

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 4, 2012**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in special session on **Tuesday, September 4, 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.

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| Mr. Steve Brewer | Mayor |
| Ms. Lori Weaver | City Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem |
| Mr. John Edward Betancourt | City Commissioner |
| Mr. John Hernandez | City Commissioner |
| Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr. | City Commissioner – Late 6:35 P.M. |
| Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia | City Commissioner |

The following staff members were present.

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| 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. Paula Rodriguez | Capital Projects Coordinator |
| Ms. Olga Oberwetter | City Secretary |

Other persons present at this meeting were Liana Brewer, Gloria Santillan Casas, Allen Essex, and Julie Cavazos.

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.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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, August 28, 2012. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE TO RECEIVE
INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE
TOTAL TAX REVENUE FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL IN THE
PRECEDING TAX YEAR BY 3.299857 PERCENT (PERCENTAGE BY WHICH
PROPOSED TAX RATE EXCEEDS LOWER OF ROLLBACK TAX RATE OR
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE CALCULATED UNDER CHAPTER 26, TAX CODE)**

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing open at 6:32 P.M. No one spoke for or against on this topic so there being no further comments, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing closed at 6:32 P.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECESS THE MEETING TO TOUR THE NEW SOON TO BE OPEN LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER

Mayor Steve Brewer requested that this item be moved to the end of the meeting before the "Action for adjournment" item and that it be to move the meeting to the La Feria Indoor Recreation Center. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to consider this item before the "Action for adjournment" item and to continue the meeting at the La Feria Indoor Recreation Center. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF LA FERIA CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURES FOR THE TXCDBG APPLICATION FOR PRECISION MOLD AND TOOL

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that this is a requirement for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and since the City of La Feria has submitted an application for the Texas Capital Fund Grant Program for Precision Mold and Tool, he was recommending approval of this document. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve the City of La Feria Citizen Complaint Procedures for the TxCDBG application for Precision Mold and Tool. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

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 this 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 comments session open. There was no one present to speak before the Commission, so Mayor Brewer declared the public comment session closed.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECESS THE MEETING TO TOUR THE NEW SOON TO BE OPEN LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER

Action on this item was taken earlier in the meeting, so at 6:35 P.M. the Commission, staff, and members of the audience present left the City Commission Room to make their way to the La Feria Indoor Recreation Center. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. joined the group at 6:35 P.M. and transported most of the group to the new facility on the City's Metro Bus. Others transported themselves to the facility.

At the La Feria Indoor Recreation Center the group was met by the Contractor, Tommy Canul and the Architects John Percy and Benito Lozano. City Manager Sunny K. Philip asked Mr. Percy to discuss the facility. Mr. Percy explained that the facility has a very different, unique look. He said the brick is from Innovative Block of South Texas located in La Feria. The building was designed to have some green features such as dealing with the rainwater that runs off the roof to one side and runs off the chains to the ponds that

allow the rain to seep into the ground. The brick paver parking lot allows the water to run into the power swells (ditches). The City is working with Texas A & M Kingsville to allow them to collect data and monitor that data. Mr. Percy said he and Benito are painting a mural on the outside of the building. He also discussed the foam insulation in the building which he said goes on as a liquid and expands to fill all the gaps that would make this building much more energy efficient. An added plus to the foam insulation is that it provides wonderful acoustics to the entire building and especially in the gym area. Mr. Percy said the counter area in the center of the entrance area is designed with windows all around so that one person working at that counter can monitor the goings on in the entire building. The group took a tour of all the rooms in the facility, as well as the outside parking area on the west of the building. The media people in attendance took photos of the building, the group, and the elected officials. The final two actions on the agenda were considered as follows and the group dispersed from the La Feria Indoor Recreation Center after the meeting.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED:




Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 5:00 P.M. on September 8, 2012, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

