

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2003 AT 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

QUORUM

At 7:00pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gitz called the meeting to order.

RECORD

Present were Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender. Aldermen Goley entered the meeting at 7:04pm. Absent was Alderwoman Steele.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Bush.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 7, 2003, was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Jenkins for approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on file:
 - 1. City Planning Commission Report
 - 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Report
 - 3. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ending March 31, 2003
 - 4. Treasurer's Report for period ending March 31, 2003
 - 5. Audited Financial Statements for the Illinois Funds for Fiscal Year 2003
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for April 2003 - \$249,381.03
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for March 2003 - \$1,106,270.07
- D. Approval of Payroll for Pay Period ending April, 2003 - \$292,328.45

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Jenkins for approval of the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The motion carried.

2ND READING

ORDINANCE #2003-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 290 (COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS) OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 17, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Dawson, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. Alderman Dawson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this ordinance be laid referred back to committee. On the roll call of yeas and nays to refer this ordinance back to committee, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The motion carried.

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2003-25

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADJUST THE 2002-2003 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 7, 2003 when it was moved by Alderman Goley, seconded by Alderman Jenkins for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2003-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480 (PARKING GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 7, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Urban for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

RESOLUTION #R-2003-23

RESOLUTION INCREASING CABLE FRANCHISE FEE TO 5%

WHEREAS, on February 7, 1983, the City adopted Ordinance No. 83-8 which granted a cable franchise, effective for fifteen (15) years from the date of adoption, to Continental Cablevision; and

WHEREAS, Insight Communications Midwest, LLC, through an acquisition and via a management agreement is the successor in interest and is now the holder of the Franchise for the provision of cable television services to residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has, by extensions of the 1983 ordinance, granted Insight Communications Midwest, LLC the continuing right to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the City and Insight Communications Midwest, LLC are engaged in negotiations for a Franchise Agreement to succeed and replace the original franchise as so extended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 1983 ordinance, the City is obliged to request Insight Communications Midwest, LLC to increase the franchise fee which Insight Communications Midwest, LLC pays to City for, but not limited to, the use of the City's rights of way and the attendant administration and maintenance of same; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is in its best interests to request Insight Communications Midwest, LLC that said franchise fee will change from the existing 3% of gross revenues to 5% of gross revenues, of which 5% is consistent with franchise fees received from cable television franchisees by most other communities in Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the Mayor is authorized to provide Insight Communications Midwest, LLC proper notice of said intent to increase such fees, and to coordinate with Insight Communications Midwest, LLC in the franchisee's communication with its subscribers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Freeport, shall execute all such documents and provide such additional information necessary for the carrying out of said notice and increase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule authority of the City of Freeport under Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

This resolution was laid over from the meeting of April 7, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Gaulrapp, seconded by Alderman Rinehart for approval. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this resolution be laid over until May 19, 2003, in order for the new council to consider. The motion carried.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 290 (COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2003. The typist-clerk position in the City Clerk's office will not be filled. That position will be combined with the Account Clerk in the Finance Department to create a new position. This will save the city \$23,000. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderman Goley. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-28

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (VARIANCE, 1312 LACRESTA DRIVE)

Alderman Boldt, Community Development Vice-Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. This request was for a proposed house addition to the backside of the property. Plans were presented and there were no objectors. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-29

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (SPECIAL USE PERMIT, LOTS 7 & 8, BLOCK 14, ARCADE ADDITION; S 16TH AVENUE)

Alderman Boldt, Community Development Vice-Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. This permit would allow a residential care home to be built for Willow Glen Academy. There were no objectors. The planning commission suggested waiving the 1320 foot provision of the ordinance 1250.01(b)(10)a which precludes that no such home can be located under said distance from any existing large or small residential care home. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the Planning Commission and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

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1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-30

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, FREEPORT TOWNSHIP, AND CERTAIN VILLAGES

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2003. Mayor Gitz presented to the committee an agreement to work with other taxing bodies within Stephenson County. The county has already approved this agreement. Collaboration within Stephenson County is also a concern of Vision 20/20. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderman Goley.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 (COURT PROCEDURES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Alderman Dawson, Public Safety Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 16, 2003. Lt. Parker presented an amending to Section 298.02 entitled, "Service Fees and Mileage Allowances for Service or Writs, Warrants, etc" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport. This will increase our fees from \$7 to \$37. The fee change keeps the city in line with the Sheriff's Department, who did a study of actual costs incurred. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Dawson so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND FOR CERTAIN REVENUE SOURCES TO PAY AND SECURE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2003. Bill Morris addressed the committee on their concern about bonding the projects. Alice Ohrtmann and Frank Novak addressed the committee regarding the importance of passing the bond issue. Money is needed to complete the library and start the construction season for storm sewer, and also the city's commitment to the Rawleigh Building is due in June. The committee voted to approve this ordinance and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded Alderman Goley. This ordinance will be automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE CITY OF FREEPORT LAMM ROAD BUSINESS PARK TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Plans were presented for this step in the further development of the Lamm Road. The public hearing has taken place with no objectors. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer. Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer to suspend the rules in order to vote on this ordinance at this meeting. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve the ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-34

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING THE CITY OF FREEPORT LAMM ROAD BUSINESS PARK TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT, AS AMENDED

Alderman Boldt, Community Development Vice Chair, stated the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. As stated previously, the committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer. Alderman Bolt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer to suspend the rules in order to vote on this ordinance at this meeting. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve the ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2003-35

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE CITY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT LAMM ROAD BUSINESS PARK TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Alderman Boldt, Community Development Vice Chair, stated the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. As stated previously, the committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer. Alderman Bolt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer to suspend the rules in order to vote on this ordinance at this meeting. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve the ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

RESOLUTION #R-2003-26

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COBRA RATES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2003

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 54.4980B-8 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation act of 1999 (COBRA), the City of Freeport is allowed to establish COBRA rates at a maximum of once every 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee concurs with the administrative staff recommendation to adopt single, single plus one and family COBRA rates for the City's healthcare continuation coverage for terminated employees effective May 1, 2003 which were determined through costs in an actuarially accepted manner as provided by the Freeport Regional Health Plan and Boyd Consulting Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the Mayor is hereby authorized to amend the adopted COBRA rates for continuing healthcare coverage for the new plan design within the regulations set forth in the COBRA regulation monthly premiums for single coverage of \$386.22, single plus one dependent coverage of \$740.60 and family coverage of \$952.55 as recommended by Boyd Consulting Group and as stated on Exhibit A attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is passed under the Home Rule Authority of the City of Freeport as provided in Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2003. The recommended COBRA rates are \$386.22 for single coverage, \$740.60 for single plus one coverage, and \$952.55 for family coverage. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderman Jenkins that this resolution be adopted. On the roll call of yeas and nays to adopt this resolution, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2003-27

RESOLUTION FOR THE MAY 1, 2003 CONTRACT5 FOR THE CITY'S LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 288.19 (b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport established to provide life insurance benefits for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration and the Finance Committee of the City Council have recommended that the City contract with Hartford Life for its life insurance coverage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Hartford Life providing life insurance coverage for its employees, and that coverages and policies in relation thereto be consistent with the preamble hereto and the the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are necessary for the carrying out of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is passed under the Home Rule Authority of the City of Freeport as provided in Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2003. The city received one bid for life insurance from Cottingham and Butler. The rate is 3% less than the city's current provider. It was recommended remain insured with Hartford Life for an annual fee of \$8,700, which would be guaranteed for two years. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderman Urban. On the roll call of yeas and nays to adopt this resolution, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2003-28

RESOLUTION FOR THE MAY 1, 2003 CONTRACT FOR THE CITY'S HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-93-33 passed by this City Council on July 7, 1993, the City of Freeport established a self-funded medical plan to provide benefits at the lowest possible long term cost; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration concurs with the Healthcare Study Committee's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration and the Finance Committee of the City Council have recommended that the City healthcare plan remain self-funded and that the City renew its contract with the Freeport Regional Health Plan for its TPA administration and Gerber Life as our reinsurance carrier on a 24/12 specific \$70,000 contract basis and 12/12 aggregate contract basis with a \$40,000 aggregating specific to contain its healthcare costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Freeport Regional Health Plan for TPA administration and Gerber Life for reinsurance coverage, and that coverages and policies in relation thereto be consistent with the preamble hereto and the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are necessary for the carrying out of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is passed under the Home Rule Authority of the City of Freeport as provided in Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2003. The committee concurred with the Healthcare Study committee's recommendation to renew the city's contract with Freeport Regional Health Plan. They were the lowest bidder at \$55,125.00 and the city is satisfied with their service. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded Alderman Jenkins. On the roll call of yeas and nays to adopt this resolution, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2003-29

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF LAND AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport, a municipal corporation, is the fee owner of the following described property to wit: on FA Route 5 (Business Route 20), Section 19Z-RS-6, Stephenson County, Parcel 011/11 & 011TE.

For Legal description(s): See Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois desires to acquire the above described premises for use of the Department of Transportation for highway purposes and has made an offer of \$600.00 for the above described property. It is the desire of this Corporation to sell the above-described premises Schedule "A" and grant a Temporary Construction Easement to the above described premises Schedule "B"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sell the said interest in said tract of land Schedule "A" and grant a Temporary Construction Easement to said tract of land Schedule "B" for the above offer, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other instruments as may be necessary or convenient to consummate such sale and Temporary Construction Easement grant. Said conveyance shall be signed by James Gitz, Mayor of the City of Freeport, a municipal corporation and attested by Latacia Ishmon, City Clerk.

Alderman Jenkins, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. The state needs land to improve intersections at both sides of the triangle by St. Joseph's. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Jenkins so moved, seconded by Alderman Urban. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2003-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FEASIBILITY STUDY CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITH THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (LINCOLN BUSINESS – TIF STUDY AREA #3)

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois (the "City") is a duly organized and existing home rule municipality created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to take certain actions pertaining to redevelopment activities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") found that it was in the best interests of the City that certain property generally described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof be redeveloped; and

WHEREAS, in order to redevelop the Site, it may be necessary to undertake certain public improvements and to pay certain site preparation and related costs; and

WHEREAS, the Site has not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and it is not reasonably anticipated to be developed without certain public assistance by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of having the Site redeveloped, and the City believes that it is not economically feasible to do so without public intervention, given the impediments to development which characterize the Site; and

WHEREAS, State statute provides for a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to provide such assistance and intervention and a redevelopment plan and overview of TIF is described in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have reviewed the conditions of the Site and have reason to believe that the cost of the necessary public improvements, site preparation costs, and certain other costs to be incurred may qualify for Tax Increment Financing pursuant to State of Illinois statute (the "Program"), provided the Corporate Authorities, within their sole discretion, approve a formal agreement which provides for such Program; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities reasonably believe that private entities will show their interest in investing private capital in the Site if, and only if, a program is adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated in this Section One as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities will consider the use of Tax Increment Financing pursuant to State of Illinois statutes for the Site and may take such actions as they deem appropriate and necessary to induce quality development of the Site and, within their sole discretion, adopt a Program to implement the same.

SECTION THREE: All undertakings of the City set forth herein are specifically contingent upon the ability of the City to determine, within its discretion, that the development/redevelopment project includes costs that would qualify for Tax Increment Financing.

SECTION FOUR: An Interested Parties Registry shall be established, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-74.6-1, which shall be governed as follows:

1. Registration for shall be maintained by the City Clerk.
2. Parties interested in registering pursuant to this section shall completely fill out said form and file same with the City Clerk.
3. Each registration will be effective for three years from the date of issue; notice of renewal shall be mailed by the City Clerk to the name of organization or individual and address listed on said completed registration form not more than 90 days nor less than 30 days prior to the registration expiration. All registrations will be given an expiration date corresponding to the next end of quarter according to the City's fiscal year.

SECTION FIVE: The Director of Community Development is hereby appointed as the municipal officer who can be contacted for additional information about the proposed redevelopment project area and who should receive all comments and suggestions regarding the redevelopment of the area to be studied. In this instance, the project individual is Jeffrey Mikkelsen, Director of Community Development, telephone number: 815/235-8221, 230 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, Illinois 61032.

