

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, July 8, 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. Esmeralda Lozano	City Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. John Edward Betancourt	City Commissioner
Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Julian Guevara, Jr.	City Commissioner
Ms. Olga H. Maldonado	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 6:32 P.M., Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. asked Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado 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 THE MINUTES OF
PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014**

Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano said she would like to make some corrections to the minutes in the form of additions. At the bottom of the page on page 181 and continuing to the top of page on page 182, Commissioner Lozano would like to see added to the minutes that she inadvertently voted on that item, and that City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert corrected her and informed her that as Mayor Pro Tem she was acting in the Mayor's stead and therefore, she had no vote unless she needed to break a tie which was not the case in this instance. Commissioner Lozano also wanted to add that on line 20 of the second paragraph on page 182 (after the heading), there was an indication that someone asked about the lighting in the subdivision that was being discussed and she

wanted to add that it was Commissioner John Betancourt who posed that question, because she believed that it was a very important question and it is important to show who asked it. City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip asked the Commission if they would approve the minutes with the corrections so that City Secretary Ms. Olga Oberwetter could move forward with making those corrections. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 as corrected. 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 ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE BAILEY H. DUNLAP MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY IN MEMORY OF MR. JACK C. GOODLOE

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip said a copy of the resolution was included in the packet to the City Commission. The donation of \$1,000.00 was received through the attorney of the estate of Lova Valeria Goodloe and made in memory of Ms. Goodloe's late husband, Mr. Jack C. Goodloe. The attorney requested a public acceptance by resolution of the City Commission. 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 2014-15. After reading of the caption, City Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2014-15 accepting a donation to the Bailey H. Dunlap Memorial Public Library in Memory of Mr. Jack C. Goodloe. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM CITIZENS REGARDING THEIR INTEREST IN PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE PUBLIC TO LEARN ABOUT SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND ELIGIBLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THAT ARE ALLOWED BY THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT UNDER THE "LOCAL PARK GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM."

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that in order to compete for funding through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the City has to submit a Master Park Plan which has been filed years prior. He said that since funding has been received for Unger Park, Unger Park is no longer a priority, and if the City does not address a priority, it will not score well. Mr. Philip said a public hearing notice was published as required by law and the amendment to the plan was submitted. Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public hearing open at 6:40 P.M. Mr. James Oates said that he went to the wildlife park (La FERIA Nature Center) and the signs are old and weather-beaten; they need painting. Mr. Oates said that aside from that, he just loves it out there. Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. asked if the small park mentioned in the discussion of the item was the North Park. Mr. Philip responded that the City tried to submit an application for funding for the North Park, but that does not have the characteristics to score high enough to get funded; therefore, the City Commission had decided that the North Park will be funded through local funds. Mr. Philip explained that when Unger Park was submitted for funding, the idea was to highlight the citrus industries importance in the Rio Grande Valley, and

therefore, the design for the park was submitted with a theme of an Orange and later on the small park on the east side of town will be submitted with the theme of a Grapefruit. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano asked for a summary of the facilities that will be built at Unger Park. Mr. Philip responded that the park will have structures that will look like citrus cut in half, there will be a half basketball court, some water fountains, and water features that will squirt water on kids. There are sidewalks around the park already that were completed through the Safe Routes to School Project and there will be some benches, shuffleboard court and horseshoe game area. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano inquired if this park would be used for birthday parties or other events and if so would there be parking. Mr. Philip said that all parks are used for special events by families and there would be no designated parking area for this park; he said there would be a fence around the park. Commissioner Lozano asked for signage indicating, "Slow Down for Children" since that would be a safety issue. Mr. Philip said that the City can say that we built the best Wastewater Treatment Plant and no one comes by to see that unless it is a weird engineer, but a park adds more value to the community. Parks are built to include not only the kids but the adults as well. There being no other comments, Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public hearing closed at 6:44 P.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA APPROVING THE CITY OF LA FERIA REVISED PARK PLAN AND CONFIRMING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN REVISIONS TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner John Hernandez 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 2014-16. After reading of the caption, City Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 2014-16 approving the City of La Feria revised Park Plan and confirming the submission of the Plan revisions to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Commissioner Julian Guevara, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO CITY COMMISSIONERS TO THE LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. (LFEDC)

