

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 15, 2004 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 Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderswoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp for approval of the agenda. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randy Wagner, from Freeport Health Network, encouraged the council to reconsider the variance request for a garage for the Hospital.

Jon Lohman stated that is in support of the canopy removal on Stephenson Street and would like to be included in any discussions on canopy removal on Exchange Street.

Chris Fye encouraged the council to adopt the Historic Preservation District resolution.

Earl Moot stated that he would like all downtown property owners to be informed about the grants that are available to assist in façade improvements after the canopy is removed on Stephenson Street.

**PRESENTATION**

Sue Worknicke, gave the history on the Family Readiness Group of the 333<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Unit.

Jim Streseke, from the Texas A & M Extension, explained the training seminar on Weapons of Mass Destruction that is being held at the Freeport Public Library.

**HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2004-25**

**HONORARY RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BOWLING TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport High School Boys Bowling Team has distinguished itself during the season and by placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport High School Boys Bowling Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sectional tournament and took 1<sup>st</sup> place in two tournaments during the season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport High School Boys Bowling Team has brought distinction to Freeport High School through its accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, two of the Pretzel players, Brian Lillevold and Nick Kutzke, were selected as All-Conference Players and Brian Lillevold was named to the All State Team; and

**WHEREAS**, the coaches of this team, Coach John Kreeger and Assistant Coaches Dennis Endress and Bob Kuelling, have contributed to the success of team members and helped them to develop a winning edge, and Coach Kreeger was even selected All Conference Coach for his efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport is proud of the players, the coaches, and the commitment of our schools to provide opportunities for our students to develop their mental and physical skills, their sportsmanship, and their leadership abilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**, that we hereby applaud and commend the Freeport High School Boys Bowling Team on their successful season and their demonstrated excellence as members of the Freeport High School community.

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to accept this resolution. The motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 1, 2004 was presented for approval. Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp for approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:

1. Community Development Cash Receipts, February 2004
2. Community Development Building Permits, February 2004
3. Planning Commission Reports
  - a. Fox Hollow, 8 E Stephenson, Preliminary & Final Plat
  - b. Edwin Enterprises, Preliminary Plat for Deer Creek Subdivision Sec. 3
  - c. Edwin Enterprises, Chg of Zng, Lot 1 of Deer Creek Subdivision Sec. 1
  - d. FHN Memorial Hospital, Variance, 1045 W Stephenson St
  - e. Chaz A. Cannova, Inc. Variance, 1726 S West Ave
  - f. Joan Derenski, Highland Professional Center Re-Plat of Lots 14 & 15
  - g. Hal McKiski & Bob Heilman, Preliminary Plat Countryside Estates-withdrawl
4. Treasurer's Tax Receipts for period ending February 2004

B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for March, 2004 - \$736,691.86

C. Approval of Bills Payable for March 2004 - \$577,121.34

D. Approval of Payroll of Period ending March 6, 2004 - \$292,596.37

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderman Bender for approval of the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark (abstained-item 3d), Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

#### **ORDINANCE #2004-12**

#### **AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of March 1, 2004, when it was moved by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval. On the roll call of yeas

and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, James L. Gitz, hereby appoints Scott Lewis to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. This appointment shall be effective until April 30, 2007. A

Alderswoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Varner to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Bolt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The appointment was accepted.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, James L. Gitz hereby appoints Randy Corbin to the Planning Commission. This appointment shall be effective until October 31, 2005.

Alderman Dawson moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Bolt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The appointment was accepted.

**REAPPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, James L. Gitz hereby reappoints Judith Barney to the Library Board. This appointment shall be effective until May 31, 2006.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderswoman Bender that this reappointment be laid over to the next regular meeting. Alderman Boldt stated that he would like to get some information from the Corporation Counsel regard the Library Act. On the roll call of yeas and nays to lay this reappointment over, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. Alderman Clark voted nay. There were seven yeas and one nay. The motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2004-13**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** (Amendment of Zoning Ordinance from P-1 to R-7)

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the Planning Commission and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderswoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2004-14**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** (Variance, FHN Memorial Hospital, 429 N Whistler)

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted to deny this variance due to past practices. Alderman Gaulrapp stated that he would make a motion to approve the ordinance so that the full council could consider the ordinance. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve the ordinance.

Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Varner, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. Aldermen Bender and Dawson voted nay. Alderman Clark abstained. There were five yeas, two nays, and one abstention. The motion carried.

On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. Alderman Clark abstained. The ordinance was approved.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2004-15**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** (Variance, Chaz A. Cannova, 1726 S West Ave)

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the denial recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to go into executive session according to according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) in order to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

The council then convened in the mayor's office. After reconvening in Council Chambers, Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to come out of executive session. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2004-16**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RELOCATION OF FIRE STATION 3**

Alderman Boldt, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 15, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to amend the ordinance, striking the words "or a similar development." The motion carried.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve the ordinance, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**RESOLUTION #R-2004-21**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REPLAT FOR HIGHLAND PROFESSIONAL CENTER LOTS 14 AND 15**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5/11-15-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-15-1), authorizes a city to enact an ordinance mandating that the city council approve all plats of subdivisions to be located inside city's corporate boundaries or within a one-and-a-half mile area extending from said corporate boundaries provided that the city has also enacted a Subdivision ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport has enacted such a Subdivision Ordinance, known as Chapter 1224 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1224.05(d)(6) of Chapter 1224 of the Freeport Codified Ordinances provides that all Subdivision plats "shall be submitted to the City Council for approval and for acceptance of all streets, alleys, ways, easements, parks or other areas preserved for, or dedicated to, the public, by resolution"; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2004, this City Council approved the original plat for Highland Professional Center Lots 14 and 15, located in the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, the final plat for said Highland Professional Center Lots 14 and 15, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A", and made a part hereof, substantially conforms to the preliminary plat as approved; and

**WHEREAS**, at a regular meeting held March 4, 2004, and subsequent to a public hearing, the Freeport Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the final plat for Highland Professional Center Lots 14 and 15.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that the Final Plat for Highland Professional Center Lots 14 and 15 as set forth in Exhibit A, is hereby approved; and the City of Freeport hereby accepts all streets, alleys, ways, easements, parks or other areas preserved for, or dedicated to, the public, as shown on Exhibit A, said dedication conditional upon full performance in compliance with plat requirements and applicable provisions of City Ordinances.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to attach a copy of this Resolution to a copy of the plat, for the purpose of recording the plat by the subdivider with the County Recorder; and upon said recording of the plat, the subdivider shall file a certified, reproducible copy of the plat with the Community Development Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Powers of the City of Freeport under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and all Resolutions or parts of motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2004-22**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION PLAT 3**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1224.03 of Chapter 1224 (Subdivision Regulations) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport and Section 205/2 of the Illinois Plat Act (765 ILCS 205/2) and Section 5/11-15-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-15/1) all authorize a city council to approve preliminary and final plats for all subdivisions located

inside of the corporate boundaries of the city or within one-and-a-half miles outside of the corporate boundaries of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting held on March 4, 2004, and subsequent to a public hearing, the Freeport Planning Commission by a majority vote recommended that this City Council approve the Preliminary Plat for Fox Hollow Subdivision Plat 3 which is located within the city limits of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

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

**Section 1:** That the Preliminary Plat for Fox Hollow Subdivision Plat 3, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof and marked as "Exhibit A", is hereby accepted.

**Section 2:** That this approval is tentative only, involving merely the general acceptability of the layout as submitted, and shall be valid for a maximum period of one (1) year, unless the developer applies for, and this City Council grants, an extension thereof.

**Section 3:** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor.

**Section 4:** 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; and

**Section 5:** That all Resolutions or motions or parts of resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

**Section 6:** If any section, clause or provision of this Resolution be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council expressly declares that it would have enacted this Resolution even with the invalid portion deleted.

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2004-23**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FINAL PLAT FOR FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION PLAT 3**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5/11-15-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-15-1), authorizes a city to enact an ordinance mandating that the city council approve all plats of subdivisions to be located inside city's corporate boundaries or within a one-and-a-half mile area extending from said corporate boundaries provided that the city has also enacted a Subdivision ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport has enacted such a Subdivision Ordinance, known as Chapter 1224 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1224.05(d)(6) of Chapter 1224 of the Freeport Codified Ordinances provides that all Subdivision plats "shall be submitted to the City Council for approval and for acceptance of all streets, alleys, ways, easements, parks or other areas preserved for, or dedicated to, the public, by resolution"; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2004, this City Council approved the preliminary plat for Fox Hollow Subdivision Plat 3, located in the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, the final plat for said Fox Hollow Subdivision Plat 3, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A", and made a part hereof, substantially conforms to the preliminary plat as approved; and

**WHEREAS**, at a regular meeting held March 4, 2004, and subsequent to a public hearing, the Freeport Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the final plat for Fox Hollow Subdivision Plat 3.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that the Final Plat for Fox Hollow Subdivision Plat 3 as set forth in Exhibit A, is hereby approved; and the City of Freeport hereby accepts all streets, alleys, ways, easements, parks or other areas preserved for, or dedicated to, the public, as shown on Exhibit A, said dedication conditional upon full performance in compliance with plat requirements and applicable provisions of City Ordinances.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is hereby directed to attach a copy of this Resolution to a copy of the plat, for the purpose of recording the plat by the subdivider with the County Recorder; and upon said recording of the plat, the subdivider shall file a certified, reproducible copy of the plat with the Community Development Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Powers of the City of Freeport under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and all Resolutions or parts of motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2004-24**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR DEER CREEK**

**SECTION 3**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1224.03 of Chapter 1224 (Subdivision Regulations) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport and Section 205/2 of the Illinois Plat Act (765 ILCS 205/2) and Section 5/11-15-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-15/1) all authorize a city council to approve preliminary and final plats for all subdivisions located inside of the corporate boundaries of the city or within one-and-a-half miles outside of the corporate boundaries of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting held on March 4, 2004, and subsequent to a public hearing, the Freeport Planning Commission by a majority vote recommended that this City Council approve the Preliminary Plat for Deer Creek Subdivision Section 3, which is located within the city limits of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

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

**Section 1:** That the Preliminary Plat for Deer Creek Subdivision Section 3, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof and marked as "Exhibit A", is hereby accepted with the following condition:

that the developer install the bike path as noted on the original plat of the property.

