

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 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. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner
Absent: 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. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary
Ms. Paula Rodriguez	Capital Projects Coordinator

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 Angelica P. Baldivia 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.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION**

This item was tabled by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present on a motion by Commissioner John Betancourt and a second by Commissioner Lori Weaver.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN AND DESIGNATING THE AREA CONTAINED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF LA FERIA NORTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 83 AS A COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AREA**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that this item was listed as an ordinance on the agenda, but in fact it should be a resolution, so it was revised. The revised copy was

distributed to the City Commission. 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 2012-22. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve Resolution 2012-22 approving the Community Revitalization Plan and designating the area contained within the boundaries of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of La Feria north of U.S. Highway 83 as a Community Revitalization Area. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE/DENY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR GRANT FUNDING AS A JOINT APPLICATION AMONG THE CITY OF LA FERIA, THE CITY OF DONNA, CITY OF MERCEDES, CITY OF WESLACO, AND THE CITY OF HARLINGEN**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said this item was tabled from a previous meeting. The cities mentioned above all plan to submit a joint application for funding. The City of La Feria will apply for \$150,000.00 and it will require a match. The total funding requested is \$800,000.00. 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 2012-23. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Resolution 2012-23 authorizing the submission of an application to the Economic Development Administration for grant funding as a joint application among the City of La Feria, the City of Donna, City of Mercedes, City of Weslaco, and the City of Harlingen. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the City is ready to proceed with the advertisement for bids. The plans and specs are ready to go. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to authorize staff to proceed with the solicitation of bids for the Library Expansion Project. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE FIRE STATION EXPANSION AND FIRE SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said this item is not 100% ready, but staff wanted to make sure that the City Commission is aware of the progress being made on this project. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to authorize staff to proceed with the solicitation of bids for the Fire Station Expansion and Fire Substation Construction Project. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE NORTHWEST PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner John Betancourt moved to authorize staff to proceed with the solicitation of bids for the Northwest Park Improvement Project. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF UNGER PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to authorize staff to proceed with the improvement of Unger Park Improvement Project. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR LIGHTING SYSTEM AT THE A.J. WILSON FIELD**

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to authorize staff to proceed with the solicitation of bids for the lighting system at the A. J. Wilson Field. 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 JANUARY 2012**

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

Mayor Steve Brewer inquired of the Commission if they had any questions concerning the financial reports. No one had any questions, so he 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 Steve Brewer declared the meeting in executive session at 7:02 P.M. After executive session deliberation, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the meeting back in open session at 7:20 P.M.

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

There were two actions taken on this item.

1. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to authorize the City Manager to purchase the property legally described as Lots 57, 58, and 59, Block 3, Dunn Acres Subdivision and authorize the execution of all documents. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

2. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to authorize the City Manager to purchase the property legally described as the East 50' of Lots 19 – 21, Block 8, Original Town Site. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

### **REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION**

- **Indoor Recreation Facility Construction Progress**
- **Air Conditioning Replacement Project funded through SECO**
- **Update on Fiesta de La Feria 2012**
- **Water and Wastewater System Improvement Project**
- **Disaster Recovery Drainage Project**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following.

- Indoor Recreation Facility Construction Progress – The construction is moving along. Completion will be within the next three months.
- Air Conditioning Replacement Project – The contractor is waiting on delivery of the units.
- Update on Fiesta de La Feria 2012 – The weather was cold and rainy, but it was still a good turnout.
- Water and Wastewater System Improvement Project – The City is in the process of procuring easements for the project.
- Disaster Recovery Drainage Project – Staff had a discussion with the GLO and will be meeting with the Irrigation District tomorrow (February 29, 2012).

### **CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ATTENDANCE STATUS OF MAYOR AND/OR COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to excuse Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr.'s absence from tonight's meeting. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Brewer declared the public comment session closed.

### **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 Commissioners present.


### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 6:30 P.M. on March 12, 2012, as official record.

  
Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary



**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**AT THE**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012, AT 6:30 PM**

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PLEASE SIGN IN

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