

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFIDC)
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC) met in regular session on **Thursday, August 4, 2011, at 6:30 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 business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following Board Members were present at said meeting:

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| | Mr. Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez | President |
| | Mr. Arturo Martinez | Vice President |
| | Mr. Victor Gomez | Board Member |
| | Mr. Steve Brewer | Mayor/Ex-Officio Board Member |
| Absent: | Mr. Brad Shields | Board Member |
| | Ms. Norma Alaniz | Secretary/Treasurer |
| Staff present: | Mr. Sunny K. Philip | City Manager/Executive Director |
| | Ms. Irene Szedlmayer | Planning and Comm. Dev. Director |
| | 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., Board President Mr. Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez 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 LFIDC Board was present and called the meeting to order.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION (LFIDC) HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011**

After review of the minutes, Mr. Arturo Martinez moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC) held on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Mr. Victor Gomez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFIDC board members present.

At this point in the meeting, City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip asked that Public Comments be considered before consideration of the next item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Mr. Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez declared the public comment session open and acknowledged Ms. Joanna Lerma. Ms. Joanna Lerma was in attendance to present her testimonial about how Project VIDA has changed her life. Ms. Lerma said she

enrolled in a Dental Hygiene Program, and Project VIDA helped her financially and helped pay for a \$4,000.00 instrument. She said that at the age of 20 she is earning about \$30.00 an hour. She encouraged the Board to continue funding the program so that other La Feria residents would have the same opportunity as she had.

Ms. Gloria Casas was also present in support of Project VIDA. She said she works with the rural communities and she is so proud that La Feria is participating in this initiative. She congratulated the Board for their participation in this program. She said sometimes families can afford to send their children to school, but they cannot afford the extras. Ms. Casas said this is an investment in the community.

Mr. Bernie Saenz, Community Outreach Manager, with Project VIDA distributed their annual report to the board and discussed the program briefly. Mr. Saenz was joined by Mr. Ruben Garcia, Student Counselor, and their Director of Finance Daniel Mesa, as well as a current participant in the program. Mr. Saenz said Project VIDA is a 501 community based program that serves the underserved adult population. He defined the underserved adult population as those who are on public assistance or earning \$8.50 an hour or less. He said Project VIDA provides tuition, books, and training. They partner with state institutions such as TSTC, STC, UT Brownsville, and UTPA in Edinburg. He asked for the continuation of funding and thank the Board.

Mr. Garcia Galvez thanked the participants for their comments. There being no further comments, Mr. Garcia Galvez declared the public comment session closed.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH VALLEY INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT (VIDA) FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR LA FERIA RESIDENTS

City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip explained that the LFIDC has funded this program several years. He said the item is included in the budget for funding again this year; however, since the budget is not approved yet, he would ask that this item be tabled tonight, and brought back at the next meeting. Mr. Arturo Martinez moved to table this item. Mr. Victor Gomez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2011

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of July 2011. She reviewed the budget versus actual figures for the month and then reviewed the year-to-date figures, as well. Ms. Chavero discussed the major variances in the report and answered all questions asked. Ms. Chavero also reviewed the Analysis of Current IDC Sales Tax Collection and the City's Sales & Use Tax Comparison Summary. After review, Board President Mr. Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. She reviewed the adjusted budget revenues of \$754,394.00 and the expenditures of \$760,899.00 for a total of \$6,505.00 of expenditures over revenues. Ms. Chavero discussed the depreciation figure of \$55,000.00 which is a non-cash item, so that the balance would be approximately \$49,000.00 positive. Ms. Chavero said that for the proposed budget for FY 2011-2012, she had figured an increase of about three percent. The proposed budget reflects total revenues as \$775,961.00 with total expenditures of \$753,177.00 for a figure of \$22,784.00 total revenues over expenditures. Ms. Chavero discussed the revenues and expenditures by line item and said there were no capital outlay items included in the proposed budget. Ms. Chavero said the final budget would be presented at the next LFIDC meeting for Board approval.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAWS, CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION/SALE/LEASE OF REAL ESTATE BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Board President Mr. Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez declared the meeting in executive session at 6:59 P.M. After executive session deliberation, Mr. Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez declared the meeting back in open session at 7:09 P.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This item was taken out of sequence and considered directly after approval of the minutes.


ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Arturo Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Victor Gomez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFIDC board members present.

ADJOURNMENT

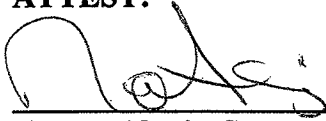
Board President Mr. Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

APPROVED:



 Ignacio A. Garcia Galvez, President

ATTEST:



Norma Alaniz, 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 Industrial Development Corporation at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.



Sunny K. Philip
City Manager/Executive Director

LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.

REGULAR MEETING

AT THE

CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011, AT 6:30 PM

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PLEASE SIGN IN

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| 2 | Gloria Casas | 12707 Arroyo Ln LaFeria | 793-9863 |
| 3 | Daniel Mares | 1715 E. Mike, Woodsg, TX | 973-8600 |
| 4 | Bernie Saenz | 2300 S. Bonan Woodsg, TX | 973 973 8600 (W) |
| 5 | Cesar Rangel | 906 Star Ct LaFeria Tx | 792-8200 |
| 6 | Ruben Garcia Jr | 1715 1170 N. Austin San Benito | 491-6834 |
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