

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, May 8, 2012**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, May 8, 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
John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner
Absent: Mr. John Edward Betancourt	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 6:33 P.M., Mayor Steve Brewer gave 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, APRIL 24, 2012**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**REPORTS BY TXDOT STAFF ON LA FERIA RELATED PROJECTS AND  
DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY COMMISSION**

Mr. Juan A. Bernal, P.E., CFM, Transportation Engineer from the Pharr TxDOT office, presented a map of the sidewalks to be built through the Safe Routes to School Project. He said the plans have been submitted to Austin, and the State expects a September

letting of the project with construction starting some time in November. Once construction starts, it may take up to six months to complete. The total funding of the project is \$500,000.00. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia inquired about sidewalks at the corner of Canal and Jessamine. She said the last two houses on the south side of the street pose a hazard to the children crossing. Mayor Brewer inquired about sidewalks to the new Sam Houston Elementary. Ms. Irene Szedlmayer replied that neither Sam Houston nor Sanchez Elementary would have sidewalks. City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that based on the map, the sidewalks are already planned to the end of the street on Jessamine to Canal.

Mr. Bernal also reported that the other project is the hot mix overlay on FM 506 from Business 83 to Expressway 83. The letting is also in September, but construction may not start until sometime in January 2013. Mayor Brewer thanked Mr. Bernal for his presentation.

**PRESENTATION, AND DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY COMMISSION, BY THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING THE 1115 MEDICAID WAIVER AND THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE LA FERIA COMMUNITY**

Ms. Yvette Salinas from the Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services was present to discuss this item. She presented a PowerPoint presentation on the topic and said this is a five-year project that is now in year one. In 1985, Cameron County had an Indigent Healthcare Program. This was changed in 2007, and then again in 2011. The State now requires a managed care system. There are various conditions that have to be met and right now the County is working on trying to develop a regional plan. The state is now looking for healthier communities and the 1115 Waiver provides incentive payments for health care improvements. Ms. Salinas said they are on a very short time frame, and were hoping that the City Commission would commit something. Mayor Brewer said that, basically, there is a 30% or 35% match on the City's part for any project that is proposed. City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that staff would review the guidelines and try to bring back a resolution at a later date. Mayor Brewer thanked Ms. Salinas for her presentation.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY COMMISSION ON SPACE X BY BROWNSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Mr. Jason Hilts, President and CEO of the Brownsville Economic Development Council, was present to discuss this item. This is a project that would establish a rocket launch site that would be launching rockets into space. Brownsville is very attractive for this project because of its southernmost location in the U.S. The site would be in Boca Chica Beach. It would not restrict access to Boca Chica Beach. SpaceX is a private company and was founded by Elon Musk, one of the cofounders of Paypal. They are based out of California. Brownsville is in competition with Florida and Puerto Rico. Mr. Hilts said the purpose of his presentation is to bring awareness to the communities and to garner support from the communities for the project. Mayor Brewer thanked Mr. Hilts for his presentation.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA IN SUPPORT OF SPACE X.**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that the City has always partnered with other communities for regional projects and staff is recommending approval. He said the

message we are sending is that we are 100% behind the project. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner John Hernandez 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 2012-25. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 2012-25 in support of SpaceX. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 20-26, 2012 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. brought to our attention that May 20-26 would be "National Public Works Week" and that the City is fortunate to have good employees. He introduced Public Works Director Mr. Javier Martinez who introduced all of the employees in his department. Mayor Steve Brewer said that they are very good employees and they make public officials look good. Commissioner Gonzalez and the other Commissioners said they are very proud of the employees. Commissioner John Hernandez made his comments in Spanish for those employees who may not be bilingual. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve the Proclamation proclaiming May 20-26, 2012 as "National Public Works Week." Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. City Manager Sunny K. Philip also recognized Police Lieutenant Adolfo Luna and Building Inspector Armando Prado who also do an excellent job for the City and were present at this meeting. All employees received a round of applause.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.071 TO CONSULT WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING THE CONDEMNATION AND DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES AND THREATENED LITIGATION BY MR. & MRS. JUAN GARZA AGAINST THE CITY OF LA FERIA; 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 (closed) session at 7:14 P.M. After executive session deliberation, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the meeting back in open session at 8:06 P.M.

