

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 3, 2013**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in special session on Wednesday, July 3, 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
Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner

The following staff members were present.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
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 6:35 P.M., Mayor Steve Brewer asked Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia to give the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Steve 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. Mayor Steve Brewer announced that the two presentations listed on the agenda would be done in reverse order.

**PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR STEVE BREWER ON
BEHALF OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA IN
APPRECIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE DOMINGUEZ FAMILY**

Mayor Steve Brewer said that his sisters grew up with two of Mr. Manuel Dominguez's daughters, playing together and running around together, but he really didn't know Mr. Dominguez until he was running for City Commissioner about ten years ago. Mayor Brewer said Commissioner John Hernandez persuaded him to go talk to Mr. Dominguez about helping him with his campaign and walking the neighborhood with them. Mayor Brewer said he did go see Mr. Dominguez and Mr. Dominguez worked tirelessly for his election. It was then that he got involved in the Adrian Dominguez Memorial Scholarship 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk. Mr. Dominguez founded the run/walk in honor of his second child, Adrian, who had spina bifida. Mayor Brewer said he knew that Mr. Dominguez did not want to be recognized for his community service because he has many friends who have helped him on this. Mayor Brewer acknowledged that Mr. Dominguez has given back to the community and continues to give back to the

community and has helped many students with scholarships. Mayor Brewer asked Commissioner John Betancourt to read the names of the Adrian Dominguez Scholarship recipients since 1996. Commissioner Betancourt told Mr. Dominguez that just reading out a number was not enough, but to hear the names of all the people that he and his family have touched is very fitting. Commissioner Betancourt read the following names.

Jaime Garcia, Rafael Tapia, Veronica Islas, Veronica Jimenez, Joshua Lackey, Vanessa Rubio, Marissa Hernandez, Belinda Flowers, Rebecca Perez, Michael Towne II, Elizabeth Castaneda, Kristina Jimenez, Donald King, Juan Ortiz, Robert Ahrens, Eduardo Casas, Celeste Lopez, Roxanna Schaffino, Crystal Castaneda, Candice Macias, Jesus Martinez, David Johnston, Jennifer Marin, Sonia Quintanilla, Dustin Moore, Esmeralda Ortiz, Rene Torres, Monica Chapa, Alyssa Cobarrubias, Laura Loya, Matthew Molina, Carolyn J. Carter, Adrian Rubio, Francisca Varela, Kelly Kathleen Wolf, Lorena Cantu, David Cobarrubias, Stephanie Salinas, Carla Trevino, Liana Marissa Garcia, Janina Hernandez, Eleazar Esquivel, Jessica Marie Salinas, Tori Lynne Betancourt, Justin Villalon, Ashley Gonzales, Aaron Villalon, Tiffany Villalon, Ricardo Bazaldua, Celeste Martinez, Celina Martinez, Andres Munoz, Sarah Torres, and Rebecca Weaver.

Commissioner Betancourt said a total of 54 people have been helped by the Dominguez family. Mayor Steve Brewer thanked the Dominguez family for giving back to the community and affecting 54 families in a very positive way. He then asked City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip to say a few words. Mr. Philip said that every year Mr. Dominguez comes by the City Hall to schedule the Dominguez Run/Walk and requests assistance in the way of police presence and restrooms being clean and available for the participants. Mr. Philip said the City is not doing him a favor, on the contrary having this activity starting from the Sports Complex is the best thing to bring awareness to the park for other similar activities. Mr. Philip said one person or one family cannot do it all, and somehow they have to convince other families to help. Mr. Philip thanked Mr. Dominguez for doing the annual run/walk to provide scholarships for students and for celebrating La Feria.

Mayor Steve Brewer asked the Dominguez family to come forward to the front of the room and he presented Mr. Dominguez with the Key to the City on behalf of the City Commission.

PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE STATE REPRESENTATIVE OSCAR LONGORIA RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE DOMINGUEZ FAMILY

Representative Oscar Longoria thanked Mr. Dominguez's family for sharing him with the community. He said Michelle Villarreal who is his legislative director is from La Feria and always speaks well about the family. Representative Longoria added that when you find someone who gives back to the community and truly genuinely cares, it is an honor for the community, the Lower Rio Grande Valley and especially the City of La Feria. As a token of appreciation Representative Oscar Longoria filed a resolution on behalf of Mr. Dominguez at the State Capital which was signed by the Speaker of the House, and Ms. Michelle Villarreal honored Mr. Dominguez by reading the resolution which is attached as part of the minutes hereof. Representative Longoria also presented Mr. Dominguez with a flag that was flown over the State Capital, and he pledged \$1,000 to the Adrian Dominguez Scholarship Fund at its next scheduled run. Representative Longoria said it

was an honor to see a community so united for one individual, and it was an honor to have a constituent like Mr. Dominguez in his district.

