

City of Freeport
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2014

I Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Barley at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Councilman Ray Jackson, Councilman Harold Taunton Jr., Councilwoman/President Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff persons present: Latilda Hughes-Neel/City Planner, J.M. Clayton Adkinson/City Attorney, Chad Harrell/Fire Chief, Tom Palmer/Fire Dept. Captain, Shane Supple/Recreation Director, Cliff Knauer/City Engineer, Anna Hudson/City Engineer.

Mayor Barley added a request to attend conference from the Water Dept. to the agenda under "New Business".

II Invocation by Councilman Taunton and Pledge of Allegiance

III Approval of Past Minutes –RCM 5/22/14

Board Action: *Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the May 22, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.*

IV Staff Reports

A. Planning Department

1. Development Approval: LAFAYETTE CREEK LANDING PHASE I

Planner Hughes-Neel presented the following information for the Council's consideration.

Project Description: Lafayette Creek Landing is actually Phase II of the Lagrange Landing Planned Development Project. The current owner plans to development the property in phases. Phase I of Lafayette Creek Landing consists of 40 single-family lots on 11.4 acres, which is a portion the 74.73 acres included in Lafayette Creek Landing. The project is located south and west of LaGrange Landing Phase I and will be accessed south and adjacent to the new Publix via the road to be developed at US 331 directly across from the north end of Old Jolly Bay Road.

Project Representative: Tim Bowden P.E. appears as representative of the owner and as the project engineer.

Questions/Comments from the Council/Staff: none.

Questions/Comments from the Public: none.

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Board Action: *Councilwoman McLean motioned to approve the development project Lafayette Landing Phase I as presented. Councilwoman Brannon seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.*

2. Special Event Application: BOB FORTE MOTORS

Planner Hughes-Neel presented the application to the Council as follows:

Project Description:

Bob Forte Motors has submitted an application for a temporary used car sale via the Special Event permit application process. The sale would take place June 17-13 and would be located at 16809 US Highway 331 South at the former location of the TLC Learning Center.

Questions/Comments from the Council/Staff:

Councilman Taunton commented that the 331 South Corridor was very busy and that that event should have Sheriff's Department personnel present during open hours.

Questions/Comments from the Public:

Diana Ferrell objected to the sale taking place due to the traffic on 331.

Board Action: *Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the special event Bob Pforte Motors Pre-Owned Car Sale with the condition that the Sheriff's Office personnel be utilized during sale hours. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.*

B. Legal Matters: none

C. Fire Department Report

Chief Harrell gave the monthly operations report for Freeport Fire & Rescue.

D. Parks Department Report: none

E. Engineers Report

City Engineer Knauer discussed the Churchwell Pipeline Services proposal to camera the obstructed lines on Bay Loop Road.

Board Action: *Councilman Taunton motioned to accept the Churchwell proposal as presented. Councilwoman Laird seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0*

V **Old Business:** none

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VI New Business

Mayor Barley presented a request from Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle that Brendan Day be allowed to attend FRWA Water Conference.

Board Action: *Councilwoman Brannon motioned to allow Brendan Day to attend the FRWA Conference in Orlando August 4-6 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort, with the City paying for the \$250 conference fee, hotel and travel expense. Councilwoman Laird seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0*

VII Council Business Not on Agenda

Mayor Barley informed the Council that the top 2 candidates had dropped out of consideration for the city clerk position. Mayor Barley asked the Board to re-advertise for the next 4 weeks (through July 8).

Board Action: *Councilwoman McLean motioned to re-advertise the position for the next 4 weeks. Councilwoman Laird seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0*

Mayor Barley announced the Flag Day Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 a.m. The Woodmen of the World have donated a flag pole and a flag for display in front of the Heritage Center. Refreshments will be served.

Councilwoman Brannon gave a brief legislative update and requested that the Council submit their surveys listing their top legislative priorities; to be compiled and submitted at the NWFLC session.

Councilwoman Brannon gave an overview of the NWFLC committees on which she serves: the Nominating Committee, the Resolution Committee and the Committee for Environmental Issues. Brannon stated that she has 3 meetings in the Orlando area: September 12, October 10 and November 13. Brannon requested that the Council pay for her hotel and travel expense associated with these NWFLC committee meetings.

Board Action: *Councilman Taunton motioned for the City to cover Councilwoman Brannon's hotel and travel expense for the three meetings specified above. Councilwoman Laird seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.*

VIII Public Comment

Donna Irwin announced that the Town Planters would hold a hamburger/hot dog cookout at the Pool for Saturday.

Diana Ferrell presented herself as an environmental scientist and offered her assistance to the City. She briefly touched on the Obama Act then discussed the FDOT construction project on 331 South. She stated that she was personally monitoring turbidity levels and that the affected property owners were meeting to potentially get a lawsuit going. Councilwoman Brannon asked

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Ferrell for additional information.

IX Adjournment

Board Action: *Mayor Barley requested a motion to adjourn. Councilman Taunton motioned for adjournment.* The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

APPROVED:

Mayor Russ Barley

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED