

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 special meeting on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Courtroom, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

Diane Williams, Chairperson
Edward Garcia
Rueben Cuellar
Mike Jones - Absent
Tobey Davenport

City Council:

Mayor Larry McDonald
Norma Garcia
Fred Bolton
Nicole Mireles
Michelle Kent

Staff: Jeff Pynes
 Wallace Shaw
 Delia Munoz
 Gilbert Arsipe
 Larry Fansher
 Nat Hickey
 Chief Tyrone Morrow
 Gary Pohl
 Bob Welch

Guests: Eric Hayes Lila Diehl
 Louie Jones Jim Pirrung
 Dorothy Pirrung Joyce Adkins
 Glenda Fansher John Stanford
 Carlene Wood Dave Knuckey
 Manning Rollerson Rosa McDonald
 Loren Hayes Sandra Leavey
 Sam Reyna Lila Lloyd
 Clan Cameron Sandra Barbree
 Sandra Barnett Jerry Meeks
 Jim Barnett Marjorie Clark

Open Meeting.

Mayor Larry McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw offered the invocation.

City Council

There being a quorum with the City Council and Planning Commission, Mayor McDonald opened the meeting.

Planning Commission

There being a quorum with the Planning Commission and City Council, Ms. Diane Williams, Chairwoman, opened the meeting.

Conduct a Joint Public Hearing to consider granting to Abundant Life Church a Specific-Use Permit to operate a church on Lot 10 SW/2 Lot 11, Block 600, Velasco Townsite, known locally as 606 North Gulf Boulevard, within the corporate limits of said City.

Mr. Louie Jones, owner of Latigo Land Company, 1744 West 4th Street asked Council to grant Capital Telecom a Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate a 120 foot communication antenna on a 50 ft. by 50 ft. parcel of land. Mr. Jones said this was another small business for the City of Freeport; it would bring in tax money and would not interfere with other existing businesses.

Councilman Fred Bolton asked what kind of study was done on this being an optimal location for the tower. A designer with Capital Telecom said the first optimal location was prohibited by a church. This was the second optimal location.

Councilwoman Nicole Mireles asked if there were any future plans to add to the tower. Mr. Jones said, "No."

Mr. Loren Hayes' concern was that Life Flight landed at the Brazosport High School and he wanted to know if the antenna tower had lights. Mr. Jones said that the FFA did not require lights but that lights could be provided.

Ms. Diane Williams, Chairperson for the Planning Commission said that the Board had discussed the proposed communication tower and recommend that the Specific-Use Permit be issued.

Ms. Sandra Barnett stated that an antenna in such a place could detract any potential business developers. She suggested the tower be installed outside the City limits.

Mr. Larry and Glenda Fansher of 1630 West 10th Street expressed their opposition to the communication tower. The City, with Federal funding, has spent millions of dollars to enhance the States thoroughfare along Highway 288; and that Brazosport Independent School District had spent millions of dollars upgrading its school.

Mr. Eric Hayes and Mr. Clan Cameron opposed the proposed communication tower.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Larry McDonald closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M.

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 Capitol Telecom a Specific-Use Permit to erect and operate a 120 foot communication antennae on a 50 ft. by 50 ft. parcel of land out of Lot 1, Freeport Properties Subdivision, known locally as 1744 West 4th Street, within the corporate limits of said City.

Mayor Larry McDonald opened the Joint Public Hearing at 7:11 P.M.

Mr. Eric Hayes opposed Council granting a Specific-Use Permit to Abundant Life Church. He felt they should not be situated in commercial businesses.

Ms. Joyce Adkins said the church would have parking problems.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Larry McDonald closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 P.M.

Adjourn.

Mayor Larry McDonald adjourned the Joint Public Hearing at 7:12 P.M.

Mr. Edward Garcia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rueben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

These minutes read and approved the _____ day of _____ 2010.

Diane Williams, Chairwoman