

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, March 11, 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. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	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

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 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 Victor Gonzalez, Jr. asked Commissioner Lori Weaver to give the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. 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 14, 2014**

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 14, 2014. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014**

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

28, 2014. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFIDC) HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013

After review of the minutes, Commissioner John Hernandez moved to confirm the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La FERIA Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC) held on Thursday, December 5, 2013. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS SPECIAL AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFIDC) HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to confirm the minutes of proceedings of the previous special and annual meeting of the La FERIA Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC) held on Thursday, January 23, 2014. Commissioner Lori Weaver 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 he is waiting on the TxDOT Project Manager Steve Walker to close out the Safe Routes to School Project. He said TDLR has given their approval. Mr. Bernal inquired about the concrete blocks and asked if they had been installed. City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip responded that the City is waiting on quotes from the installers. Mr. Bernal reported that he spoke with Judy Bauer from the School District, and she was going to send him a letter indicating the timing that they need at the flashing lights. Commissioner Lori Weaver said the School is out for the week for Texas Spring Break. Mayor Gonzalez thanked Mr. Bernal for his report.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A 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 several times previously. City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip reported that the copy of the municipal agreement was distributed in the packet and that City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert recommended that the municipal agreement could be approved by resolution, so the resolution was presented to the Commission for their consideration. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to read the resolution by caption only in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner John Betancourt 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 2014-09. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2014-09 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. Commissioner John Hernandez 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 FOR BBVA COMPASS BANK

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that since Mayor Brewer resigned and Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. was elected, the signatories at the BBVA Compass Bank needed to be updated. Commissioner Lori Weaver 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 2014-06. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve Resolution 2014-06 designating depository signatories for BBVA Compass Bank. Commissioner John Betancourt 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 FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA IN PLAINS CAPITAL BANK

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that this was the same situation as the previous item except this was with Plains Capital Bank. The depository signatories needed to be updated. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the resolution 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 Resolution 2014-07. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2014-07 designating depository signatories for certain funds of the City of La Feria in Plains Capital Bank. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

DISCUSSION REGARDING BID(S) RECEIVED ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY STRUCK OFF TO CAMERON COUNTY, FOR ITSELF AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS FROM A TAX RESALE CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013. Legal Description: Lot 7, Block 35, Raleigh Courts Addition, an addition to the city of La Feria, Cameron County, Texas, as described in Volume 1381, Page 155, official records of Cameron County, Texas (Acct. No. 29-7260-0350-0070-00)

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip introduced Mr. Roy Ortiz from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP and said he would be making a presentation regarding the above captioned property. Mr. Philip said that the South Texas Collaborative for Housing Development, Inc., a non-profit in La Feria, is interested in acquiring this property and that the City Commission might want to give the non-profit the opportunity to acquire this property for affordable housing. Mr. Roy Ortiz made the presentation. The bid received from O Investments for the property was \$4,300.00. The current appraised value is \$9,000.00. Mr. Ortiz said he was not aware that a non-profit was interested in this property, and that the action item can be tabled and be brought back at a later date. There was no action needed under this item.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID(S) RECEIVED ON THE TAX RESALE CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013 FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROPERTY

This item was tabled to be brought back later on a motion by Commissioner John Betancourt and a second by Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION

- Update on Drainage Project
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project

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

- Update on Drainage Project – There are three contracts out, the Levee Crossing, Rabb Road improvements, and the Pump Purchase. All the other projects are being designed.
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project – One contract is out. Cornett Construction of San Benito is the contractor, and they have installed the lines on White Ranch Road.

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

There was no action needed on this item.

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 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 Victor Gonzalez, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:09 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 6:30 P.M. on April 7, 2014, as official record.



 Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014, AT 6:30 PM

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PLEASE SIGN IN

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