

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, August 26, 2014**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, August 26, 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 7:08 P.M., Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. asked Commissioner Olga Maldonado to give the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Gonzalez 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public comments session open. No one signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public comment session closed.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip reviewed the Revenue and Expenses for the City of La Feria General Fund FY 14-15 Budget Workshop. He reviewed each department by line item. He also reviewed the Capital Projects by line item. Mr. Philip said that in developing the budget staff took into account that Sales Tax Revenues are trending upwards by 3% for FY 14-15 and that the Fire Service Contract with Cameron County is budgeted to be \$202,045, higher than last year. He also said that the City would receive an admin grant for \$130,000 for next year to assist in administration of grants through FEMA Grant DRS210089. On the Expenses side, staff calculated a 1% to 3% salary increases for next year; a 4% increase for the majority of the expenses; and an increase in medical insurance premiums expected to be 10%. There was no action needed on this item.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON THE CITY OF LA FERIA FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 BUDGET**

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public hearing open at 8:53 P.M. There were no comments received, so Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. declared the public hearing closed at 8:53 P.M.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that there are two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission and that Mr. John Drawe had agreed to serve on this board. He will be filling in the place 3. Place 5 is still vacant. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado 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 2014-20. After reading of the caption, City Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano moved to approve Resolution 2014-20 appointing Mr. John Drawe to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2014**

- **Revenue and Expenditure Report**
- **Performance Indicators**
- **Investment Report**
- **Tax Collection Report**

The financial reports were included in the packet. Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

Mr. Philip inquired if the Commission needed to schedule a Special Meeting for another workshop. The response was affirmative and the Commission agreed on Friday, September 5, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.

**REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION**

- **Update on Drainage Improvement Project**
- **Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project**
- **Status of Dome Construction Project**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip said there were no reports due to these items having been discussed under Capital Projects in the Budget discussion.

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

All Commission members were present, so there was no action needed on this item.

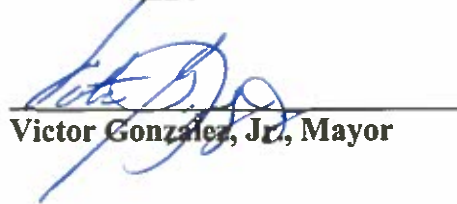
**ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Olga H. Maldonado moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Esmeralda Lozano seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:59 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 10:30 A.M. on September 2, 2014, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary



**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**AT THE**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014, AT 6:30 PM**

WELCOME  
PLEASE SIGN IN

|    | <u>NAME</u>        | <u>MAILING ADDRESS</u> | <u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u> |
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