

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, November 2, 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
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner

Absent: Mr. John Hernandez 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. 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.

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to excuse Commissioner John Hernandez's absence from this meeting due to illness. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR SEWER LINE
EXTENSION ON SOLIS ROAD TO THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED
BIDDER**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reviewed the bids received for sewer line extension on Solis Road with the Commission. Two bids were received and they were as follows:

JM Construction	\$53,338.00
3701 Jade Street	
Weslaco, TX 78596	

Saenz Utility	\$113,800.00
22290 N. FM 88	
Edcouch, TX 78538	

The lowest bidder was JM Construction at \$53,338.00. Mr. Philip also reviewed a Contract Change Order in the amount of (\$4,820.00) which would decrease the contract amount to \$48,518.00. Mr. Philip said the project location is on Solis Road on the west side of La Feria Gardens. The Utilities Board reviewed the bids and is recommending that the City Commission award the contract to the low bidder JM Construction. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to award contract to JM Construction in the amount of \$48,518.00. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS, FOR A GRANT FROM THE 2011-2012
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
(TXCDBG)**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that this application is in the amount of \$322,000.00 with a City match of \$100,000.00. The project is to widen Kansas City Road south of Business Highway 83 to the city limits boundary. This will include a 40' street with curb and gutter and also drainage. Mr. Philip explained that since grant money is funding the paving, there will be no need for paving assessments. Mr. Philip then explained that when applying for water or wastewater projects, the benefit is city-wide, but for this project, the benefit area had to be surveyed to determine that the beneficiaries would be at least 51% or more of low-to-moderate income households. He said Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer and Administrative Assistant Ben Guerrero had completed a door-to-door survey of the area to be served and determined that 51% of the residents were of low-to-moderate income. The due date for the application is the 12th of November. Mr. Philip said the local match would come from the Certificates of Obligation issue. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. 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 2010-35. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve resolution 2010-35 authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, for a grant from the 2011-2012 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG). Commissioner John Betancourt 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 Lori Weaver moved to table this item. Commissioner John Betancourt 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**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- The Filter Replacement Project is moving along good. The contractor has poured the under drain concrete section. Because of rain, the project deadline has been extended by 30 days, making the completion date at the end of December 2010.
- The SLC Project still needs some work to be done – Staff is working with the bonding company and the new contractor for the project. The bonding company and the new contractor are working on a contract agreement.
- The Texas Water Development Board Applications were submitted in an amount of 24 million dollars, but the funding available only covers approximately 15 million dollars. The Board had initially proposed that the City could accept the grant money as long as it took on a loan for the remaining portion of the project. Mr. Philip said that a new financial advisor Anne Burger Entrekin with First Southwest had discussed the La FERIA project with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), and TWDB has agreed to allow the City of La FERIA to accept the grant money without having to take the loan, but that the projects submitted need to match the amount of grant, so the list of projects is being prioritized in order to meet that requirement. The application is due by the end of December, but the City wants to have this submitted as soon as possible. Mr. Philip said the City has also submitted applications to the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and some of the items are duplicates of the TWDB applications, so whoever comes in first, the City will take that opportunity.
- Disaster Recovery Street Improvement Project Construction Progress – The curb and gutter has been poured on North Parker Road. Leal Construction will now move to Valle Verde and Windsong Village.

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 John Betancourt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 6:48 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 November 12, 2010, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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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