

**LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the La Feria Economic Development Corporation (LFEDC) met in special session on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 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
	Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	Director
Absent:	Ms. Toni Garcia	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. Miguel Wise	City Attorney
Ms. Darla Jones	Asst. City Manager
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

Other persons present at this meeting were Mary Beth Wright and Mary Hernandez.

At 6:02 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 announced that this is a 4B Corporation.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LFEDC HELD ON JUNE 23, 2009**

After review of the minutes, Ms. Lori Weaver moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous meeting of the LFEDC held on June 23, 2009, as presented in written form. Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE THROUGH AUGUST 2009**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the months of June, July, and August 2009. She reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the months of June and July, then both the monthly and year-to-date figures for the report for the month of August. Ms. Chavero then reviewed the sales tax collections for the three months. After review and all questions answered, Board President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LFEDC BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2008/2009**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the budget amendment for fiscal year 2008/2009 with the board. Ms. Chavero explained that proceeds from the Certificates of Obligation (CO's) had to be separated into a different fund and along with it the interest earned. She explained that the \$7,705 refund on the issuance costs would remain in the LFEDC fund since the issuance costs were paid from the LFEDC fund. Ms. Chavero said the adjusted budget was \$222,205 in revenues and \$234,384 in expenditures with expenses over revenues in the amount of \$12,178. Mr. John Hernandez moved to approve the LFEDC Budget Amendment for FY 2008/2009. Ms. Mary Garcia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFEDC board members present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LFEDC BUDGET FOR FY 2009/2010**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the budget with the board, and explained that the budgeted revenues were \$253,000 in sales tax revenues for next year. Expenses were budgeted at \$232,220 leaving a balance of \$20,780 of revenues over expenditures. Ms. Chavero explained the budgeting of an additional \$3,000 in supplies for the grand opening of the Nature Park. Other expenses were for consultant fees, administration fee and expenses. The amount budgeted under park improvements was for debt payments for the CO's and two employees for the parks department due to the addition of the Wildlife and Nature Park. Mr. John Hernandez inquired who was responsible for maintaining the playground equipment at the Parks, because he had received some complaints that the bolts on the slide were rusty. He said employees need to check out the playground equipment regularly to avoid such conditions. City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip responded that performance measures for the Parks Department are set to where they have to perform the review on a monthly basis and that is one of the things that they need to check off on. Mr. John Hernandez moved to approve the LFEDC Budget for FY 2009/2010. Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFEDC board members present.

At this time, City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip referred back to the budget amendment approved in the previous item, and noted that there was an item highlighted in the amount of \$32,869.00, which was for the purchase of a home which was foreclosed. Mr. Philip said the time frame was such that there was no time to call a meeting. The funds would come from the Neighborhood Assistance Program through

Cameron County. The plan is for the City to purchase the home from the LFEDC, work with a non-profit to refurbish the home and sell it.

### **PROGRESS REPORT – SPORTS COMPLEX AND NATURE PARK CONSTRUCTION**

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

- The paving of the jogging trail at the Sports Complex is making some progress, but the rain has slowed it down a bit.
- The parking lot improvements at the Sports Complex were also held up because of the lights in the middle of the area that needed to be moved. AEP moved them yesterday. The rain has also delayed the project.
- Exercise stations at the Sports Complex are being used by the public.
- Lights that were out due to repair work at the Sports Complex have been replaced.
- There was some vandalism to the concession stand at the Sports Complex, but that has been taken care of and it is back in order.
- There have been improvements made in the form of outside staircases to the announcer boxes at the Sports Complex.
- The Nature Park construction is completed except for some of the plants. There are some plants that were planted in the water that have died and will need to be replanted.
- Mr. Philip said the City would like to have volunteer groups to help with the Nature Park.
- The City would look at stocking the pond at the Nature Park with fish for an annual fishing program for kids.
- Future installation of solar lights might be needed.
- Staff is planning a grand opening for the Nature Park within a month or two, and the plan is to invite all the dignitaries from the funding agencies.

Ms. Mary Garcia said that an ad should be placed in the newspaper allowing those people who have lost loved ones, and who would like to plant a tree at the Nature Park in their memory to do so. Mr. Philip said an approved list of the type of tree that should be planted there needs to be developed.

No action was needed for this item.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to comment before the Board, so Ms. Dunlap declared the public comment session closed.


### **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 members present.

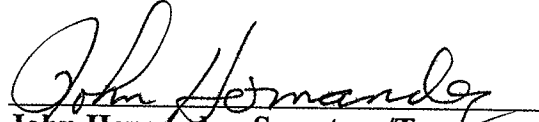
### **ADJOURNMENT – PRESIDENT**

La Feria Economic Development Corporation President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap adjourned the meeting at 6:35 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 9:45 A.M. on March 22, 2010 as official record.

  
Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary