

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, February 12, 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 Edward Betancourt	City Commissioner – Late 6:35
Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner – Late 6:34
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. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
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 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, JANUARY 22, 2013**

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, January 22, 2013. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**REPORT BY TXDOT 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, reported that the contractor for the Safe Routes to School Project would begin work on Monday, February 18, 2013. He said they had rented the land next to Dollar General to store equipment and materials. On the grant application for the sidewalk enhancement

program, Mr. Bernal reported that Harlingen, La Feria, and San Benito were grouped in one category and that only one city would be selected for funding by the MPO. The other two would then be returned back to the pool for competition among all applications. Mayor Steve Brewer thanked Mr. Bernal for his report. There was no action needed on this item.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA REQUESTING THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE 83RD LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES FUNDING FOR THE TEXAS RECREATION AND PARKS ACCOUNT AND LARGE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY RECREATION AND PARKS ACCOUNT LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM, AND THE TEXAS STATE PARK SYSTEM

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that in the past, the City of La Feria has received funding for park improvements through this program, however, an application was submitted for funds for improvements to the Sports Complex not too long ago, and the City was not successful in receiving that grant due to lack of funds in the program. Mr. Philip said this is an effort to get more money into the program. 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 2013-04. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2013-04 requesting that the members of the 83rd Legislative Session of the State of Texas support legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Program, and the Texas State Park System. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING A REQUEST BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR ALCOHOL SALES RELATED TO THE FIESTA DE LA FERIA CELEBRATION WHICH WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2013

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing open at 6:39 P.M. City Manager/Fiesta Planning Committee Chairman Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that this request was on behalf of the Fiesta Planning Committee and that they have instituted some policies that ensure that everything will go right. The Commission inquired if there had been any complaints concerning any issues with the beer sales at the Fiesta last year. Mr. Philip responded that there had been no issues. There being no further comments, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing closed at 6:40 P.M.

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Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the request by the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation for a Specific Use Permit for alcohol sales related to the Fiesta de La Feria Celebration which will be held February 23, 2013. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013

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

City Secretary Ms. Olga Oberwetter said that this item was placed on the agenda in error and asked that it be tabled until the next City Commission meeting on February 26, 2013. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to table this item until the City Commission meeting of February 26, 2013. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

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 (closed) session at 6:42 P.M. After executive session deliberation, Mayor Brewer declared the meeting back in open session at 7:07 P.M.

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

There was no action needed on this item as a result of the executive session held.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION

- Update on Drainage Project
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project
- Progress of Library Expansion Project
- Progress of City Hall Expansion Project
- Progress of Fire Station Expansion Project and Substation Project
- Status of Dome Construction Project
- Generator Purchase Project
- Sidewalk Improvement Project

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following.

- Update on Drainage Project – the City has submitted two items at 100 % and 30% on the remainder of the plans to the GLO, and it is developing a schedule for advertising for the whole project.
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project – The City advertised for bids for the water meter project, and some of the bidders asked for additional time and the bid deadline moved to February 28, 2013. The item will come before the City Commission in March.
- Library Expansion Project – The contractor seems to be doing a good job.
- City Hall Expansion Project – This project is coming along very slowly.

- Fire Station Expansion Project – The plat will come before the City Commission for approval. USDA has asked for additional information, and that is being addressed already.
- Dome Construction Project – The architects are coordinating with other groups. They have identified some ways to minimize costs. The City has reviewed a time schedule already. If the project is built, the City needs to be sure that it can maintain it. The money for this project is coming from FEMA.
- Generator Purchase Project - the generator was ordered and should be delivered the early part of March.
- Sidewalk Improvement Project – This was already discussed in TxDOT’s report.

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

There was no action needed on this item, since everyone was present at the meeting.

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.

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 Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

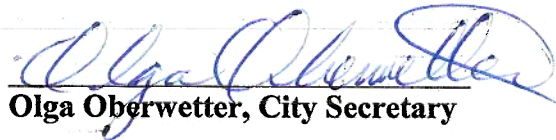
Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 4:13 P.M. on March 7, 2013, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013, AT 6:30 PM

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PLEASE SIGN IN

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