

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.** in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 E. Commercial Avenue, La Feria, Texas 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on those items of City Business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following City Commission members were present at said meeting.

Mr. Steve Brewer	Mayor
Ms. Lori Weaver	City Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. John Edward Betancourt	City Commissioner
Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

The following staff members were present.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Mr. Miguel D. Wise	City Attorney
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning & Community Dev. Dir.
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

A copy of the signature roster of all others present is attached as a part of the minutes hereof.

At 6:30 P.M., Mayor Steve Brewer gave the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Brewer led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He then declared that a quorum of the City Commission was present and called the meeting to order.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO CANCEL THE MAY 8, 2010 GENERAL
ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
2.053 (A) OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that only the incumbents filed for a place on the ballot for the May 8, 2010 General Election, and under Election Code, the City's governing body can cancel the election. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to cancel the May 8, 2010 General Election of the City of La Feria in accordance with Section 2.053

(A) of the Texas Election Code. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

REVIEW BID TABULATION AND CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT ON PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR (4) GENERATORS AT FOUR EXISTING LIFT STATIONS

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that there were seven bids received for this project.

The bids were as follows:

Global Electric 4705 Towerwood Drive Brownsville, TX 78521	\$237,200.00
Metro Electric 1901 Industrial Drive McAllen, TX 78504	\$252,375.00
Holt Power System 1320 S 25 th St. Edinburg, TX 78539	\$281,889.63
KST Electric, Ltd. 14215 Suncrest Drive Manor, TX 78659	\$300,620.00
G.A.S. Enterprises, Inc. East Highway 107 Elsa, TX 78543	\$355,925.00
RM Walsdorf, Inc. 10155SH48 Brownsville, TX 78521	\$379,835.00
The 5125 Company 1008 Doherty Mission, TX78572	\$520,000.00

Mr. Philip said that Global Electric submitted the lowest bid, but they did not meet all the bid specifications, so his recommendation was to reject the bid submitted by Global Electric and award the bid to Metro Electric, the next lowest bidder in the amount of \$252,375.00. This will be funded through the Disaster Recovery money and local funds. This is the first project in the Valley to be funded through the Disaster Recovery funds. Commissioner Gonzalez, Jr. noted that the City of Mission is just now going out for bids for their Disaster Recovery project. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to reject the low bid from Global Electric and to award contract to the next lowest bid Metro Electric from McAllen, Texas in the amount of \$252,375.00 for the purchase and installation of four generators at four existing lift stations. Commissioner Angelica P.

Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT PROCLAMATION
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH."**

Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. asked that the Fair Housing Proclamation be read. City Attorney Miguel D. Wise read the Fair Housing Proclamation. After reading of the proclamation, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to adopt proclamation proclaiming April as "Fair Housing Month." Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, ENDORSING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE
CHANGES RELATING TO THE SUNSET REVIEW OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC
UTILITY COMMISSION AND THE SPECIAL PURPOSE REVIEW OF THE
ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS**

Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the resolution by caption only in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission. City Attorney Miguel D. Wise read the caption of Resolution 2010-12. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 2010-12 endorsing certain legislative changes relating to the Sunset Review of the Texas Public Utility Commission and the Special Purpose Review of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010

- **REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**
- **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**
- **INVESTMENT REPORT**
- **TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero responded to some questions regarding some of the performance measures, after which Mayor Steve Brewer announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
OPEN MEETINGS LAW CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S
TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY
CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PURCHASE/
SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION/ CITY OF LA FERIA; AND SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the meeting in Executive (Closed) Session at 6:40 P.M. After Executive Session deliberations, Mayor Brewer declared the meeting back in open session at 7:20 P.M.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY AS THE RESULT OF
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION DELIBERATIONS**

There was no action necessary as a result of the executive session deliberations.

REPORTS BY STAFF

- **Home Fair Planned for April 10, 2010**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- The La Feria Independent School District (LFISD) is working with the City to host a Home Fair at the Noemi Dominguez School cafeteria in conjunction with the USDA. The City will be inviting the people on the City's HOME Program waiting list to attend the Fair. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia said she has been handing out flyers at all the Open House events that the school has had.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session open. Mr. Brent Foster spoke in regards to loud noise coming from R & R Tavern on Business Highway 83. Mr. Foster submitted a petition in regards to this complaint. No one else signed up to speak before the Commission, so Mayor Brewer declared the public comment session closed.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

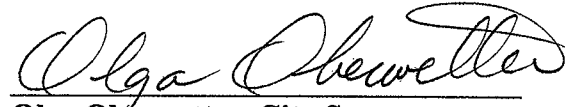
APPROVED:


Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 9:11 P.M. on March 23, 2010, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
1	Jean Kimmel		
2	Jae Fleetwood		
3	B. Brown		
4	Liana Brewer		
5	Rosa Turner		
6	Eve Henschel		
7	MBW net		
8	Sharon Estor-Kessey	602 EAST ST	
9	Juan Gahner		
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