

**LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the La Feria Economic Development Corporation (LFEDC) met in special session on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 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
Ms. Lori Weaver	Director
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	Director
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	Director
Mr. Ignacio A Garcia Galvez	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. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

There were no other persons present at this meeting.

At 6:00 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. Ms. Dunlap said this corporation is a 4B corporation.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LFEDC HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011**

After review of the minutes, Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the LFEDC held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 as presented in written form. Ms. Mary Garcia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2011**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of August 2011 with the board and explained that the sales tax revenues were up by about 5.5%. She then reviewed the Analysis of Current EDC Sales Tax Collection. Ms. Chavero also reviewed the Comptroller of Public Accounts reports for the month of September. Board President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

#### **REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LFEDC BUDGET FOR FY 2011-2012**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the budget with the board members. She said that though revenues are good, staff is looking at a 4% increase from the prior year's budget. She then reviewed the line items and answered questions from the board. After review of the budget, Mr. John Hernandez moved to approve the budget for FY 2011-2012. Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board.

#### **REPORTS BY STAFF**

City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip said that most all the LFEDC Board members had been in attendance at the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Indoor Recreation Center on August 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. He said HighMark Construction Company who was awarded the contract had moved in and already started construction. The center is funded through a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department of \$750,000.00. The City of La Feria bought the property several years ago and had it appraised, and the Parks and Wildlife Department will reimburse the City for half of the value of the property and the rest will be used for construction. The City also was awarded two United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. The first one was through Solomon Ortiz for \$223,000.00 and the second one through Congressman Hinojosa in the amount of about \$250,000.00. The LFEDC is contributing the difference. The contractor is doing a good job. Mr. Philip said that the City had an immediate deadline to collect the money from HUD, and it should be able to do that. He added that the project would take about 270 days or 9 months to complete and some of the discussion the City, LFEDC, and the school need to have is what programs need to be included and how will the center be managed. Mr. Philip explained the components of the project and the parking lot. Mr. Philip said staff received word from TCEQ and EPA that they have approved the parking lot project at the Recreation Center and another parking lot at the City warehouse on First Street. Ms. Irene Szedlmayer said the amount of the grant is \$155,000.00 with a match from the City of about \$103,000.00. Mr. Philip said there is no signed contract with TCEQ yet. Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr. inquired about what size the parking lot at the warehouse would be. Ms. Irene Szedlmayer said they are both about 10,000 square feet. The one at the Recreation Center will have a permeable pavement and the one at the warehouse will be standard asphalt.

#### **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 LFEDC Board.

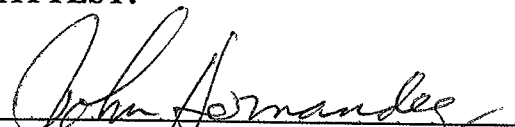
**ADJOURNMENT – PRESIDENT**

La Feria Economic Development Corporation President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap adjourned the meeting at 6:15 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 9:00 A.M. on March 9, 2012 as official record.

  
Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

