

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 **Tuesday, August 26, 2008 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
Raul Ramirez
Roberto Caceres
Eric Hayes
Alonzo Martinez
Reuben Cuellar**

Staff:

Gary Beverly
Larry Ellis
Melissa Farmer
Wallace Shaw
Nat Hickey

Visitors:

Pixie Floyd
Loren Hayes

Open Meeting.

Ms. Diane Williams called meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Invocation.

Mr. Reuben Cuellar opened meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes.

Mr. Eric Hayes moved to accept the minutes for August 12, 2008, seconded by Mr. Alonzo Martinez, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/consider changing the day of Planning Commission meetings.

The Planning Commission discussed changing the day to the Fourth Tuesday of every month.

Mr. Alonzo Martinez made a motion to change the day to Tuesday, seconded by Mr. Reuben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval.

Further discussion and consideration of the recommendations to City Council regarding changes, if any, to safety inspections under Section 151.23(D) and 151.28(A) of the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Wallace Shaw handed out an ordinance to the Planning Commission that he had drawn up for them to send to the City Council. The Ordinance contained a “Preamble; Amending Division (A) of Section 151.28 of the Code of Ordinances of said City to remove the requirement for clearance prior to reconnection whenever electrical service to any building or structure has been disconnected.”

Mr. Raul Ramirez wanted to know if this affected only residential. Ms. Diane Williams stated that it only affected people who were establishing power to move in and that it did not affect new construction, upgrades, etc. The City and State still require inspections to be done whenever any electrical work has been done. It also stated in the Ordinance that, “on all commercial buildings which are vacated, the electric supply agency shall remove their meter and not reinstall the meter until the Electric Inspector shall inspect the building and issue a permit.”

Mr. Reuben Cuellar made a motion to send the Ordinance to City Council, seconded by Mr. Alonzo Martinez. By a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Raul Ramirez voting against, the motion passed.

Discuss scope and procedures of the Planning Commission.

Ms. Diane Williams discussed with the Planning Commission members their roles on the Planning Commission and some of the things they will be responsible for like, making recommendations to the City Council, re-platting land, traffic and zoning issues, among other things. She told the members that they were not responsible for the infrastructure of Freeport.

Mr. Larry Ellis got up and presented an issue that the Planning Commission will deal with on zoning. He explained to the members that a gentleman had come in and wanted to buy the property on Hwy 332 that used to be Beach, Bait and Tackle. He stated that this gentleman wanted to put up a motel, car wash and RV Park. He told the members that the zone for this property was an M-1 and had them look it up in their ordinance book and give their interpretation of whether he would be allowed to do these things in that zone classification. They came to the conclusion that in an M-1, that a motel and car wash could go there but that the RV Park could not, since an RV Park was a different classification.

Adjourn

Mr. Reuben Cuellar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Raul Ramirez. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Diane Williams, Chairperson