Mr. Dominguez thanked all of the people who have been with him for seventeen years.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

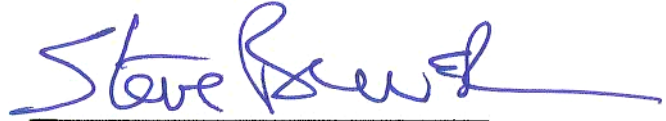
There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 P.M.


A reception for the Dominguez Family followed.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 9:12 P.M. on July 6, 2013, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary



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CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

AT THE

CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2013, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME

PLEASE SIGN IN

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
1	Velma Betancourt	500 Liberty Lane	
2	Elain Domzola		
3	M. Hernandez	300 N. Kansas City	
4	Brenda Dominguez	8801 La Orosada Dr #1137 Austin, TX 78749	
5	Octavia Rubio	708 W. Cypress La Feria, TX	
6	Shaido Martinez	P.O. Box 291 La Feria, TX	
7	Liana Brewer		
8	Rosa Turner		
9	Vicente Lopez	P.O. Box 4224, Mission, Tx	78573
10	Michelle Villarreal		
11	Irene Szedlmayer	1109 W 71 st St	Westlaco
12	Ennie Garcia Jr.	501 S. West St.	357-4481
13	Felton Dominguez	Austin Texas	
14	Tony Dominguez		
15	Haydee Dominguez		
16	Elsa Dominguez-Benac	525 Ancient Oaks Marble Falls, TX	78654
17	Eric Dominguez		
18	Manuel Dominguez Jr.		

19 Tiza Parker Dominguez

20 Jill Koehler & Alex Dominguez

21 Joel Villalobos

22 Jeannette S. Villalobos

23 Rosa L. Colarrubien

24 Liana Brewer

25 Rosa Turner

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The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 2696

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Manuel Dominguez of La Feria has distinguished himself as a pillar of his community; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1933 in Relampago, Mr. Dominguez traces his roots in Hidalgo County back for generations; one of his grandfathers was a Hidalgo County constable, and his great-grandfather was a county commissioner; while growing up, Mr. Dominguez helped out on his family's farm and ranch, and he later coordinated and managed crews that worked on farms and in the packing sheds; he met his wife, the former Olga Gonzalez, while working in West Texas, and the couple married in 1960; they soon moved to La Feria, where they raised their 10 children; Manuel and Olga Dominguez have consistently emphasized the importance of education, and they take pride in their children's educational achievements, which include 10 bachelor's degrees, 5 master's degrees, and a law degree; Noemi Dominguez Elementary School in La Feria is named for their late daughter, who became an elementary school teacher; and

WHEREAS, In honor of a second child, Adrian, who had spina bifida, Mr. Dominguez founded the Adrian Dominguez Memorial Scholarship 5K Road Race and 1 Mile Walk in 1996; now the longest-established five kilometer race in the Rio Grande Valley, the event benefits the Los Diez Education Foundation, which awards scholarships to area students; so far, 54 students have received a collective total of more than \$20,000 to pursue higher education; and

WHEREAS, For his notable community service, Mr. Dominguez is being presented the key to La Feria by the members of the city council; at the age of nearly 80, this esteemed Texan still works full-time; he is a valued member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and a charter member of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus; and

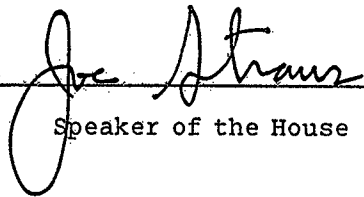
WHEREAS, Manuel Dominguez has set an outstanding example of public-spirited engagement, and in so doing, he has earned the respect and admiration of many fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby recognize Manuel Dominguez for his significant contributions to his community and extend to him deep appreciation for his charitable endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Dominguez as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

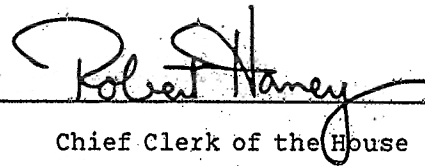
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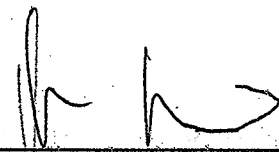
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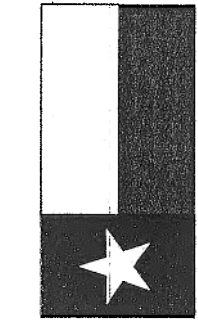

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2696 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.




Chief Clerk of the House


Oscar Longoria
State Representative
District 35



The State of Texas ★ *House of Representatives*

This Certifies that the Texas Flag herewith presented to

MANUEL DOMINGUEZ

By

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 35

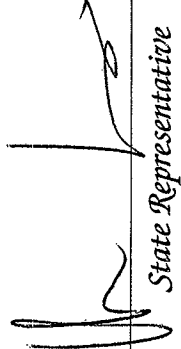
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was flown at the Capitol of the Sovereign State of Texas

JUNE 26, 2013

*In witness thereof and pursuant to the authority vested in me,
I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Austin, Texas,*

this the **3RD** day of **JULY** A.D., **2013**.


State Representative

