

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

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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.

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

Absent: Mr. John Hernandez 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 Steve Brewer asked Commissioner Lori Weaver to give the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Brewer led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He then declared that a quorum of the City Commission was present and called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to excuse Commissioner John Hernandez' absence from this meeting, since he was out of town. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION AS A JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LFISD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the La Feria City Commission as a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees of the LFISD held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION PLAQUE TO MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE RODOLFO G. MARES UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF LA FERIA

On behalf of the City Commission, Mayor Steve Brewer presented an appreciation plaque to Judge Rodolfo G. Mares for his 14 years of service to the City of La Feria as an alternate Municipal Court Judge. A reception was held for Judge Mares after the meeting.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DESIGNATING OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE "OPERATION BORDER STAR" PROGRAM

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said this is the first time that the City is applying for this grant and the funding may be limited. This is a new initiative established at the State level after the formation of Homeland Security. Commissioner Lori Weaver 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 2011-26. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Resolution 2011-26 authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding to the Texas Department of Public Safety and designating officials to execute an interlocal cooperation agreement and other necessary documents between the City of La Feria and the Texas Department of Transportation for the "Operation Border Star" Program. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL SUBMITTED BY CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the certified appraisal roll submitted by the Cameron Appraisal District is \$180,595,885.00 which is a little bit more than last year, and if the City continues with the same tax rate of \$0.70/\$100 this will bring in \$1,257.00 more than the previous year. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to accept the Certified Appraisal Roll submitted by Cameron Appraisal District. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT THE CITY OF LA FERIA TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO CALCULATE AND PUBLISH THE EFFECTIVE AND ROLLBACK TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2011

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to appoint City Manager Sunny K. Philip as Tax Assessor/Collector to calculate and publish the effective and rollback tax rate for Tax Year 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 PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR BUDGET DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the schedule for budget development lists the various entities and when the budget workshop and final budget approval is planned. He said the goal is to have the budget process completed and the budgets approved by September 13, 2011. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the proposed schedule for budget development and approval for the City of La FERIA and its subsidiaries. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT CERTIFICATION OF ANTICIPATED FY 2011/2012 TAX COLLECTION RATE

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that the anticipated tax collection rate for the FY 2011/2012 is 95% which is the same as prior years. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to accept the Certification of Anticipated FY 2011/2012 Tax Collection Rate. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT CERTIFICATION OF ANTICIPATED FY 2011/2012 DEBT SERVICE

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the Certification signed by the Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero and he, certifies that the estimated amount of ad valorem tax revenue required by the City of La FERIA to meet 2011 Tax Year debt requirement is \$514,912.25. A listing of the debt obligation was attached to the certification. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to accept the Certification of Anticipated FY 2011/2012 Debt Service. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND CAMERON COUNTY FOR THE COLLECTION OF LA FERIA AD VALOREM TAXES BY THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reviewed the information provided to the City Commission regarding the interlocal agreement between the City of La FERIA and Cameron County for the collection of La FERIA ad valorem taxes by the County. He explained that the County has improved its collection process and the advantage to the City would be that this would free some existing staff to assist on all the other projects that the City is working on. The La FERIA School District has contracted with the County for tax collection, and the joint effort has shown an improvement in their collections. He added that the City's computer system is several years old, and it would have to be replaced which would be costly. Mr. Philip said at the minimum approximately \$50,000.00 a year is spent by the City in the tax collection efforts. He said the proposed agreement does not reflect the terms under which the City would enter into this agreement, and Mr. Talbert would be making the appropriate changes. Specifically, the City wants to retain the right to calculate the effective and rollback tax rate and wants to retain the right to appoint the attorney who would be collecting delinquent taxes for the City. Another requirement is that the La FERIA County Annex remains open so that the residents of La FERIA don't have to travel elsewhere to pay their taxes. There have been times when the Annex is closed due to staffing, and if the City enters into this contract, the residents of La FERIA need to be able to pay their tax bill locally. Mr. Philip said the cost to contract with the County for tax collection purposes is \$12,500.00 per year. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert said the changes would need to be made to the agreement, and he recommended the motion to be approved tonight to keep from delaying the tax collection process. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved for the City to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Cameron County relating to the collection of ad valorem taxes by the Cameron County Tax-Assessor Collector on such terms and conditions as the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney shall determine to be in the best interest of the City and that the Mayor and City Secretary be authorized to execute such Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the City. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE LA FERIA FIRE STATION AND A NEW SUBSTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE GRANT FUNDING

