

**CITY OF FREEPORT
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 6:00 P.M.
Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room,
430 North Brazosport Boulevard
Freeport, Texas**

AGENDA

Edward Garcia, Chairman
Tobey Davenport
Jesse Aguilar, Jr.

Reuben Cuellar
Eddie Virgil

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas will meet in a regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Freeport Police Department Municipal Courtroom, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

1. Open Meeting.
2. Invocation.
3. Approval of the Minutes for Joint Public Hearing on September 17, 2012, Minutes for September 25, 2012, and the Minutes for the Joint Public Hearing on October 1, 2012.
4. Discuss/consider upgrading Gulf Boulevard, from Velasco Boulevard to FM 1495, to a four lane thoroughfare; with a center turn lane.
5. Discuss/consider getting a traffic count on Gulf Boulevard, from Velasco Boulevard to its intersection with FM 1495 and CR 229.
6. Discuss/consider contacting Brazoria County Engineer, Gerald Roberts, regarding possible County participation.
7. Discuss/consider request of Cheryl Kennedy to have a Stop Sign placed on North Avenue Q and Varner.
8. Discuss/consider limiting the square footage of building space that may be utilized as a residence in a commercially zoned district.
9. Adjourn.

I, Melissa Farmer, Building/Permit Department 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 Friday, October 19, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

Melissa Farmer

Melissa Farmer
Building/Permit Department

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a Joint Public Hearing on **Monday, September 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Courtroom, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

Edward Garcia - Chairman
Reuben Cuellar
Jesse Aguilar, Jr.
Tobey Davenport
Eddie Virgil - Absent

City Council:

Mayor Norma Moreno - Garcia
Michelle Kent
Fred Bolton
Sandra Barbree - Absent
Sandra Loeza

Staff:

Jeff Pynes
Gilbert Arispe
Wallace Shaw
Delia Munoz
Nat Hickey
Ty Morrow
Brian Davis
Bob Welch

Guests:

Jim Pirrung	Jerry Meeks
Shannon Daughtry	Landis Adams
Steve Epperley	Dorothy Pirrung
Juanita Cordozo	

Open Meeting.

Mayor Norma Moreno-Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

City Council

There being a quorum with the City Council and Planning Commission, Mayor Norma Moreno- Garcia opened the meeting.

Planning Commission

There being a quorum with the Planning Commission and City Council, Mr. Edward Garcia, Chairman, opened the meeting.

Conduct a Joint Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, changing the zoning classification of the following described land from its present classification of R-2 and R-3 to a new classification of C-1: Block 662, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 32, Page 14 of the Deed Records of said County.

Mayor Norma-Moreno Garcia asked to hear the recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Make a recommendation to the City Council concerning whether or not the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, should be amended to allow a new zoning classification of the following described land from its present classification of R-2 and R-3 to a new classification of C-1: Block 662, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 32, Page 14 of the Deed Records of said County.

Mr. Edward Garcia stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the re-zoning of Block 662, Velasco Townsite and were unanimously in favor of re-zoning from its present classification of R-3 to a new classification of C-1.

Adjourn.

Mayor Norma Moreno-Garcia adjourned the Joint Public Hearing at 6:10 P.M.

Mr. Edward Garcia adjourned the Joint Public Hearing at 6:10 P.M.

These minutes read and approved the _____ day of _____ 2012.

Edward Garcia, Chairman

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning and Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting on, **Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

**Edward Garcia – Chairperson
Reuben Cuellar
Tobey Davenport
Jesse Aguilar, Jr.
Eddie Virgil**

Staff: Melissa Farmer
Kola Olayiwola
Wallace Shaw
Lt. Marisol Gamboa

Guest: Cheryl Kennedy

Open Meeting.

Mr. Edward Garcia called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of the Minutes for August 23, 2012, Minutes for August 28, 2012, and the Minutes for Joint Public Hearing on September 4, 2012.

Ms. Eddie Virgil moved to accept the minutes for August 23, 2012, Minutes for August 28, 2012, and the Minutes for the Joint Public Hearing on September 4, 2012, seconded by Mr. Reuben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/consider request by Cheryl Kennedy of 1623 North Avenue Q and Varner to have a “Slow Children at Play” sign placed on the street.

Ms. Cheryl Kennedy spoke with the Planning Commission on her request to have a sign placed on the street. She stated that people driving down that street do not pay attention to the kids that are out there playing.

Mr. Tobey Davenport made a motion to have a sign placed on the street, seconded by Mr. Reuben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval.

Lt. Marisol Gamboa from the Freeport Police Department stated to the Members that she felt it would be more beneficial to place a stop sign or speed limit sign instead of a Children at Play sign, since most people would disregard the sign and that the Police Department would not be able to enforce it like they would be able to with a stop sign or speed limit sign.

Mr. Tobey Davenport withdrew his motion with a request that a Stop Sign be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Reuben Cuellar withdrew his Second.