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip said the packet included the resolution and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the La Feria Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (LFEDC) which specifies that four directors must be members of the City Commission. The other three members are comprised of one representative from the Utilities Board, one representative from the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC), and one member from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano nominated Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado and herself, Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano, to the two vacant posts on the LFEDC. There were no other nominations, so the nominations ceased. Commissioner Julian Guevara, Jr. moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano 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 2014-17. After reading of the caption, City Commissioner John Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 2014-17 appointing two City Commissioners, Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado and Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano, to the La Feria Economic

Development Corporation, Inc. (LFEDC). 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 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE (“TGS” OR “THE COMPANY”) REGARDING THE COMPANY’S MAY 1, 2014 COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT (“COSA”) FILING; GRANTING THE COMPANY’S REQUEST FOR A GOOD CAUSE WAIVER OF LANGUAGE IN SECTION C.5 OF THE COSA CLAUSE; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; APPROVING ATTACHED TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE CITY’S AND TGS’ REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RATE CASE EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY’S AND THE CITY’S LEGAL COUNSEL

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip discussed that at a previous City Commission meeting, the Commission approved a resolution for the City of La Feria to join with other cities in the Valley to review the Texas Gas Service Company’s filing for a Cost of Service Adjustment (COSA). The review has been completed and an agreement has been reached. Their request has been reduced by \$280,000.00. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the ordinance by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano 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 2014-06. After reading of the caption, City Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano moved to approve Ordinance 2014-06 approving a negotiated resolution between the City and Texas Gas Service or “The Company”) regarding The Company’s May 1, 2014 Cost of Service Adjustment (“COSA”) filing; granting The Company’s request for a good cause waiver of language in Section C.5 of the COSA clause; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; approving attached tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the City’s and TGS’ reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company’s and the City’s legal counsel. Commissioner John Betancourt 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 explained that this item had been brought before the City Commission at previous meetings and at that time the question was whether all the taxes were being paid or not. The property was appraised at \$9,000.00 and the highest bid received was \$4,300.00 and that was not sufficient to cover all the property taxes owed to all the entities (the county, school and city). Mr. Philip said that the non-profit usually buys these types of property for redevelopment for affordable housing, but at the last meeting, the Commission heard from one of the local residents who said they were buying that property to build a house and that is the outcome that the City is looking for. Mr. Philip said that he wanted to make clear that the property is being sold to "O Investments" and that a private arrangement between O Investments and Ms. Gloria DelaGarza needs to be made for Ms. DelaGarza to purchase the property. Mr. Philip introduced Mr. Rogelio Ortiz for the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Mr. Rogelio Ortiz explained the process involved in a tax sale. He said that the taxes due to the City was \$1,879.23 and that the amount that the City would receive from this sale is \$888.72 which Mr. Ortiz said was 47% and in his experience, it is a fair amount; however, it is to the discretion of the City. Commissioner John Hernandez inquired if this has been presented to the other entities. Mr. Ortiz responded in the affirmative. The Commission thanked Mr. Rogelio Ortiz for his presentation. There was no action needed as a result of the discussion.

**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**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip mentioned that there are conditions included on the second page of the deed. Mr. Rogelio Ortiz and City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert addressed these conditions and Mr. Talbert explained that the motion at hand is to authorize the sale of the property to "O Investments" in the amount of \$4,300 and the City will get its share of taxes owed. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano 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 2014-18. After reading of the caption, City Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano moved to approve Resolution 2014-18 approving the bid(s) received on the tax resale conducted on November 5, 2013 for the above mentioned property. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**WORKSHOP – REVIEW AND DISCUSS WITH THE CITY COMMISSION
MODIFICATION TO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF IMPLEMENTATION**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip addressed the Commission and explained the modifications needed on the major drainage improvements project in an effort to complete the project within the budget. Mr. Philip introduced Mr. Joe B. Winston, Jr. with Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates (SWG), the engineer of the project and Humberto Lopez also with SWG. Mr. Philip said that the project is a major project in the amount of about \$20 million dollars which had to be divided into smaller projects with individual budgets. Mr. Philip identified the different sections of the project on the map

with an explanation of each portion of the project. Mayor Gonzalez thanked Mr. Winston for the information he provided and thanked Mr. Philip for the detailed report. No action was needed as a result of the discussion during the workshop.

REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED ON AN-47 KANSAS CITY ROAD & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. explained that the revised bid tabulation and letter presented at the meeting was to correct the name of the low bidder from Jimmy Closner & Company to Jimmy Closner & Sons, Inc. and that the numbers on the bid tabulation did not change. Mr. Philip said the City received five bids which were opened on June 26, 2014 and Jimmy Closner & Sons, Inc. was the low bidder. Mr. Philip said Jimmy Closner & Sons has worked for the City on various projects, and they have done a very good job. The bids received were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Jimmy Closner & Sons, Inc. P.O. Box 170 Mercedes, TX 78570 Phone: 956-565-2688	\$1,292,374.30
Texas Cordia 3149A Center Point Drive Edinburg, TX 75839 Phone: 956-627-6181	\$1,372,011.00
Mor Will, LLC 808 S. Shary Rd., Suite E Mission, TX 78572 Phone: 956-551-2055	\$1,335,338.00
Rojas Heavy Equipment, LLC dba Rojas Construction & Paving 240 Frontage Rd. Alamo, TX 78516 Phone: 956-787-8778	\$1,429,193.00
2GS, LLC P.O. Box 595 Penitas, TX 78576 Phone: 956-424-3414	\$1,531,754.50

Commissioner John Hernandez asked if there was a conflict with him voting on this item since he lives on Kansas City Road. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert responded that it was not a conflict since he was not receiving any more benefit than the general public. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado moved to award the contract for AN-47 Kansas City Road & Drainage Improvements to the lowest and most responsible bidder Jimmy Closner & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,292,374.30. Commissioner Julian Guevara, Jr. 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 55L.071 CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION WITH VISION CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.; AND SECTION 551.074 DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the meeting in executive session at 8:05 P.M. After executive session, Mayor Gonzalez declared the meeting back in open session at 8:43 P.M.

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

There was no action needed as a result of executive session deliberation.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION

- **Report on Mutual Release Executed by Vision Construction Company and the City of La Feria**
- **Independence Day Celebration held on July 4, 2014**
- **Report on La Feria Industrial Development Corporation action items considered at its meetings held on May 1, and June 5, 2014**
- **Report on Real Estate transaction closed between the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation and the City of La Feria where the South Main Street Dome Project and the Technology and Success Center will be located**

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

- A copy of the Mutual Release by Vision Construction Company and the City of La Feria was included in the City Commission packet.
- Mr. Philip thanked all the volunteers who participated in the July 4, 2014 Independence Day Celebration. He said it was a great success and a great fireworks.
- Mr. Philip introduced Mr. Brad Shields who was present at the meeting to report on the LFIDC meetings of May 1, and June 5, 2014. Mr. Shields requested copies of the minutes in case the City Commission had any specific questions. City Secretary Ms. Olga Oberwetter left the room to retrieve a copy of the minutes for Mr. Shields. Mr. Philip explained that in the 1990's when the LFIDC was formed there were issues in Harlingen and to avoid those kinds of issues, the idea was to put the minutes of the LFIDC on the City Commission agenda to be confirmed by the Commission so that they would be informed of what the LFIDC was working on. Mr. Philip reported that City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert had at various times told him that the minutes had already been approved by the LFIDC and they didn't need to be confirmed by the City Commission. Mr. Philip said that to avoid that issue, from here on out, the item will be placed as a report item to report on any major actions taken by the LFIDC. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado apologized to Mr. Brad Shields, President of the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation, Inc. (LFIDC) for asking him to be present, because after Mr. Philip's explanation she had no questions for him. She thanked Mr.

Shields for his service on the volunteer board. She said it is late and she apologized for that. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano said she was glad he was at this meeting so she could put a face to the name. Mr. Shields said the LFIDC meets on the first Thursday of every month, and that the Mayor is an ex-officio member on the board. Mr. Shields extended an invitation to the City Commission at any time they wish to attend; the meeting is an open meeting.

- Real Estate Transaction. Mr. Philip said that previously the City Commission approved the subdivision plat of the Educational Enrichment Subdivision on the south side of town consisting of 10 acres which was bought by the LFIDC and then transferred to the City for the construction of the Dome.

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. thanked the Commissioners, City Manager Sunny K. Philip, and staff for working so hard during his absence while on vacation.