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that the City Commission approved a resolution for the filing of an application with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the fire station expansion and a new substation. Although the City wanted this in the form of a grant, the only amount available as a grant was \$35,000.00. This resolution covers only the grant portion, and in the next item on the agenda, the resolution addresses the loan portion in the amount of \$1,015,000.00 to complete this project. Mr. Philip explained that during a hurricane, La FERIA's Volunteer Firefighters spend several days at the station and the expansion would provide much needed space for situations like that or any other emergency situation. Mr. Philip added that the City has also annexed some properties as far south as Highway 281 and the City's goal is to expand in that area, and to serve that area, it would require a substation. There are several members from the

Blue Town area who serve in La Feria's Volunteer Fire Department and the City would work with them to serve that need. He said this project does not address the need for fire trucks, but that would have to be addressed at a later date and that there are some grants available that the City would look into. Mr. Philip explained that the City established a Tax Increment Refinancing Zone (TIRZ) several years ago, and there is \$8.8 million incremental value in the TIRZ zone, which would provide enough tax revenue to pay the debt incurred by the issuance of bonds for funding this project and a portion of the funding for the expansion of the public library. Mr. Philip said the City would also be seeking the assistance of the Cameron County Emergency Services District for this project, as they would also like a presence in the Blue Town area. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. inquired if the substation would have an office for the Police Department. Mr. Philip said the idea is to have controlled access for the Police Department and the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The start of construction timeline would be approximately 6 months. Commissioner John Betancourt 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 2011-27. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2011-27 accepting grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture for the expansion of the La Feria Fire Station and a new substation and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents pertaining to the grant funding. 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 RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF
INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE
COST OF THE EXPANSION OF THE LA FERIA FIRE STATION AND A NEW
SUBSTATION FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS
JURISDICTION**

This item was discussed along with the previous agenda item. The loan amount is \$1,035,000.00. Mr. Philip asked the Commission to favorably consider approval of the resolution. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Lori Weaver 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 2011-28. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Resolution 2011-28 authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of the expansion of the La Feria Fire Station and a new substation facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT BRUSH FIRE TRUCK
DONATED THROUGH THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said he had planned to have a picture available, but there had not been enough time to have that done. Mayor Brewer said this truck is a 1993 model replacing a 1960 model. The Fire Department has had the truck painted and is doing some other improvements on it. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to accept the brush fire truck donated through the Texas Forest Service. Commissioner

John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE LA FERIA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that there were two gentlemen interested in being appointed as the new member to the La Feria Planning and Zoning Commission, and both of them were present at the meeting; Mr. Randy Sowers and Mr. Manuel Briones. Randy Sowers would resign from the Zoning Board of Adjustments if he were appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Brewer noted that the Zoning Board of Adjustments does not meet very often. Discussion was held and the Commission thanked both applicants for their commitment to the community. The Planning and Zoning Commission has term limits and other terms that might be expiring in October were discussed, and Mr. Manuel Briones said he would be interested in being appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission in October if he was not appointed tonight. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to read the resolution 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 Resolution 2011-29. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve Resolution 2011-29 appointing Mr. Randy Sowers to the La Feria Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FINAL PLAT FOR THE VILLA NUEVA REAL SUBDIVISION

City Manager Sunny K. Philip discussed the process that staff follows in processing the subdivision plats, and said that this item, as well as the next three items, come before the City Commission without review by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), since staff has had a very difficult time getting a quorum for the P&Z meetings. The last attempt was on Saturday, July 23, 2011, but still there was no quorum at that meeting. Mr. Philip said there is a provision that when a completed plat is submitted to the City, and if the City fails to act within a certain time, that plat is considered final. These items were placed on the City Commission agenda for consideration and action, so that the plats do not become final for lack of City action. Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer explained that the Villa Nueva Real Subdivision is a one lot, two-acre residential subdivision located on Hannah Lane, immediately adjacent to Los Lobitas Estates. The Villanuevas were present at the meeting. Staff recommended approval. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve the proposed final plat for the Villa Nueva Real Subdivision. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FINAL PLAT FOR THE REPUBLIC SERVICES SUBDIVISION

Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer explained that the Republic Services Subdivision is a one-lot, 33-acre industrial subdivision located at FM 2556 and Mile 8 North. The City received funding from the Texas Capital Fund for infrastructure improvements and to provide for a deceleration lane. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is making improvements to the road (FM 2556). The land was zoned Industrial in 2009 when it was annexed to the City and the intended use is a solid waste transfer station and office.

