Council of the City of Freeport met on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Courtroom, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Planning Commission:

Edward T. Garcia – Chairman

Cindy Cain Royce McCoy

Lesa Girouard - Absent

Eddie Virgil

City Council:

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia

Councilman Larry L. McDonald - Absent

Councilman Fred Bolton Councilwoman Sandra Loeza Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff:

Gilbert Arispe – Assistant City Attorney

Wallace Shaw, City Attorney Delia Munoz, City Secretary Nat Hickey, Property Manager

Brian Davis, Fire Chief

Dan Pennington, Police Chief Bob Welch, Finance Director

Jennifer Hawkins, Economic Development Inc.

Visitors:

Dail Ballard

Jerry Meeks

Larry Fansher

Lila Lloyd

Annette Sanford

Esther Williams

Moby Burridge

Evelyn Burridge

Winston Rossow

Open Meeting

Edward T. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Consideration of approving the Mintues of September 29, 2015.

On a motion by Royce McCoy, seconded by Eddie Virgil, with all present voting "Aye", the Planning Commision unanimously approved the minutes of September 29, 2015.

Administer Oath of Office to newly appointed Cindy Cain and Eddie Virgil to the Planning Commission of said City.

Chairman Edward T. Garcia administerd the Oath of Offie to the newly appointed Cindy Cain and Eddie Virgil to the Planning Commission.

Joint Public Hearing: The City Council of the City of Freeport and the Planning Commission of said City will conduct a Joint Public Hearing on whether or not Cherry Street, a public street therein situated should be renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard.

There being a quorum with the Planning Commission and the City Council, Chairman Edward T. Garcia opened the Joint Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. on whether or not Cherry Street, a public street therein situated should be renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Edward T. Garcia asked for comments from audience and staff.

Esther Williams Secretary of the Martin Luther King Committee stated that 2nd Street is the preferred street, but Cherry Street is an excellenent idea. They are approaching 30 years of celebrating Martin Luhter King in the City of Freeport.

Dail Ballard member of the Martin Luther King Committee stated that it started in Freeport and that their mailing address is in Freeport. He stated that Sweeny is the ony city that has a street named after Martin Luther King. The parade started in 1986 and this is home for the Martin Luther King festival. Doctor Martin Luther King is worthy of renaming a street in Freeport.

Tom Zirlott opposed the renaming of Cherry Street. He was married pm 4th & Cherry, and has sentimal reasons for opposing the name change.

Annette Sanford asked what changes would take place if the street was renamed.

Edward T, Garcia stated that Port Freeport, Seaman Center and Western Seafood and the Post Office would be effected.

Annette Sanford suggested a park or property designated for the memory of Martin Luther King.

Lila Lloyd stated that what Martin Luther King did was not just for African Americans, he was responsible for the Civil Right Bill, for equality and for all America.

Reverne Willaims stated that naming a street to Martin Luther King is a wonderful thing and asked Council not to have a tunnel vision, did very much for the country and supported non-violence, peace, unity and equality for all.

Their being no more comments, Chairman Edward T. Garcia closed the Joint Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Make a recommendation to the City Council to consider whether or not Cherry Street, a public street therein situated should be renamed Martin Luther King Boulevard.

On a motion by Royce McCoy, seconded by Eddie Virgil, with all present voting "Aye", the Planners recommendation to City Council to rename Cherry Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Mayor Norma M. Garcia excused the Planning Commission members and Chairman Edward T. Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Edward T. Garcia City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary, Delia Munoz City of Freeport, Texas

WORDING ON THE AGENDA.