SECTION SIX: There is no anticipated City purpose that would result in the displacement of residents from 10 or more inhabited residential units, and there are not more than 75 residential units located at the Site.

SECTION SEVEN: If any section, paragraph, clause or provisions of the Resolution shall be held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this resolution.

SECTION EIGHT: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

Alderman Boldt, Community Development Vice Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. Plans were presented for this step in the further development of the Lincoln Park Project. All taxing bodies have concurred. The public hearing has taken place with no objectors. Deb Doelker asked for clarification on several TIF issues, and answers were given. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2003-31

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION FOR SERVICES RELATED TO CREATION OF A STORM WATER RATE STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Water & Sewer Commission of the City of Freeport has approved a proposal from Black & Veatch to prepare a storm water rate structure; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this study is reimbursable through the existing storm water fee; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities believe it is in the best interests of the citizens to cause such work to be completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if said recitals were fully set forth.

Section 2. The Corporate Authorities hereby authorize the Executive Director of the Water & Sewer Commission, with the consent and approval of the Mayor, to negotiate and enter into a contract with Black & Veatch Corporation to conduct certain services in relation to the preparation of the rate structure, in substantially the same form as shown in Exhibit A.

Section 3. The Corporate Authorities hereby further authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into such other contract(s) as necessary in order to complete such work.

Section 4. It is intended that the sanitary sewer fund reserves be reimbursed to the Commission through the storm water fee.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, clause or provisions of the Resolution shall be held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Alderman Jenkins, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. The committee heard from Black and Veatch regarding a storm sewer rate structure. The city needs to do this study in order to determine a fair and just method to charge for storm sewer work. The current structure does not reflect an individual's impact to the system. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Jenkins so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Moore-Howard. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer,

Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF JANITORIAL BIDS

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. Four bids were received for janitorial services for the police department. Two bids were received from each bidder: one for cleaning all areas of the police department and another for certain areas only. Richard Janitorial Service was the lowest bidder at \$845 per month on a two-year contract. The committee voted unanimously to approve this bid and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderman Goley. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve the bids, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea. The bids were approved.

AUTHORIZATION OF AUDITING SERVICES

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. The committee voted unanimously to extend the contract with Lindgren, Callihan, and Van Osdal for another two years. There will be an increase in audit fees in 2004 because of the implementation of GASB 34. Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Alderman Goley to approve the extension. On the roll call of yeas and nays to authorize the extension, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, and Bender voted yea.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alderman Boldt stated that the committee held a meeting on April 14, 2003. Community Development Director, Jeff Mikkelsen, informed the committee of the history of the program, as well as the proposed allocation for Stephenson County and Freeport. The program assists first time homebuyers and the IHPA has already provided a training class for buyers and lenders. The committee voted unanimously to approve this program.

The discussed a no smoking ordinance and felt that there was not time for the current committee to address the proposed ordinance, and that it should be investigated by the members of the new Community Development Committee. Alderwoman Steele was encouraged to present this ordinance to the new committee at a later date.

Community Development Director, Jeff Mikkelsen, asked for a directive to place ads and begin the process of selling two vacant lots. These lots were the sites of former demolition orders, and are currently being maintained at the expense of the city. There was discussion regarding the amount that the city has spent on these lots, and the committee believes that the amount invested, which will be provided by the Director, should be taken into consideration when accepting or rejecting the bids.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alderman Dawson, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 16, 2003. Fire Chief, Jim Blackburn, brought the following recommendations to the committee:

01-52-415

Add \$67,000 to retain the Deputy Chief Position and 3.5% wage increase for management

01-52-434

Add \$50,000 to maintain minimum staffing level of twelve

Total: \$166,755

Cuts: \$111,000

This will require the city to generate an additional \$166,755 in revenue. This was very briefly discussed and decided to hold over until the new council is seated to make any decisions.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief, Jim Blackburn, responded to a letter to editor, which was printed in the Journal Stated. He stated that the number fire employees was inaccurate and clarified the correct number.

NEW BUSINESS

The aldermen made comments. There was no new business presented that required action from the council.

Mayor Gitz made comments regarding various city issues. He also announced that there would be a council orientation on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at 5:00pm. He invited all council members to attend.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK