

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 26, 2011**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 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:

	Ms. Lori Weaver	City Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem
	Mr. John Edward Betancourt	City Commissioner
	Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
	Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner
Absent:	Mr. Steve Brewer	Mayor
	Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner

The following staff members were present.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Mr. Richard S. Talbert	City Attorney
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
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 Pro Tem Lori Weaver gave the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. She then declared that a quorum of the City Commission was present and called the meeting to order.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. 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
ACCEPTING THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that a revised copy of the resolution was presented at the meeting. He said this project was funded through the American Recovery and Reconciliation Act (ARRA) with a 0% interest loan. Everything has been

inspected and the filter is in service. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2011-13. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2011-13 accepting the Water Treatment Plant Filter Project. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA REGULATING ON-STREET PARKING ALONG A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF EAST COMMERCIAL AVENUE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that this item was tabled from a previous meeting. He said that a maximum of about five people can be seen in the lobby at any one time, and that the ordinance provides for two additional spaces on the north side of Commercial (there are already three 15-minutes parking spaces on the north side of Commercial) and two spaces on the south side of Commercial in front of the WIC Office to be designated as 15-minutes parking for the convenience of the customers.

Commissioner John Hernandez moved to read the ordinance by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Ordinance 2011-04. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve Ordinance 2011-04 regulating on-street parking along a certain portion of the north and south side of the 100 Block of East Commercial Avenue for the safety and welfare of the public; providing for a penalty for violation and providing an effective date. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83 AND BEDDOES ROAD

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that it would be a good idea to pass this resolution to submit to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). He said this has been discussed with the La Feria School District, and they have been encouraged to write letters requesting that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Business Highway 83 and Beddoes Road for the safety of all the children attending the new Sam Houston Elementary School. Commissioner John Hernandez said there have been several accidents at that location already. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2011-14. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2011-14 seeking assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Business

Highway 83 and Beddoes Road. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2011

- **REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**
- **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**
- **INVESTMENT REPORT**
- **TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver thanked Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero for the reports and announced that these reports would be filed for audit.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE 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

Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver declared the meeting in executive session at 6:44 P.M. After executive session, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver declared the meeting back in open session at 7:08 P.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY AS THE RESULT OF EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION DELIBERATIONS

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

Reports by Staff

- **National Day of Prayer – May 5**
- **July 4th Celebration**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- The National Day of Prayer will be held on May 5, 2011 starting at 8:00 a.m. with a meeting at Don Beto's Restaurant and the prayer session to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the flagpole on the west side of City Hall.
- The Independence Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2011, but this year there will be no parade held in conjunction with the event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver declared the public comment session closed.


ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

APPROVED:


Lori Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 10:50 A.M. on May 7, 2011, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011, 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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