Discuss/consider request by James and Gail Bailey to re-plat Block One Hundred and Eighty-Two (182), Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Freeport, known locally as 1702-1704 West 8th Street, Freeport, Texas.

Mr. Tobey Davenport moved to accept the re-plat, seconded by Ms. Eddie Virgil, unanimous vote for approval.

Adjourn.

Mr. Jess Aguilar, Jr. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Eddie Virgil, unanimous vote for approval. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Edward Garcia, Acting Chairperson

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a Joint Public Hearing on **Monday, October 1, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Courtroom, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

Edward Garcia – Chairman - Absent
Reuben Cuellar - Absent
Jesse Aguilar, Jr.
Tobey Davenport
Eddie Virgil

City Council:

Mayor Norma Moreno - Garcia
Michelle Kent
Fred Bolton
Sandra Barbree
Sandra Loeza

Staff:

Jeff Pynes
Wallace Shaw
Delia Munoz
Nat Hickey
Gilbert Arispe
Bob Welch
Brian Davis
Kola Olayiwola

Guests:

Jerry Meeks	Richard Whitmore
Shannon Daughtry	Juanita Cardozo
Jim Dibble	Doug Leggett
Alec Journey	Phat Nguyen
James B. Heath	

Open Meeting.

Mayor Norma Moreno-Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

City Council

There being a quorum with the City Council and Planning Commission, Mayor Norma Moreno- Garcia opened the meeting.

Planning Commission

There being a quorum with the Planning Commission and City Council, Mr. Tobey Davenport, Vice-Chairman, opened the meeting.

Conduct a Joint Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, changing the zoning classification of the following described land from its present classification of R-2 to a new classification of C-2: Block 525 Lots 1-12, and Block 538, Lots 1-12, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 32, Page 14 of the Deed Records of said County.

Mr. James B. Heath, representing TIC Energy & Chemical Inc., stated that they were requesting to change the classification of Lots 1-12, Block 525 and Block 538, from its present classification of R-2, to a new classification of C-2, TIC will be closing the doors to its present location at 6711 East Highway 332, Freeport, Texas, and relocating all activities to 304 North Gulf Boulevard, it will be the main plant.

There was no opposition to the request.

Make a recommendation to the City Council concerning whether or not the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, should be amended to allow a new zoning classification of the following described land from its present classification of R-2 to a new classification of C-2: Block 525, Lots 1-12 and Block 538, Lots 1-12, Velasco Townsite of the City of Freeport, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 32, Page 14 of the Deed Records of said County.

Ms. Eddie Virgil made a motion to recommend the Specific-Use Permit request for the new zoning classification, seconded by Mr. Jesse Aguilar, Jr., unanimous vote for approval.

Conduct a Joint Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, granting to Port Freeport a Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate a 150-foot communication tower adjacent to its Emergency Operations Center building located on Lots 1-8, Block 24, Freeport Townsite, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, known locally as 801 Navigation Boulevard, Freeport, Texas.

Phat Nguyen, spokesman for Port Freeport requested to erect a 150-foot communication tower to be located adjacent to the Emergency Operations Center building, inside the Port Freeport facilities.

There was no opposition to the request.

Make a recommendation to the City Council concerning whether or not the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City should be amended to grant Port Freeport a Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate a 150-foot communication tower adjacent to its Emergency Operations Center building located on Lots 1-8, Block 24, Freeport Townsite, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, known locally as 801 Navigation Boulevard, Freeport, Texas.

Ms. Eddie Virgil made a motion to recommend the Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate the 150-foot communication tower, seconded by Mr. Jesse Aguilar, Jr., unanimous vote for approval.

Conduct a Joint Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, granting to Jim Dibble and Skyway Towers a Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate a telecommunication tower on Lots 18-20, Block 712, Velasco Townsite, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, known locally as 1213 North Avenue J, Freeport, Texas.

Mr. & Mrs. James Barnett manage a mini-storage business nearby and voiced their concerns that the communication tower would fall if winds reached 120-miles per hour. Mr. Richard Whitmore, with Skyway Towers, stated that the communication tower was designed to sustain 130-mile per hour winds.

Make a recommendation to the City Council concerning whether or not the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City should be amended to grant Jim Dibble and Skyway Towers a Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate a telecommunication tower on Lots 18-20, Block 712, Velasco Townsite, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas, known locally as 1213 North Avenue J, Freeport, Texas.

Ms. Eddie Virgil made a motion to recommend the Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate a telecommunication tower, seconded by Mr. Jesse Aguilar, Jr., unanimous vote for approval.

Adjourn.

Mayor Norma Moreno-Garcia adjourned the Joint Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Tobey Davenport, Vice-Chairman, adjourned the Joint Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M.

These minutes read and approved the _____ day of _____ 2012.

Tobey Davenport, Vice-Chairman

