

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, October 12, 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
Absent: Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

The following staff members were present.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Mr. Richard S. Talbert	City Attorney
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
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 asked Commissioner John Betancourt to give 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, SEPTEMBER 28, 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, September 28, 2010. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFIDC) HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

After review of the minutes, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC) held on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFIDC)

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that a copy of the Community Service Request for a Board/Commission Volunteer Assignment form completed by Mr. Victor Gomez was included in the City Commission's packets, along with a copy of Ms. Toni Garcia's letter of resignation from the LFIDC Board. Mayor Brewer added that Victor Gomez was a lifelong resident of La Feria and that he works for the Texas Department of Agriculture. Mayor Brewer said that Mr. Gomez has expressed his desire to volunteer for the community and since there is an opening on the LFIDC Board, this would be an opportunity to fill the post. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. City Attorney Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2010-31. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Resolution 2010-31 naming Victor Gomez as a new member to the LFIDC Board. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LA FERIA NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that a resolution was included in the City Commission packet which is similar to the revised one distributed at tonight's meeting. The designation of an official newspaper is necessary so that the public knows that there is an official newspaper that they can refer to concerning the City's affairs and governing board actions. City Attorney Richard S. Talbert said the revision in the resolution is to allow for the times when the timing issue is a problem for notices that must be published in the newspaper for compliance and that it would allow the alternative of publishing the notice in the *Valley Morning Star* if the timing deadline missed publishing in the *La Feria News*. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. City Attorney Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2010-32. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 2010-32 designating *La Feria News* as the primary official newspaper for the City of La Feria. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FIREFIGHTING SERVICES TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CAMERON COUNTY

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said a copy of the agreement was in the City Commission packet. The compensation for the one-year period is \$149,514.33. The amount varies from year to year depending on the previous year's calls. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve the contract between the City of La Feria and Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1 for firefighting services to unincorporated

areas of Cameron County. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

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/DONATION OF REAL ESTATE BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/ CITY OF LA FERIA; AND SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

There was no need to go into Executive Session, so this item was tabled. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to table this item. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

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

There was no action needed on this item, since there was no Executive Session held.

REPORTS BY STAFF

- **Water and Wastewater Improvement Projects**
- **Disaster Recovery Street Improvement Project Construction Progress**
- **Disaster Recovery – Round 2 Funding Status**
- **Multifamily Housing Project Development in La Feria**
- **Proposed Water and Wastewater Project Funding**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- There are three water and wastewater system projects that are ongoing:
 - SLC Construction Company doing the sewer system work on Beddoes Road and other areas. SLC ran into some problems and the project was taken over by the bonding company and the bonding company is working well with the City to complete the project. What is left to be done is the lift station on North Beddoes Road.
 - The Generator projects – the four generators were delivered and are being installed by Metro Electric. The Lilac lift station is done; they are working on the Parker Road lift station. On Wednesday and Thursday, they will be working on the Canal Street and Arroyo Heights lift stations. Mr. Philip explained the two different types of backup systems at the lift stations: diesel power generators at some lift stations and propane powered motors at others, but all lift stations will have backup power.
 - The Filter Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant is coming along and should be completed within two months. The improvements being done at the Water Treatment Plant are being done in a manner that, in the future, the plant can be monitored by remote control by the SCADA System (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition).
- Disaster Recovery Street Improvements – The project is coming together. The work seems to be good work.
- Disaster Recovery – Round 2 Funding Status – The application was submitted on October 1, 2010 and TDRA is aggressively reviewing the applications. The City included the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.
- The multifamily housing project is moving along good.

- Proposed Water and Wastewater Project Funding - the City qualified for 100% funding, but the money available is a bit less, so the City's applications may only be funded by a certain percentage. The Texas Water Development Board has been very cooperative with the City.

At this point, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to excuse Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia's absence from this meeting. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session open. Ms. Mary Beth Wright addressed the Commission and thanked them for supporting *La Feria News*. 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 John Betancourt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 9:00 A.M. on October 23, 2010, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
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