

**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
Thursday, July 21, 2011**

Be it known that the City of La FERIA City Commission met in special session on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at 6:00 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.

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
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

Absent: Mr. Steve Brewer Mayor

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
Ms. Tabitha Outlaw	Administrative Assistant
Ms. Florence Reichle	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Ben Guerrero	Administrative Assistant

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
Mr. Pancho Cobarrubias	Board Member

Absent: Mr. David Bazaldua Board Member
Mr. Javier Loreda Board Member
Mr. Jaime Vasquez Board Member

The following School staff members were present

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

Ms. Cindy Torres
 Dr. Maria Vidaurri
 Mr. Dennis Amstutz
 Mr. Robert Rivera
 Mr. Oscar Salinas
 Mr. Ramon Mendoza

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

At 6:15 P.M., Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver gave the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Weaver led everyone in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. She then declared that a quorum of the City Commission was present and called the meeting to order.

School Board President Juan Briones declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Mr. Briones then led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the State of Texas.

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 AND DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED

City Manager Sunny K. Philip made a few comments about the relationship between the City and the School and explained the purpose of the meeting was to work together on identifying and implementing projects as a joint effort for the benefit of the community. He explained that after the projects are developed, the results would be presented before the City Commission and the School Board of Trustees for their consideration.

School Superintendent Dr. Nabor Cortez explained the process that the groups would need to follow to achieve the results needed to implement an initiative. He said if the groups did not come to a conclusion, the groups would be asked to meet again to continue working on the initiative. Dr. Nabor Cortez then introduced Ms. Rita Gibbs who would be the facilitator for the groups. He said he had worked with Ms. Gibbs for a few years and he had a lot of trust in her.

Ms. Rita Gibbs explained the process for the exercise tonight. She thanked Ms. Judy Bauer and Ms. Cindy Torres for all their work in putting this together. She said that after her presentation, she would ask each of the teams to come forward and say what initiative they would be working on and at the end of the exercise, the teams would report as to the results of their work session.

The groups broke out into the following teams:

- Initiative 1: Leadership La Feria
- Initiative 2: Youth Leadership La Feria
- Initiative 3: Student Community Service

Initiative 4: Higher Education Facility
 Initiative 5: La Feria Wellness Center
 Initiative 6: Open Topic Action Team

After the group discussions, the team leaders gave a brief presentation to the boards. No action was taken on any of the initiatives.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLAN TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT JOINT PROJECTS PRIORITIZED DURING THE WORKSHOP SESSION

Commissioner John Hernandez moved to table this item. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner John Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia 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 9:42 P.M.

School Board President Juan Briones adjourned the LFISD meeting at 9:42 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 2:00 P.M. on August 6, 2011, as official record.


 Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
AT THE
STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 400 S. WEST STREET
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011, AT 6:00 PM

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