

RESOLUTION 2011-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF WEEKEND VOTING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 7 AND SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011 AND ESTABLISHING HOURS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 7 TO BE FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY, MAY 8, FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AND DESIGNATING THAT THE EXTENDED HOURS (12-HOUR DAYS) BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 9 AND TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION 2011 AND ESTABLISHING HOURS FOR MONDAY, MAY 9 AND TUESDAY, MAY 10, TO BE FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the 79th Legislative Session of the State of Texas resulted in a number of changes in the Texas Election Code including changing the May uniform election date to the second Saturday in May; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria will hold the City General Election on May 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that early voting be held in the election process; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 57 modifies the early voting period to begin 12 days before the May election; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2309 stipulates that two days of the early voting period must be extended hour days on weekdays; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria has the option of selecting the two 12 hour days as long as they are weekdays; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that municipalities hold early voting by personal appearance during regular business hours; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria in the past has held early voting during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays only; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of La Feria is considering early voting during the weekend; and

WHEREAS, the weekend voting can be held only during the time period allowed by law for early voting; and

WHEREAS, the time period for early voting for the General Election 2011 is Monday, May 2 through Tuesday, May 10; and

WHEREAS, the only weekend that would meet the requirements for weekend early voting is Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8; and

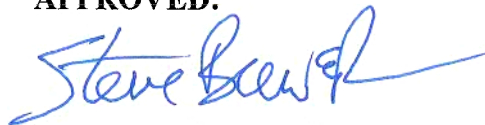
WHEREAS, the City Secretary is the Early Voting Clerk and may order Saturday or Sunday voting by written order,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, HEREBY AUTHORIZES THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADDED TO THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION OF 2011:

1. That weekend voting is to be held on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, and that the hours for weekend voting are from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 7 and from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 8, 2011.
2. The two days for extended hours (12 hour days) for early voting be May 9 and May 10 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

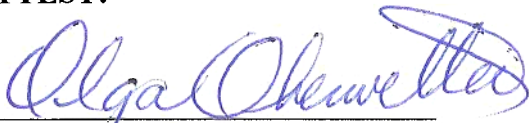
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 8th DAY OF MARCH 2011.

APPROVED:



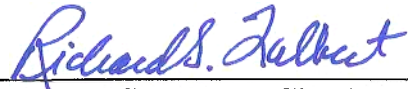
Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney