

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 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
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. Esmeralda Sanchez	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 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.

**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 TxDOT has received the permit from Union Pacific Railroad for boring under the railroad tracks at Beddoes and Business 83 so that the traffic light timer can be set to the loop detector. Mr. Bernal said that the contractor would probably be working on this within the next two weeks. In response to Mayor Brewer's request about a sign on the Expressway about Our Lady of the Lake University or State Representative Oscar Longoria's Office, Mr. Bernal said that because the offices are not within the "Trailblazing" guidelines, the signs could not be erected, since both entities are off of Main Street (FM 506). Commissioner John Betancourt inquired if a sign could be placed on FM 506. Mayor Steve Brewer inquired if all the landscaping blocks for the Safe

Routes to School Project were picked up from TxDOT, and Mr. Bernal said that they were, but they have not been installed by the City yet. He said the project is not finalized yet, because they are still waiting on the TDLI inspection, and since TDLI is going through a transition, it might be a while before the project is finalized. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. inquired as to who will maintain the school flashing lights and if the City needs to enter into an agreement with the School, it would be helpful to have the TxDOT requirements. Commissioner Lori Weaver and Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia inquired if TxDOT could turn off the flashing lights by C.E. Vail on Main Street during the lunch hour as there are no students crossing there. Mayor Brewer reported that the lights on the Expressway on the east side of town are out. Mr. Bernal said he would check into these issues and report back to staff or the City Commission or both. Mayor Brewer thanked Mr. Bernal for his report.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN ORDINANCE(S) APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS TO FIX RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE, CONTROL, SUPERVISION, AND REGULATION OF STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN AND THROUGH ITS CORPORATE LIMITS

This item was tabled on a motion by Commissioner John Betancourt and a second by Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE RE-PLATTING OF THE LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER SUBDIVISION

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing open at 6:50 P.M. City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that the plat deals with the property where the La Feria Recreation Center is located and that the property was purchased from different people and platted into one lot when the Recreation Center was built. Since the City plans to build the Safe Room (Dome), the Dome needs to be constructed on a separate lot. Mr. Philip said this is a 3-lot subdivision, and it meets all the Subdivision Ordinance requirements. Each lot needs to have access from a public road. Lots 1 and 2 are facing Pancho Maples Drive and have access from Pancho Maples Drive. The third lot faces South Willow with access from South Willow. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this plat and are recommending approval. There being no other comments, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public hearing closed at 6:55 P.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF THE LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the preliminary and final plat of the La Feria Recreation Center Subdivision. 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 THE CURFEW ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA

Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to read the ordinance by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Lori Weaver 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 2014-01. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve Ordinance 2014-01 approving the Curfew Ordinance for the City of La Feria. 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 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING TERMS FOR THE NEW RADIO SYSTEM EQUIPMENT THROUGH GOVERNMENT CAPITAL CORPORATION

Commissioner John Betancourt 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 Commission. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2014-01. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2014-01 approving the financing terms for the new radio system equipment through Government Capital Corporation. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, RESTATING, AND READOPTING AN ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS DESIGNATED AS "CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012B"; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip said this ordinance needs to be approved due to the interest rate having changed from the last time that the ordinance was approved. Once this is completed, USDA will schedule a closing, and the City can move forward with the project. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to read the ordinance by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Lori Weaver 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 2014-02. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Ordinance 2014-02 amending, restating, and readopting an ordinance previously adopted by the City Commission of the City of La Feria, Texas authorizing the issuance of obligations designated as "City of La Feria, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012B"; and other matters in connection therewith. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2013

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

City Secretary Ms. Olga Oberwetter asked that this item be tabled as it was placed on the agenda for this meeting in error. Financials are covered on the second City Commission Meeting of the month. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to table this item. 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 7:03 P.M. After executive session deliberation, Mayor Steve Brewer declared the meeting back in open session at 7:21 P.M.

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

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to authorize the City Manager to continue negotiations in accordance to matters discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION

- **UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
- **WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
- **PROGRESS OF FIRE STATION EXPANSION AND SUBSTATION PROJECT**
- **STATUS OF DOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**
- **GENERATOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION PROJECT**
- **EDA FUNDED TECHNOLOGY AND SUCCESS CENTER**
- **UNGER PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
- **TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
- **SUNRISE TERRACE SUBDIVISION**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- Drainage Improvement Project – The Drainage Contractor is working on the project and staff meets with them on a monthly basis; they are making good progress. The next section will be Kansas City Road.
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvement Project – Staff attended a demonstration of the new pump at the reservoir and a video of the test was presented at this meeting. The new pump will be installed on the levee system on a concrete pad.
- Progress of Fire Station Expansion and Substation Project - Already discussed in a previous item.
- Status of Dome Construction Project – The City submitted a request for additional funds and is expecting a response sometime in February.
- Generator Purchase and Installation Project – the wall around the generator is being built along with the gates and the signs need to be installed.
- EDA funded Technology and Success Center – Starting the design on this project.

- Unger Park Improvement Project – Preliminary design is complete, and we will be giving the okay for the final plans.
- Trail Improvement Project – This project is on hold awaiting the contract from the State.
- Sunrise Terrace Subdivision – The City approved a 70 Unit Subdivision on North Solis Road. The Contractor has already started work on the subdivision and the goal is to complete 71 buildings by October 31, 2014.

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

There was no action needed on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session open. No one signed up 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 Angelica P. Baldivia moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

APPROVED:

Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 12:30 P.M. on March 9, 2014 as official record.

Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary



Handwritten text, possibly a signature or initials, located in the middle right section of the page.

Faint handwritten text or markings located in the lower middle section of the page.

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
1	JUAN BERNAL		956-702-6165
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			

19 _____

20 _____

21 _____

22 _____

23 _____

24 _____

25 _____

26 _____

27 _____

28 _____

29 _____

30 _____

31 _____

32 _____

33 _____

34 _____

35 _____

36 _____

37 _____

38 _____

39 _____

40 _____

41 _____