

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING OF LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION  
AS A JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LA  
FERIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in special session on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 6:30 P.M. in the Staff Development Center, 400 S. West Street, La Feria, Texas 78559 as a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees of the La Feria Independent School District. 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
Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner – Late 6:55 P.M.
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

The following City 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

The following School Board of Trustees members were present at this meeting.

Mr. Juan Briones	President
Mr. Alan Moore	Vice President
Ms. Gloria Casas	Secretary – Late 7:23 P.M.
Mr. Pancho Cobarrubias	Board Member
Mr. David Bazaldua	Board Member

Absent:	Mr. Jaime Vasquez	Board Member
	Mr. Javier Loredo	Board Member

The following School staff members were present

Dr. Nabor Cortez	LFISD Superintendent
Ms. Judy Bauer	Executive Secretary to School Superintendent

A copy of the signature roster of all others present is attached as a part of the minutes hereof.

At 6:35 P.M., School Board President Juan Briones declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Dr. Nabor Cortez gave the invocation. Mr. Briones then led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the State of Texas Flag.

Mayor Steve Brewer then declared that a quorum of the City Commission was present and called the meeting to order. Mayor Brewer said it was exciting to be working together with the School District.

#### **LA FERIA ISD STRATEGIC PLAN STATUS REPORT**

School Superintendent Dr. Nabor Cortez presented a PowerPoint presentation on the La Feria ISD Strategic Plan. Dr. Cortez explained that the purpose of the joint meeting with the City was to 1) create mutual awareness of goals and initiatives; 2) based on new awareness identify possible opportunities for partnerships; 3) brainstorm potential collaborations to benefit the community of adults and children; and 4) create action steps to establish mutual partnerships and collaborations. Each of the Board Members took turns in reading the Plan Components, which consists of Beliefs, Vision, Mission, Objectives, Strategies, and the Implementation Timeline. The timeline is: year one – 2010-2011; year two – 2011-2012; year three – 2012-2013; year four – 2013-2014; and year five – 2014-2015.

#### **DISCUSSION OF EXISTING AND POTENTIAL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND LA FERIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENTS TO SPORTS COMPLEX, LA FERIA WELLNESS CENTER, SHELTER PROGRAM, HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITY AND LEADERSHIP LA FERIA**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip presented the City's report of projects that have been achieved as joint activities of the City and School such as the Summer Youth Program, participation in events like Fiesta de La Feria, Christmas Parade; Winter Festival; sharing of baseball, softball, and soccer field facilities; etc. Mr. Philip also discussed other potential cooperative projects such as the Boys and Girls Club/Indoor Recreation Facility; Sports Complex Improvements; La Feria Wellness Center; Multipurpose Buildings/Shelter; Higher Education Facility; and Leadership La Feria.

The next Joint Meeting of the City and School will be held on July 21, 2011. And with the assistance of Ms. Rita Gibbs who would serve as the facilitator five or six groups would work together as a team to brainstorm and come up with an action plan for some of the initiatives discussed at this meeting.

Mayor Steve Brewer commended the School District for being very community conscience and said this is how good communities become great communities, working together.

#### **ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

School Board President Juan Briones adjourned the LFISD meeting at 8:07 P.M.

**APPROVED:**




**Steve Brewer, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

**These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 2:45 P.M. on July 25, 2011, as official record.**

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**



**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AT THE**  
**STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 400 S. WEST STREET**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011, AT 6:30 PM**

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