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

Everyone was present, so there was no action needed on this item.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MOVING OPEN FORUM (PUBLIC COMMENTS) TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH CITY OF LA FERIA COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado discussed that she strongly felt that the City needed to move the Open Forum (Public Comments) item to the beginning of the meeting. She said that the City makes the public sign in prior to 6:30 P.M. and that the City Commission has an obligation to the people whether they are negative or positive. Commissioner Julian Guevara, Jr. said that in the past it had been at the beginning of the meeting, and he felt that it should be at the beginning of the agenda. Commissioner John Hernandez said that it didn't matter to him if the item was placed at the beginning or the end of the meeting; he said the meeting is to conduct City business and that the Public Comment item is a courtesy to the public, it is not a requirement (of the Open Meetings Act). Commissioner Maldonado said she disagreed with him, but that was his opinion and she respected that, but her opinion was that as an open government, the Commissioners are public servants and they have an obligation to hear their constituents whether positive or negative. Commissioner Maldonado said she was the one who asked to place it on the agenda because she strongly believes that it needs to be moved. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano said she agreed with Commissioner Maldonado, because as the document says, we are a "government of the people, by the people, for the people" and she believes it is important to move it to the front and it would allow the Commission to move on with the meeting having afforded them the opportunity to share with the Commission whatever items they need to share. Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. said that up to seven years ago, it was at the beginning, and then it was moved to the bottom of the agenda. He recommended that the item be placed after item #3, so that it would be item #4. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado moved to include the "Public Comments" item as item number four on the City Commission Agenda beginning with the next meeting. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public comments session open and acknowledged Mr. James Oates who spoke regarding his home funded by HUD through TDHCA. He said he was here primarily to ask for the Commission's help. Mr. Oates said that Sunny (Philip) and Kin (Mendoza) came to his house and asked him to sign a paper that the house was complete. Sometime later he told the Commission that Karen from the Home Program called him and told him that the City would put a lien on his home if he didn't sign the document, and Mr. Oates said that document said that he was giving the City permission to be several months late on completion of the house. Mr. Oates said he called HUD and every person he found said that there would be no lien on his house. Mr. Oates said he found out from HUD that the City could not put a lien on his house. He said he found out that there was a punch list that no one had ever mentioned to him. He also said that he received another request for signature saying that the house has been completed, when he had already signed one. He said that the last time he saw Kin, she told him that she needed a list of things that he wanted done to the house and that she wanted him to initial it. Mr. Oates said he believed it was to give them permission to do whatever they wanted to, but he would not sign it. He said the reason he is not signing the document is because he has not been given anything about what still needs to be done. Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. told Mr. Oates that Mr. Philip would get with Karen from the Home Program on this before he gets back with him. Mr. Oates said that the other day when the meeting was held, he had asked Kin to notify him, but that never happened; that was why he showed up at the end of the meeting. Mr. Philip said a letter was sent to Mr. Oates explaining what the City expects and staff will send the Commission a copy of that letter and that will be put under reports at a future meeting. Mr. Philip said that in the meantime, he will reach out to Mr. Oates. Mr. Philip added that when Kin asked Mr. Oates to initial the list, it was a list of items that Mr. Oates wanted.

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. then acknowledged Mr. Paul Markowsky, 28196 Orange Grove Road, who spoke about the budget. He said he didn't know why people call him all the time, because they don't show up to the meeting, but if the public comments were changed to the beginning of the meeting, then maybe a lot of people will show up. He said a lot of people are concerned about the budget and how it is \$700,000 in debt and worried about their taxes going up. He also said his biggest beef is that he would like to be considered for de-annexation to which Mayor Gonzalez said he was out of order as that was not one of the subjects listed on his form for discussion. No one else 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 John Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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 4:30 A.M. on July 21, 2014, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
1	Joe Winston	611 Bill Sammas Ante Blvd. Weslan	(956) 968-2194
2	Humberto Lopez	611 Bill Sammas SWG	956-968-2194
3	Rogelio Ortiz Jr.	1805 Ruben Torres B-28 Brownville TX 78526	(956) 546-1216
4	Delores Fuller	1000 S. Clebo Dr	
5	EURIOZ ARMENDARIZ	TEXAS GAS SERVICE	956-444-3976
6	John HERNANDEZ Jr		
7	Brod Shields	500 N. Kansas City Del	956-793-2892
8	Prof. Madonchy	29196 Orange Grove Rd.	797-5843
9	Gloria De la Cruz	801 W. Magnolia	756-8196
10	Sylvia Towne	405 Clebo Dr	799-5413
11	James Oates	120 W Jessamine	
12	JOEL Villman	54 Liberty Lane	490-8079
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