

STATE OF TEXAS            )(

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 **Monday, January 27, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

**Planning Commission:**

**Diane Williams, Chairperson  
Eric Hayes  
Roberto Caceres  
Reuben Cuellar  
Alonzo Martinez  
Joyce Adkins**

**Staff:**

Larry Ellis  
Melissa Farmer  
Nat Hickey  
Wallace Shaw  
Mayor Larry McDonald  
Councilman Ron Wise

**Visitors:**

Rosa McDonald  
Patrick Gore  
Patrick Riley

**Open Meeting.**

Ms. Diane Williams called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Invocation.**

Mr. Wallace Shaw opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Mr. Eric Hayes moved to accept the minutes for December 8, 2008, seconded by Ms. Joyce Adkins, unanimous vote for approval.

**Review of Chapter 95 of the Code of Ordinances book and discuss possible ordinance adoption allowing the City of Freeport to control the removal of sunken, submerged and abandoned vessels.**

Mr. Wallace Shaw discussed with the Planning Commission members that Representative Dennis Bonnen introduced into legislature House Bill 2096 and that it took effect on September 1, 2005. He told the Planning Commission that this Bill supersedes local action when it comes to handling derelict vessels.

Mr. Larry Ellis explained to the Planning Commission that he had a meeting with Mr. Bill Grimes from the General Land Office and City Manager, Jeff Pynes. Mr. Bill Grimes stated that the GLO is willing to assist the City in helping remove derelict vessels but that the problem is, there is no money. Mr. Larry Ellis stated that Ms. Mary Stotler will be willing to help in finding grant money and that if it could be obtained, the GLO would do the administrative process.

Ms. Diane Williams suggested that Mr. Larry Ellis get with Ms. Mary Stotler and work on finding grants and to come back to the Planning Commission with information.

Mr. Roberto Caceres made a motion for Mr. Larry Ellis to move forward with the General Land Office and to come back to the Planning Commission with information, seconded by Mr. Rueben Cuellar. By a vote of 3 to 3, with Mr. Eric Hayes, Ms. Joyce Adkins and Mr. Alonzo Martinez voting against, the motion failed.

**Discuss general information on property development located on or near Highway 36, West of the Brazos River and within the City Limits or City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.**

The Planning Commission had a lengthy discussion on this item. Mr. Nat Hickey explained to the Planning Commission that this property was located in the ETJ of Freeport and that Mr. Cone wanted to have the tract re-platted into four tracts for residential development and that he wanted the Planning Commission to have the information before he brought it back to them for approval on the re-plat.

No action was taken on this item.

**Adjourn.**

Mr. Eric Hayes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rueben Cuellar. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Diane Williams, Chairperson