

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 24, 2010**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, August 24, 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.

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

The following staff members were present.

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| Mr. Sunny K. Philip | City Manager |
| 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 Lori Weaver 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.

Mayor Steve Brewer recognized Congressman Ruben Hinojosa and his District Director Solomon Torres' hard work for bringing the City of La Feria a grant of \$92,233.00 for the economic development nonprofit, South Texas Emerging Markets Development Fund, Inc.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF
AN APPLICATION(S) TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS,
FOR GRANT(S) FROM THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM (TxCDBG)**

Planning and Community Development Director Irene Szedlmayer made a few comments in regards to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. She said there are three national priorities which are to serve low to moderate income persons, prevention of slums and blight, and urgent need for public safety. The deadline to submit the application is October the 8th, 2010. Some of the projects being considered are expansion of the Fire Station, a sub-station for the Fire Department, improvements to Kansas City Road, Clarifier modification, electrical upgrade at the Wastewater Plant, etc. The grant amount will be approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000. Ms. Szedlmayer asked for input from the Commissioners and anyone who was in the audience. Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing open at 6:35 P.M. City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that some CDBG money goes directly to the larger cities as an entitlement, but the smaller cities receive the CDBG funding through the state. Some of that HUD money also goes to the Texas Capital Fund and La Feria has two contracts now from the Texas Capital Fund. Businesses that receive funding through the Texas Capital Fund must employ 51% of low and moderate income employees. The funds are loaned at 0% interest. Mr. Philip said that a resolution would be presented to the City Commission at the next regular meeting with the projects prioritized. There were no other comments, so Mayor Brewer declared the public hearing closed at 6:39 P.M.

CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL AND VOTE FOR ONE EACH IN PLACE 6, 7, 8, AND 9 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE BALLOT

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that a copy of the ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool was included in the Commission's packet delivered prior to the meeting. He recommended the following members.

Place 6 – Mary Gauer
 Place 7 – Kevin Caddell
 Place 8 – Gilbert Perales
 Place 9 – Andres Garza

Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve the city manager's recommendation of candidates and to authorize the Mayor to sign the ballot. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010.

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to schedule a special meeting of the City Commission on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2010

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

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to table this item until the next meeting, since the reports were not ready for review. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

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 6:42 P.M. After Executive Session deliberation, Mayor Brewer declared the meeting back in open session at 7:36 P.M.

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

Mayor Steve Brewer announced that two motions were necessary; one as a result of Executive Session deliberation and one to excuse Commissioner Lori Weaver's absence from the last meeting.

Motion 1. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the terms and proceed with the purchase of property located at the Southwest corner of West Street and Fourth Street in the best terms available for the City of La Feria. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

Motion 2. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to excuse Commissioner Lori Weaver's absence from the previous City Commission meeting. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

REPORTS BY STAFF

- **Water and Wastewater Improvement Projects**
- **Beddoes Road Improvement Project Status**
- **Disaster Recovery Street Improvement Project**
- **Disaster Recovery – Round 2 Funding Status**
- **Disaster Recovery – Housing Project Fund**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- The wastewater collection system project is complete, the only items left to complete are the lift stations. The City will be able to provide sewer service to the newly constructed school without any problem.
- Beddoes Road Construction – The contractor is finishing paving the street as of today. The City has completed this work in advance of the school opening.
- Disaster Recovery – Street Improvements – The City has waited for nine months for the State and County to work out the contracts. La Feria is the first city in the Rio Grande Valley to begin using these funds.

- Disaster Recovery – Round II, Phase I – October 1 is the deadline for application submission. The City Commission will have a public hearing at the next meeting and later a resolution will be presented for consideration.
- Disaster Recovery – Housing Project Fund – There is dialogue as to how the money will be used. The City of La Feria participated in the process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session open. No one 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 Angelica P. Baldivia 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 7:39 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 3:00 P.M. on August 28, 2010, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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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| 1 <i>Verona Betancourt</i> | <i>500 Liberty, Uva</i> | |
| 2 <i>Bethany Dwyer</i> | | |
| 3 <i>Rosa Turner</i> | | |
| 4 <i>E. V. ...</i> | | |
| 5 <i>Liana Brewer</i> | | |
| 6 <i>M. ...</i> | | |
| 7 <i>Elise Ireland</i> | | |
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