

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 **Monday, November 2, 2009 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 - Absent
Eric Hayes
Alonzo Martinez
Reuben Cuellar
Joyce Adkins

City Council:

Mayor Larry McDonald
Clan Cameron
Jim Phillips
Ron Wise
Norma Garcia - Absent

Staff: Wallace Shaw
 Delia Munoz
 Larry Fansher
 Nat Hickey

Open Meeting.

Mayor Larry McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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 hearing to consider the repeal or amendment of the Supplementary District and Regulations contained in Section 155.023 (I) (10) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City, codified as Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances of said City, requiring the paving of any off-street vehicular parking area, surface drive or driveway within said City in the manner therein prescribed.

Ms. Diane Williams stated that the Planning Commission voted to delete Section 155.023 (I) (10) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of said City.

The Planning Commission felt that this item would not apply to residences but only to townhouses or new construction. She felt that there is some confusion on directive from Council and asked for some relief or clarification of what the Planning Commission needs to address. She understood that they were to address multiple car parking, not the construction material.

Ms. Joyce Adkins stated that the paving and parking ordinance was very poorly written and needs to be reworked with more details. Some residents have no room for a driveway, some of the lots on the Velasco side are 25' x 35' and have no space for a driveway and, therefore, they have to park on the street.

Councilman Jim Phillips stated that some residents have no access to parking, no alleys and that some have just "runners." He stated that most families have more than two (2) cars. He asked if the Code Enforcement office could be more compassionate with the parking issue.

Councilman Ron Wise stated that Avenue H, Terry, Sweeny and Wharton Streets have no option but to park in the street or in a ditch. He stated that the lot size had a lot to do with the parking and that it would be impossible for the Planning Commission to develop a Comprehensive Plan to suit the City.

Mayor Larry McDonald stated that some addresses had to share a runner and garage. He concurred with the Planning Commission to eliminate this section of the code and to redraft and rework the parking issues.

Adjourn.

Mayor Larry McDonald adjourned the Joint Public Hearing at 6:24 P.M.

These minutes read and approved the _____ day of _____ 2009.

Diane Williams, Chairwoman