

**LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the La Feria Economic Development Corporation (LFEDC) met in special session on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at 6:00 PM in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 East Commercial Avenue, La Feria, Texas, 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on such Corporation business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following Board Members were present at said meeting.

Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap	President
Ms. Mary Garcia	Vice-President
Mr. John Hernandez	Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Ignacio A Garcia Galvez	Director
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	Director
Ms. Lori Weaver	Director
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	Director

The following City Staff members were present at said meeting.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager/Executive Director
Mr. Richard S. Talbert	LFEDC Attorney
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning & Community Dev. Dir.
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Paula Rodriguez	Capital Projects Coordinator
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary
Ms. Kin Mendoza	Accountant

The only other person present at this meeting was Julie Cavazos.

At 6:05 P.M., La Feria Economic Development Corporation President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap thanked everyone for coming and asked all present to rise and recite aloud the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. She then declared a quorum of the La Feria Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was present and called the meeting to order.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LFEDC HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

After review of the minutes, Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous meeting of the LFEDC held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 as presented in written form. Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2012

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the months of June and July 2012 with the board, reviewing the monthly figures for June and both the monthly and year-to-date figures for July 2012. She then reviewed the Analysis of Current EDC Sales Tax Collection and reported that there is a slight increase over last year and that receipts are getting back to the 08/09 levels. Ms. Chavero also reviewed the Comptroller of Public Accounts reports for the two months, which both showed an increase. After review of the reports, Board President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFEDC) FY 2012-2013

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the budget figures with the Board. She reviewed the line items and explained the large increase in the office supplies budget as the amount allocated for the grand opening of the new La Feria Indoor Recreation Center. Most all other items were in line with the ending budget for the current year. City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip explained the interest expense and debt retirement items as necessary for future development. He said he could not discuss anything in detail at this point, but it would be brought back before the Board at the appropriate time. Mr. Philip recapped the budget figures as total revenues at \$246,920.00 and total expenditures at \$227,018.00 which would leave a positive figure of \$19,902.00. Mr. Philip said this is a balanced budget. Since this was only a workshop, no action on this item was needed at this meeting.

REPORTS BY STAFF

- **Indoor Recreation Facility Construction Progress**
- **Proposed Northwest Park, Unger Park, and A.J. Wilson Baseball Field Lighting Improvements**
- **Proposed Wellness Center and parking improvements**

City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip reported on the following.

- The Indoor Recreation Facility-the contractor is doing his own punch list to take care of any items that might need attention. The architect will then schedule a walk through of the facility to identify any items that the contractor needs to fix. It is looking very nice and they have installed pavers as a demonstration program as to how much rain water comes in and how it will clean up.
- The Northwest Park located at 4th and West Street is in the design stage at this time.
- Unger Park - the City was in the process of making some improvements, but there is an opportunity for some grant funds from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the City is applying for \$100,000 grant. They will not make an announcement until January, so the City is waiting to hear from them.
- A. J. Wilson Baseball Field – The City is getting some quotes from different groups concerning the replacement of the light poles so that the field can be ready for the next season. Mr. Philip said that more than likely, this would be paid for from the bond money raised.
- The Wellness Center will be built next to the Recreation Center and will be funded through FEMA. FEMA has approved two round shaped dome buildings and the Wellness Center is the 15,000 sq. ft. dome. The parking lot improvements for the

Wellness Center will be done with money received from TCEQ and will be between the Recreation Center and the Wellness Center.

- The other dome building will be built on South Main Street.

Mr. John Hernandez inquired if there would be any maintenance on the walking path at the Sports Complex. He said there are cracks on the path that makes it difficult to walk.

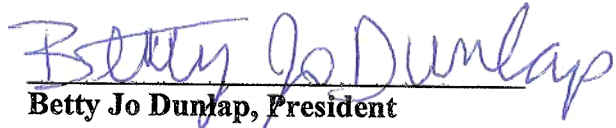
ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Mary Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

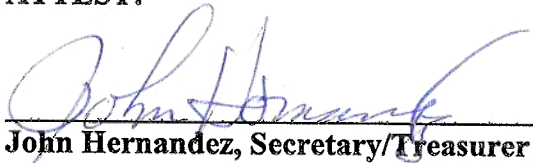
ADJOURNMENT – PRESIDENT

La Feria Economic Development Corporation President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

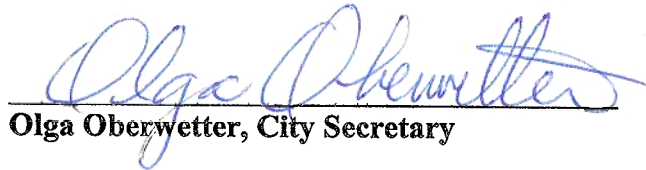
APPROVED:


 Betty Jo Dunlap, President

ATTEST:


 John Hernandez, Secretary/Treasurer

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria as official record of the City of La Feria and the La Feria Economic Development Corporation at 3:00 P.M. on September 8, 2012 as official record.


 Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