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

There was no action needed as a result of executive session deliberation.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT AND COLLECT EVIDENCE ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DILAPIDATED AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONSIDER REPAIR OR DEMOLITION, TO WIT:**

- A) Sierra Alto Subdivision, Lot 2; 10995 Sierra Ave., La Feria, TX owner of record: ALTO Industries, Inc. c/o June K. Allen, La Feria, TX; and

- B) Windsong Village Subdivision, Lot 24; 1415 S. Breeze Ct., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Guadalupe & Maria Zambrano, Gaylord, MN; and
- C) La Feria Original Town Site, Lot 21, Blk. 14; 400 W. Cypress Ave., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Cecilia Foust, La Feria, TX; and
- D) La Feria Original Town Site, Lots 25 & 26, Blk. 6; 304 W. Primrose Ave., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Edio and Felipa Robles, La Feria, TX; and
- E) La Feria Original Town Site, Lot 5, Blk. 13; 309 W. Primrose Ave., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Julian Saucedo, La Feria, TX; and
- F) Potter Watson Subdivision, Lot 9, Blk. H; 307 Villarreal St., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Porfirio De La Fuente, La Feria, TX.

City Manager Sunny K. Philip stated that all the documents for this item would be filed with the City Secretary. Mr. Philip inquired of the public if there were any owners in the audience who were here representing any of the properties. There were no owners in the audience. Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing open at 8:12 P.M. Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer presented a PowerPoint presentation of all the above mentioned properties with photos of conditions, describing each item separately. Ms. Szedlmayer said all notification procedures were followed and pictures and copies of all inspection reports were included in the Commission's packets. There were no comments received on Items A, B, or C. The property listed as Item C still has electricity provided and Mr. Philip said that the reason for that is that the son of the owner had been living there. Building Inspector Armando Prado said several months ago, there was evidence that he was living there, but last month there was no evidence that he is still residing there. Mr. Philip said there had been other efforts to try to relocate him to other living quarters, but they were unsuccessful. Ms. Maria Murillo and Ms. Luisa Serna were present to speak on the conditions of Items D and E. Their comments were that there are people hiding in those homes and there are rats in the area. Item F was a success story. When the owner was notified, he moved quickly to make repairs. There being no further comments, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing closed at 8:35 P.M.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN ORDER OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS DILAPIDATED AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE BE REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED, TO WIT:**

- A) Sierra Alto Subdivision, Lot 2; 10995 Sierra Ave., La Feria, TX owner of record: ALTO Industries, Inc. c/o June K. Allen, La Feria, TX; and
- B) Windsong Village Subdivision, Lot 24; 1415 S. Breeze Ct., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Guadalupe & Maria Zambrano, Gaylord, MN; and
- C) La Feria Original Town Site, Lot 21, Blk. 14; 400 W. Cypress Ave., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Cecilia Foust, La Feria, TX; and
- D) La Feria Original Town Site, Lots 25 & 26, Blk. 6; 304 W. Primrose Ave., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Edio and Felipa Robles, La Feria, TX; and
- E) La Feria Original Town Site, Lot 5, Blk. 13; 309 W. Primrose Ave., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Julian Saucedo, La Feria, TX; and
- F) Potter Watson Subdivision, Lot 9, Blk. H; 307 Villarreal St., La Feria, TX; owner of record: Porfirio De La Fuente, La Feria, TX.

The following actions were taken on each of the items above.

**Item A:** Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to declare the property at Sierra Alto Subdivision, Lot 2; 10995 Sierra Ave., La Feria, TX a public nuisance, that the property is not repairable and no person should occupy the premises; giving a 30 days



notice to the owner to demolish the property or the City has the right to proceed with demolition after the 30 days. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**Item B:** Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to declare the property at Windsong Village Subdivision, Lot 24; 1415 S. Breeze Ct., La Feria, TX a public nuisance, that the property is not repairable and no person should occupy the premises; giving a 30 days notice to the owner to demolish the property or the City has the right to proceed with demolition after the 30 days. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**Item C:** Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to declare the property at La Feria Original Town Site, Lot 21, Blk. 14; 400 W. Cypress Ave., La Feria, TX a public nuisance, that the property is not repairable and no person should occupy the premises; giving a 30 days notice to the owner to demolish the property or the City has the right to proceed with demolition after the 30 days. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**Item D:** Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to declare the property at La Feria Original Town Site, Lots 25 & 26, Blk. 6; 304 W. Primrose Ave., La Feria, TX a public nuisance, that the property is not repairable and no person should occupy the premises; giving a 30 days notice to the owner to demolish the property or the City has the right to proceed with demolition after the 30 days. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**Item E:** Commissioner John Hernandez moved to declare the property at La Feria Original Town Site, Lot 5, Blk. 13; 309 W. Primrose Ave., La Feria, TX a public nuisance, that the property is not repairable and no person should occupy the premises; giving a 30 days notice to the owner to demolish the property or the City has the right to proceed with demolition after the 30 days. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**Item F: This property was a success story and no action was taken on this item.**

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT AND COLLECT EVIDENCE ON THE REQUEST, PURSUANT TO LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 4.04.005(C), BY PEDRO RUELAS AND MARIA DEL ROSARIO RUELAS, D/B/A R&R TAVERN, FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT, TO ALLOW THE LATE HOUR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (UNTIL 2:00 A.M.) AT 500 EAST BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83 SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK**

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing open at 8:40 P.M. Mr. Pedro Ruelas said that for seventeen years they were open until 2:00 A.M., but two years ago, there were some complaints about loud music, and the City Commission changed their hours. They have not had any complaints in the two-year period and they would like to stay open until 2:00 A.M. every day. Mayor Brewer thanked Mr. Ruelas for his comments. There were no other comments, so Mayor Brewer declared the public hearing closed at 8:41 P.M.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT BY PEDRO RUELAS AND MARIA DEL ROSARIO RUELAS, D/B/A R&R TAVERN, FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP), TO ALLOW THE LATE HOUR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (UNTIL 2:00 A.M.) AT 500 EAST BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83 SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SUP ORDER**

Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve the request for a Specific Use Permit by Pedro Ruelas and Maria Del Rosario Ruelas, D/B/A R&R Tavern, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP), to allow the late hour sale of alcoholic beverages (until 2:00 A.M.) at 500 East Business Highway 83 seven days per week and authorize the Mayor to execute the SUP Order. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH THE TEXAS RANGER DIVISION FOR THE LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP) AND DESIGNATING OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LBSP**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported that last year was the first year that the City applied for funding under this grant and a grant was received in the amount of \$5,000.00. This year the City learned of the funding earlier and Finance Director Ms. Maria S. Chavero has prepared an application. This grant is for overtime for Police Officers and also for mileage reimbursement. Mr. Philip said there are certain specific conditions with this grant, and staff will be working with the Police Department to meet these conditions. 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 2012-26. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Resolution 2012-26 authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding to the Texas Department of Public Safety through the Texas Ranger Division for the Local Border Security Program (LBSP) and designating officials to execute an interlocal cooperative agreement and other necessary documents between the City of La FERIA and the Texas Department of Transportation for the LBSP. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said there is a copy of the form resolution from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative in the Commissioner's packet. He said the Mayor would be signing as the board chair and he would like to add Maria S. Chavero as an authorized signatory on the account. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 2012-27 authorizing the City of La FERIA participation in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program and adding Finance Director Ms. Maria S. Chavero as an additional signatory for the program. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND**

**THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, TEXAS STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE (SECO), FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV SYSTEM AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, CONTRACT #CS1185 AND THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV SYSTEM AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, CONTRACT #CS1186; AND AUTHORIZE THE PROCUREMENT OF THE PV SYSTEM AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR EACH TREATMENT PLANT THROUGH THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that though the item lists a resolution, a resolution is not needed. There is a previous resolution that the City Commission approved authorizing the City Manager to execute the contracts, and this is to confirm those contracts. The total amount for the two grants is \$1.8 million. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to confirm the contracts between the City of La Feria and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), for the installation of Solar PV System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Contract #CS1185 and the installation of Solar PV System at the Water Treatment Plant, Contract #CS1186; and authorize the procurement of the PV System and installation services for each treatment plant through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PV SYSTEM PROJECT, CONTRACT #CS1185, FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE (SECO)**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said this is for the management services of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project and that the City Commission has the option to select professional services without advertising. Staff is recommending that the contract be awarded to Langford Community Management Services. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to award contract for management services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project, Contract #CS1185, funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to Langford Community Management Services, Austin, TX. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PV SYSTEM PROJECT, CONTRACT #CS1186, FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE (SECO)**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that this is for the management services for the Water Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project. Staff is recommending that the contract be awarded to Langford Community Management Services. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to award contract for management services for the Water Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project, Contract #CS1186, funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to Langford Community Management Services, Austin, TX. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO SIGLER, WINSTON, GREENWOOD AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PV SYSTEM PROJECT, CONTRACT #CS1185, FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE (SECO)**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said staff is recommending to award contract to Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates for engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project, Contract #CS1185, funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). Commissioner John Hernandez moved to award contract for engineering services to Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project, Contract #CS1185, funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO SIGLER, WINSTON, GREENWOOD AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLAR PV SYSTEM PROJECT, CONTRACT #CS1186, FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE (SECO)**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said staff is recommending to award contract to Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates for engineering services for the Water Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project, Contract #CS1186, funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to award contract for engineering services to Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates for the Water Treatment Plant Solar PV System Project, Contract #CS1186, funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT (HMGP) FROM THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DEM) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA FIRST RESPONDER FACILITIES**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that this is a grant in the amount of \$206,540.00 for the installation of an emergency backup generator to power the Fire Station, Police Department, City Hall, and the expansions of both the Fire Department and City Hall. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to accept the Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant (HMGP) from the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) for the installation of Emergency Backup Generator for the City of La Feria First Responder Facilities. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO SIGLER, WINSTON, GREENWOOD AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to award contract for engineering services to Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates for the Emergency Backup Generator Project



funded through the Division of Emergency Management. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO LANGFORD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to award contract for grant administration services to Langford Community Management Services for the Emergency Backup Generator Project funded through the Division of Emergency Management. 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
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project
- Status of Drainage Improvements Project
- Status of Expansion of Library Project
- Status of Fire Station and Fire Substation Project
- Status of City Hall Expansion Project
- Status of Northwest Park Project

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- Indoor Recreation Facility Construction Progress – The project is moving along good.
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project – Have submitted the engineering and environmental reports.
- Status of Drainage Improvements Project – The minor changes proposed due to the Santa Rosa project have been approved and the change has been sent back to us.
- Status of Expansion of Library Project – Advertised for bids and held a pre-bid conference.
- Status of Fire Station and Fire Substation Project – the specs should be ready in approximately two weeks.
- Status of City Hall Expansion – In the design phase.
- Status of Northwest Park Project – the design is being done at this time.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session open. No one signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Brewer declared the public comments 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 8:56 P.M.

**APPROVED:**



**Steve Brewer, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 3:45 P.M. on June 9, 2012, as official record.

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

AT THE

CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

**TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012, AT 6:30 PM**

WELCOME  
PLEASE SIGN IN

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
1	Pedro Ruiz	500 E Bus 83	(959) 797-2425
2	Rosario Rojas	500 E Bus 83	(956) 357 7592
3	maiana muello	317 W Primrose	
4	Aljando & Lucia Serna	320 W. Primrose Ave.	(956) 797-2740
5	Juan		
6	JUAN BERNAL	600 W. EXP. 83 PHARR, TX 78557	956-702-6165
7	JASW DINTS	301 Mexico Blvd for Buile, TX	92-541-1182
8	Joe Winston	611 Bill Summers Westaco, TX	968-2194
9	Juan Hugo		650-2528
10	Betty JO DUNLAP		797-2561
11	Yvette Salinas	1390 W. Expwy 83 San Benito	247-3685
12	Alfonso	City of LA Fern	797-2361
13	Francisco Alonzo	City of La. Feria	778-79-23
14	Juan A Flores		
15	Enrique Barrios		
16	Christopher Perras		
17	Juan		
18	Juan M. Zuniga		

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