

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Monday, February 3, 2014**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in special session on **Monday, February 3, 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
Ms. Paula Rodriguez	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
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 6:30 P.M., Mayor Steve Brewer introduced Oscar Loreda, pastor of the Faith Vision Church on First Street. 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.

CANVASS RETURNS AND DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2014

Mayor Steve Brewer announced that he had reviewed the election returns presented of the Special Election for Mayor held on January 25, 2014. The final total votes received by candidate Lori Weaver were 324 and the final total votes received by candidate Victor Gonzalez, Jr. were 500. A copy of the Canvass of Special Election Returns and a Summary of Precinct Returns is attached to the minutes as a part of the minutes hereof. Mayor Brewer declared that Victor Gonzalez, Jr. would be the next Mayor of the City of La Feria.

Mayor Steve Brewer made a few comments as outgoing mayor. He said he had been the Mayor of La Feria for seven years and that he was extremely proud of all the work done and the progress made. He said the City of La Feria has done close to 80 million dollars in projects and 70 million of that was through grant funds. Through those projects, the City has provided more services to the community, more parks, more facilities and the La

Feria Recreation Center which is now open. Mayor Brewer said that there will be two new domes coming soon, one will be a wellness center and the other a technology center. There are two new parks that are already in line, one is Unger Park and the other will be on Fourth Street. Mayor Brewer said that millions of dollars have been spent on infrastructure, namely water and sewer improvements and drainage improvements. Mayor Brewer told incoming Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. that he was stepping in at a time when many projects are planned and ongoing. Since Mayor Gonzalez has been on the City Commission, he has seen how City government can work well and how it cannot work very well. He encouraged Mayor Gonzalez to keep the momentum going. Mayor Brewer said he loves La Feria and that he is available to assist Mayor Gonzalez and the City in anything he can do.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

Mayor Brewer presented incoming Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. with the Certificate of Election.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR ELECT

Judge Rogelio "Roy" Valdez, Chief Justice of the Texas Thirteenth District Court of Appeals administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. Mayor Gonzalez thanked the audience and told the City Commissioners that he planned to continue the trend that the City is on. Mayor Gonzalez invited everyone to join him in a reception at the Fire Station after the meeting.

Outgoing Mayor Steve Brewer said it had been an honor working with the staff and the community.

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. assumed his position as Mayor and continued with the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public comments session open. No one signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Gonzalez 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 Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

APPROVED:



Victor Gonzalez, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 10:15 A.M. on April 7, 2014, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary



CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
1 Mario + Linda Prado	913 Avocado	245-2551
2 Julia + R. Hy Guenzara	2240 Alginate Ave.	
3 Ramon Garcia	P.O. Box 1559 La Feria	
4 Oralia P. Mendosa	803 AVE C - LAFERIA, TX.	
5 Janie Mates	10579 Clark La Feria	
6 Judge Mike Trejo		797-1887
7 Alberto Jimenez	27071 Elm	
8 Nailia G. Zborn	P.O. Box 335 La Feria	797-2284
9 Loel Loredo	Box 9307 La Feria	797-1307
10 Elicia Loredo	Box 9307 La Feria	797-1307
11 Apolonio Loredo	Box 9307 La Feria	797-1307
12 Juan Gonzalez	1501 W. Tichenor Ln	(956) 536-5246
13 Monica Gonzalez	1501 W. Tichenor Ln	(956) 622-1711
14 Lalo Sosa	500 Howard Lee Dr	867-1470
15 Noelia Jimenez	P.O. Box 1546 La Feria	536-0059
16 Leticia Conde	P.O. Box 552 La Feria	492-4962
17 Cain Conde	" "	" "
18 Emerald Sanchez		797-2261

19 Rosa M. Rodriguez CLF 956-797-2261

20 Sunny K. Salas CLF 956-797-2261

21 Rygl. Veld

22 Primitiva Rojas-Salas

23 Mary Austin

24 Josefa Rojas

25 Rupita Rencia

26 Olga Chenuette

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CITY OF LA FERIA

CANVASS OF SPECIAL ELECTION RETURNS

I, Steve Brewer, Mayor of the City of La Feria, Texas, met with the City Commission on February 3, 2014, sitting as the Canvassing Board, to canvass the City of La Feria's Special Election returns of January 25, 2014, said election held at the La Feria Fire Station Training/Meeting Room, 200 E. Business Hwy 83, La Feria, Texas 78559.

I certify that the figures on the tally sheets, prepared and provided by the Election Judge, correspond with those figures on the returns.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of February 2014.



**Steve Brewer, Mayor
Presiding Officer Canvassing Authority**

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Prescribed by Secretary of State

Sections 67.001, 67.002 (b), 87.1231 Texas Election Code

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SUMMARY OF PRECINCT RETURNS

I, the undersigned, the presiding officer of the canvassing authority for the City of La Feria Special Election, held on the 25th day of January 2014, La Feria, Cameron County, Texas do hereby certify that the following is a total of all votes received by each candidate and votes received “for” and “against” each measure as shown by the precinct returns. I further certify that the following vote totals include early voting votes by precinct received under section 87.1231 of the Texas Election Code.

Early Voting January 8 -- January 21, 2014

PRECINCT NO.	24	26	55	58	TOTAL
VOTES	3	60	447	45	555
Provisional Votes	0	0	0	0	0

Saturday, January 25, 2014

PRECINCT NO.	24	26	55	58	TOTAL	COMBINED EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY TOTAL VOTES
VOTES	2	38	207	19	266	831
Provisional Votes	0	4	6	0	10	

* Indicates change due to provisional ballots counted. Three (3) Provisional Votes were counted -- 7 Provisional Votes were not eligible to be counted

There were no Early Votes voted by Mail

Dated this 3rd day of February 2014



Steve Brewer, Mayor
Presiding Officer Canvassing Authority