

Public Hearing
Regular Council Meeting
May 11, 2004

Mayor Marse opened the Public Hearing for the creation of a planned development project at 6:30 pm. Paul Miller of WFRPC explained the request to the Council and public. Representation of Blue Gulf Development, Jack Rhodes was present to address questions about the PDP establishment. The development will be called Bay Loop Landing. He explained that this was just the beginning of the process for development of the property that would have residential dwellings and a club house.

Paul Miller explained the second public hearing on the rezoning of the WC Industrial Park property located on highway 331 S. The property is currently zoned I-2, General Industrial. The WC Economic Development agency originally asked for the current zoning I-2, but after interested parties began looking at the property, the zoning was to intense for the surrounding area, due mainly to the school. Tom Powell of the EDC was present to answer any questions.

No further questions were asked, Mayor Marse closed the hearing at 6:50 pm.

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of May 11, 2004 at 7 pm.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Scott Brannon, Janice McLean, Earl King, Jean Arrant, and Mike Helton were present. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley and City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of RCM 4/22/04. Councilman Brannon 2nd the motion, motion carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Paul Miller of WFRPC requested approval by the Council of a development order for FRC Warehouse in the Industrial Park. Councilman Brannon motioned to approve the development order as presented, the motion was seconded by Councilman King, motion carried, 5-0.

Paul Miller of WFRPC requested approval by the Council of a development order for Freeport Shopping Center. Councilman Brannon motioned to approve the development order as presented, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Miller presented the first reading of the rezoning proposed ordinance for the WC Industrial Park. The Council approved the reading as presented.

Council reviewed a written report by the engineer, Charles Peters. Councilman Brannon asked if it was correct that DEP had emailed a letter stating they intend to issue the sewer plant upgrade permit. Charles stated it should be issued in late June or July. Charles reminded the Council about seeking property for the lift station.

New Business:

Attorney Adkinson read Resolution #04-05 by title, in reference to the closer of Fillmore Street. Councilman Brannon motioned to adopt the resolution to abandon Fillmore Street. Councilwoman Arrant 2nd the motion, motion carried, 5-0.

Councilman Brannon motioned to add the request for annexation of the Watkins property on hwy. 331 S to the agenda. Councilwoman McLean 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to have the first reading for annexation of the Watkins property on hwy. 331 S to the agenda. Councilman Helton 2nd the motion, it carried,

5-0. Attorney Adkinson performed the first reading of the proposed annexation of the Watkins property.

Councilman Brannon motioned to adopt Resolution #04-04, the creation of a Planned Development Project for the development known as Bay Loop Landing. Councilman Helton seconded the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilman Brannon motioned to set May 18, 2004 at 7 pm for a public hearing on the second large-scale amendment. Councilwoman McLean 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to pay all bills that are in order. Councilman Brannon 2nd the motion, it carried, 5-0.

Attorney Adkinson presented the Interlocal Agreement with Hammock Bay Community District for execution by the Mayor.

Councilwoman Arrant stated that the pool is under construction and is very large.

Councilman Brannon expressed his appreciation for the turn out in the Relay for Life event on May 7, 2004.

Mayor Marse presented the new design drawing of the City Hall to the public.

Lisa Waldrop requested the Council to assist her and the residents of Freeport in having Sprint review the local toll charges. Sprint is charging unfair cost to the area for such services. Council agreed to assist and authorized Attorney Adkinson to write Sprint a letter asking for a review of the charges.

Mayor Marse informed the Council and public that the 2003 annual audit has been completed and here for their review.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Diane Riley, City Clerk

Janice McLean, President of Council