Staff recommended approval subject to verification by the public works staff regarding fire hydrants that are on Republic Services property, instead of on easements. Ms. Szedlmayer also discussed that Republic Services is subject to a Specific Use Permit and that permit requires landscaping for the property. She said they have provided a rather generous landscaping plan, but her recommendation to the City Commission was that they require the full 20' buffer around the entire property as there are some single family residences along FM 2556. Ms. Szedlmayer said she would bring back an item for approval of a Specific Use Permit at a later meeting to address the landscaping issue. The Commission was in agreement with that. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve the proposed final plat for the Republic Services Subdivision subject to verification by the public works staff that the fire hydrants are on easements and not on Republic Services property. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FINAL PLAT FOR THE GRANOS PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION

Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer explained that the Granos Properties Subdivision is a one-lot, 2.33-acre commercial subdivision located on the north side of Expressway 83, west of Parker Road, the former LUV Homes site. They do not have public drinking water, but they will after the City completes the Texas Water Development Project. They do have public wastewater service. Ms. Szedlmayer said staff is recommending approval. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the proposed final plat for the Granos Properties Subdivision. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FINAL PLAT FOR THE LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER SUBDIVISION

Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer explained that the La Feria Recreation Center Subdivision is a one-lot, six-acre subdivision located on Pancho Maples Drive, across from the Veterans Memorial Park/Sports Complex. The right-of-way is on Pancho Maples Drive and on Willow Street. The Indoor Recreation Center will receive utilities from the existing water and wastewater lines. The City has received grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to construct a 12,571-sq. ft. indoor recreation facility and a 11,064-sq. ft. paved parking lot. Staff recommended approval. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the proposed final plat for the La Feria Recreation Center Subdivision. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE INTENDED TO MEET THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS UNDER ITS TCEQ STORMWATER PERMIT BY REGULATING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY THAT CAN CAUSE POLLUTION TO ENTER THE ARROYO COLORADO VIA THE CITY'S MS4 (MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM)

Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer explained that in May she gave a short presentation about storm water. The City is required to have a storm water permit from TCEQ. Ms. Szedlmayer said the City is in the fourth year of a five-year permit and it is required to have this ordinance. She said it would become a part of the City's building inspection process. Contractors need to keep their dirt and sediment off of the public streets and out of the storm drains, and out of the Arroyo Colorado. She said there is still another ordinance required that would be presented to

the City Commission at a later date. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. asked that the City notify and educate the public concerning this ordinance. Ms. Szedlmayer said that Ms. Mary Beth Wright of the *La Feria News* has agreed to a story on storm water. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the ordinance by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. 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 2011-11. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2011-11 intended to meet the City's requirements under its TCEQ Stormwater Permit by regulating activities in the City that can cause pollution to enter the Arroyo Colorado via the City's MS4 (Municipal separate storm sewer system). Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2011

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

Mayor Steve Brewer 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

There was no need for an Executive Session so Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to table this item. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

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

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

Reports by Staff

- Status of Grant/Loan Funding Applications
 - Indoor Recreation Facility - \$973,673.00
Project Cost \$1,250,000.00
 - Solar Panel Installation Projects funded through State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)
 1. Water Treatment Plant - \$900,000.00
Project Cost \$1,125,000.00
 2. Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$900,000.00

Project Cost \$1,125,000.00

- Air Conditioning Replacement Project funded through SECO \$40,303.00
- Disaster Recovery Drainage Improvement Grant funded through General Land Office (GLO) - \$18,474,242
- Housing Rehabilitation Project
- Down Payment Assistance Program
- Water & Wastewater System Improvement Projects
 1. Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) \$8,381,340
 2. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) \$7,167,700
- Library Expansion Project - \$767,314.00
- Project Cost \$1,096,920.00
- Proposed Shelter Project to be funded through Division of Emergency Management - \$3,150,000.00
- Generator Replacement Project - \$224,000.00
- NSP1 Program - \$860,533.00
- Pump System for Flood Control Purposes - \$300,000.00
- Project Cost \$400,000.00
- Fire Station Expansion and New Substation Project
- Safe Routes to School Program Grant - \$500,000.00
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - \$1,800,000.00
- Texas Capital Fund Program Grant to assist Allied Waste
- Sunflower Estates Multifamily Housing Project Development by South Texas Collaborative for Housing Development

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on all of the above listed items and said this is the list of all the projects that have received funding for a total of \$59,913,638.00 with \$54,321,705.00 in grants. Mr. Philip said this speaks well for the City's credibility and the capacity to perform. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. said that recognition needs to be given to City Manager Sunny K. Philip, local boards, but most of all the people in the Federal and State levels that have worked so hard to provide these awards to La Feria.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Steve Brewer 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 Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 11:30 A.M. on September 10, 2011, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011, AT 6:30 PM

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