

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, June 8, 2010**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on **Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 5:15 P.M.** 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 those items of Utilities Board business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with the State Open Meetings Law. The following Board Members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Adolfo Lopez	Chairman
Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap	Vice Chairman
Mr. Ovidio Saldivar	Board Member
Mr. Ralph Muse	Board Member

Absent: Mr. Steve Brewer Mayor/Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Director
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

The only other person present at the meeting was Mary Beth Wright.

At 5:19 P.M., Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez asked all present to rise and recite aloud the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. After this was done, Mr. Lopez declared that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES
BOARD HELD ON APRIL 13, 2010**

After review of the minutes, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2010

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the months of April and May 2010. She reviewed the monthly figures for the month of April and monthly and year-to-date figures for the month of May on the Budget vs. Actual reports.

Ms. Chavero then reviewed the performance measures. After review, Chairman Adolfo Lopez announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

REPORT BY STAFF

- **Ground Breaking Ceremony for Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement held on Monday, May 3, 2010**
- **La Feria visit from Environmental Protection Agency officials from Washington, DC and Region 6 office in Fort Worth, Texas.**
- **Water and Wastewater System Improvements projects including Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement, discontinue use of clarifier, Wastewater Collection System project completion, and extension of water main extension along South Beddoes Road.**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported the following:

- There was a good turnout for the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement Project held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at City Hall. Attendees included some people from EPA in Washington, D.C., the EPA Region 6 Director, one person from BECC, Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, Judge Carlos Cascos and other elected officials as well as other city officials.
- Last week the people from EPA in Washington, D.C. and EPA Region 6 were in La Feria to tour the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Nature Park, as well as some of the colonias such as La Feria Gardens and Alto Real. Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer added that the group of visitors was very impressed with the new wastewater treatment plant and the fact that there was no odor at all, and they were also very impressed with the landscaping at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The City submitted applications for funding to the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC), the North American Development Bank (NADB) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and one of their requirements is that there be a declaration of "Nuisance Finding." Planning and Community Development Director Irene Szedlmayer worked with the Cameron County Health Department and they have declared a Nuisance Finding at some of these colonias. Mr. Philip said there was a June 4, 2010 deadline for this requirement and he was very appreciative of the cooperation by Cameron County Department of Health.
- The Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement Project awarded to RP Constructors has seen no construction yet; the old metal filters are out of service. They will be destroyed and the new construction will start soon.
- There were two applications submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the water system and two applications for the wastewater system.
- On the Beddoes Road paving project, an 8" water line will be extended south on Beddoes Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to speak before the board, so Mr. Lopez declared the public comment session closed.

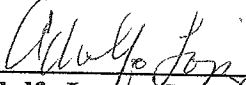
ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Ovidio Saldivar moved for adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Ralph Muse seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

ADJOURNMENT – BOARD CHAIRMAN

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:50 P.M.

APPROVED:



Adolfo Lopez, Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria as official record of the Utilities Board at 12:30 PM on July 10, 2010.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

