

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, April 10, 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. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner
Absent: 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. Paula Rodriguez	Capital Projects Coordinator
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 Victor Gonzalez, Jr. 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.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. 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 OR DENY THE PURCHASE
OF A CLASS I ENGINE FROM CHANNELVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip introduced Volunteer Fire Chief Rick Garcia who introduced Volunteer Assistant Chief Greg Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez was the person involved in the conversations with the Channelview Fire Department in regards to this

truck. Mr. Hernandez answered all the questions in regards to the use of the truck and said that the truck still had a useful life of about five or six years and that it was in mint condition because of the care and upkeep that the Channelview Fire Department provided. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve the purchase of a Class I Engine from Channelview Fire Department. 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 OR DENY THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SUBURBAN THROUGH BUYBOARD TO REPLACE THE EXISTING VEHICLE FOR CITY ADMINISTRATION USE

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the City has been replacing the vehicle provided for the City Manager's use every 60,000 miles and the current vehicle has 76,600 miles on it. Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero contacted BuyBoard and requested a quote for a vehicle similarly equipped. The cost to replace the Suburban would be \$33,846. Mr. Philip said the current vehicle would be transferred to the Fire Department for their use either at the main station or the substation when it is built. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve the purchase of a new Suburban through BuyBoard to replace the existing vehicle for city administration use. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. 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**
- **Water and Wastewater System Improvement Project**
- **Home Applications for HBA and HRA on April 16-18, 2012**
- **Sunflower Estates Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 26, 2012**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- The Indoor Recreation Facility – Construction is going good. The City is still waiting on a quote for the parking lot which will be paid by the TCEQ grant. The contractor is keeping the site clean, and they still have about a month and a half left to finish construction; however, because of the parking lot, they may need to add additional time.
- Air Conditioning Replacement Project – The contractor completed the replacement of the units in the municipal complex last Saturday, and they just need to come to check and balance the units.
- Home Applications for HBA and HRA on April 16-18, 2012 – Robin Sisco from Langford Community Management Services will be here to conduct interviews for the Homebuyer Assistance Program (HBA) and the Home Reconstruction Assistance Program (HRA) starting Monday, April 16 through Wednesday, April 18, 2012.
- Sunflower Estates Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 26, 2012 will be held at the Chaparral Building at 2:00 p.m.
- Water and Wastewater System Improvement Project – The City has submitted all documentation to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for closing on Monday (April 16, 2012). [NOTE: The closing date was changed and took place on Thursday, April 19, 2012]. As soon as the closing takes place, the TWDB will

deposit around \$15 million into two escrow accounts for the water and sewer projects. Mr. Philip discussed in detail the first of the water projects under this grant which is the replacement of water meters that will afford the City the capability of reading the meters by remote control.

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

Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to excuse Commissioner John Hernandez's absence from tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Juan A. Bernal, P.E., CFM, Transportation Engineer from the Pharr TxDOT office was present to update the City Commission on progress of La Feria related projects. He said the project on FM 2556 is 100% complete, and the plans for the Safe Routes to School Program are 95% complete. TxDOT will be going out for bids on the Safe Routes to School Program in September. City Manager Sunny K. Philip said this report from TxDOT would be an item on the agenda every first meeting of the month.

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 7:10 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 10:45 A.M. on April 20, 2012, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

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3 Rick Garza		
4 Robert Munley		
5 Greg Hernandez		
6 Liana Brewer		
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