**Section 2:** That this approval is tentative only, involving merely the general acceptability of the layout as submitted, and shall be valid for a maximum period of one (1) year, unless the developer applies for, and this City Council grants, an extension thereof.

**Section 3:** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor.

**Section 4:** 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; and

**Section 5:** That all Resolutions or motions or parts of resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

**Section 6:** If any section, clause or provision of this Resolution be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council expressly declares that it would have enacted this Resolution even with the invalid portion deleted.

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderman Varner. This resolution was laid over in order to be considered with the accompanying ordinance.

**RESOLUTION #R-2004-26**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois, Chapter 1475, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Freeport (the "Commission"), considers petitions requesting that a defined geographic area be designated as an Historic District, after public hearing, for a determination of whether such area meets the criteria of Chapter 1475; and

**WHEREAS**, a petition has been submitted to the Commission for designation of an historic district consisting of the Freeport Central Business District – comprised of 280 individual parcels as illustrated in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission held a public hearing on March 2, 2004 and heard evidence regarding the designation of such Central Business District pursuant to Chapter 1475 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission passed a Resolution approving designation of the District as an Historic District; and

**WHEREAS**, a simple majority vote of the City Council is necessary for approval of an historic district designation.

**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 City Council of the City of Freeport makes the following specific findings:

- A. The period of significance of the Freeport Central Business District – comprised of 280 individual parcels as illustrated in Exhibit A attached hereto, and hereinafter referred to as the "Freeport Central Business District", is 1856 – 1952, representing the earliest construction date of buildings in the district and the approximate fifty-year cut-off suggested by the National Register for Historic Places for historic properties, with 1952 also coinciding with the end of an historic development period in Freeport's history when the first passenger rail service was discontinued.
- B. A petition is on file with the Commission, signed by no less than 51% of the property owners, of the Freeport Central Business District in accordance with Section 1475.06.2.2 of Chapter 1475 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport.



- C. On March 2, 2004 a public hearing was duly held to consider designation of the Freeport Central Business District, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 1475.06.2 of Chapter 1475 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, with proper notice thereto.
- D. The Freeport Central Business District meets the criteria for designation as an historic district as set forth in Chapter 1475, Section 1475.06.1.2.3 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport by establishing a sense of time and place unique to the City of Freeport.
- E. The Freeport Central Business District meets the criteria for designation as a historic district as set forth in Chapter 1475, Section 1475.06.1.2.4 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport by exemplifying or reflecting the cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history of the nation, state, or the city because the district consists of a collection of buildings which are a reflection of the economic, social, and architectural influences that affected the development of the community dating from 1856.
- F. A survey of the Freeport Central Business District, updated in April 2003, revealed 181 (88.7%) of the 204 structures located within the defined area were built within the period of significance (1856-1952).
- G. Properties built in 1952 or before, possessing some architectural feature or historic association that make them significant in the context of the historic Freeport Central Business District and its historic pattern of development, are placed in the "contributing" category.

**Section 3.** The Freeport Central Business District, as submitted, is hereby designated as an Historic District.

**Section 4.** 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 5.** The City Clerk of the City of Freeport is hereby directed to forward notice of this Resolution to the property owners as specified in the Chapter 1475 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, the Secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Building Inspector, the City Clerk's office and record this Resolution with the County Recorder of Deeds.

**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 Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to go into executive session according to according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) in order to discuss personnel. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

The council then convened in the mayor's office. After reconvening in Council Chambers, Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to come out of executive session. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea.

**CANOPY BIDS**

This issue was laid over from the meeting of March 1, 2004, when it was moved by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to accept the low bid from Civil in the amount of \$13,880. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

Alderman Clark, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be joint meetings with the Community Development Committee on March 8, 2004 and Public Works on March 10, 2004. The next Finance meeting would be on March 22, 2004 at 5:15pm to deliberate the budget.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Alderwoman Bender, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be April 5, 2004 at 5:00pm in City Council Chambers.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be on April 12, 2004, at 5:30pm.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor discussed the following items:

- Appreciation for the approval of the Historic Preservation District
- Canopy process
- Weapons of Mass Destruction Seminar
- Economic Development meeting on April 1, 2004
- Sen. Durbin will be in Freeport on March 18, 2004 to meet with community leaders
- Letter sent on behalf of Anchor Harvey

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

**LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK**