

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, October 1, 2013**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in special session on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 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 Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. John Edward Betancourt	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	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. Paula Rodriguez	Planning and Comm. Dev. Director
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 6:34 P.M., Mayor Steve Brewer asked Commissioner Lori Weaver 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 ORDINANCE 2013-15 ANNEXING CERTAIN AREAS ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS (KNOWN AS WEST BUSINESS 83-NORTH); EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID ANNEXED AREA WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS; GRANTING TO SAID ANNEXED AREA AND ALL OWNERS AND INHABITANTS THEREOF ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACCORDED TO OTHER CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS BY VIRTUE OF SUCH ANNEXATION; BINDING SAID AREAS AND ALL OWNERS AND INHABITANTS THEREOF TO ALL THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER RULES OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, BY VIRTUE OF SUCH ANNEXATION, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip said that Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Paula Rodriguez would present a brief summary of the area. Ms. Rodriguez outlined the area proposed for annexation described as West Business 83-North on the map. She explained that the required individual notices were sent to the property owners and that the required public hearings were held on August 13, and August 27, 2013. She said that on Ordinance 2013-15 there are 70 properties proposed for annexation and of those properties she has received four (4) executed Development Agreements for 23.60 acres, leaving 66 properties to be annexed. Mr. Philip explained that for the benefit of the two Commission members who were out the previous meeting, the City Commission meet in special session on September 17, 2013 and considered Ordinance 2013-11, Kelly Drive Annexation; Ordinance 2013-12, FM 506 Annexation; Ordinance 2013-13, Rabb Road Annexation; and Ordinance 2013-14, West Business 83, South. Mr. Philip said that even though there had been public hearings regarding Falt Lane, that that area was not being considered for annexation at this time. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to read the ordinance 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 Commission. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Ordinance 2013-15. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Ordinance 2013-15 annexing certain areas adjacent to the City of La Feria, Texas (known as West Business 83-North); extending the boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of La Feria, Texas, so as to include said annexed area within the corporate limits of the City of La Feria, Texas; granting to said annexed area and all owners and inhabitants thereof all the rights and privileges accorded to other citizens of the City of La Feria, Texas by virtue of such annexation; binding said areas and all owners and inhabitants thereof to all the acts, ordinances, and other rules of the City of La Feria, Texas, by virtue of such annexation, and establishing an effective date. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TAX ROLL FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA, AND AUTHORIZING THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO BEGIN THE COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2013**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that the net taxable value for tax year 2013 was \$185,520,883 and after applying the tax rate, the tax levy would be \$1,315,931. Commissioner John Betancourt 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 Commission. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2013-27. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2013-27 approving the tax roll for the City of La Feria and authorizing the Cameron County Tax Assessor/Collector to begin the collection of taxes for Tax Year 2013. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE APPROVED BY THE LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UNDER THE SECOND READING**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that this item was considered by the City Commission at a previous meeting, and that the La Feria Economic Development

Corporation (LFEDC) approved this incentive, but it needs to be considered by the City Commission at two separate meetings. It was considered in first reading on September 10, 2013 and this would be the required second reading. Mr. Philip said this incentive would not be paid up front, nor would it exceed \$15,000.00. This will be to provide assistance to Mr. Climato Gonzales for the construction of a building which he will lease to Little Ceasar's Pizza. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve the Economic Development Incentive approved by the La Feria Economic Development Corporation (LFEDC). Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF SUNRISE TERRACE SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that the project has taken a little bit longer to start moving forward, and the subdivision plat approved by the City Commission in 2012 is good for 12 months; therefore, he was requesting an extension of another 12 month period. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the extension of Sunrise Terrace Subdivision Final Plat approved by the City Commission on September 25, 2012 for an additional 12 month period. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY SIGNATORIES**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that the resolution is similar to what the Commission has approved in the past. This is necessary because Ms. Irene Szedlmayer left the City's employ and Ms. Paula Rodriguez who is now the Planning and Community Development Director needs to be added to the list of authorized depository signatories. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. 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 Commission. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2013-28. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2013-28 designating depository signatories. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF OCTOBER 8, 2013 DUE TO ANTICIPATED LACK OF QUORUM**

Due to the attendance of City Commissioners and staff at the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference, there would be a lack of quorum for this meeting. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to cancel the regular meeting of the City Commission scheduled for October 8, 2013. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

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

Everyone was present at this meeting, so no action was needed on this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session open and acknowledged Mr. Orville Kuran who asked for clarification regarding Development Agreements and the annexation of property. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert responded to Mr. Kuran's inquiry. There being no other comments, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session closed.

City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert addressed the City Commission and clarified that he had responded to Mr. Kuran's questions due to the fact that Mr. Kuran's comments were in reference to an item on the agenda; otherwise, the discussion would be only one way.

**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 Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

**APPROVED:**



**Steve Brewer, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 3:40 P.M. on November 10, 2013 as official record.



**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AT THE**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013, AT 6:30 PM**

WELCOME  
PLEASE SIGN IN

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