

RESOLUTION 2014-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A JOINT OFFER AND PROPOSAL TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – RGV ADMINISTRATION OFFICES IN AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE CAMERON AND HIDALGO COUNTY BOUNDARY AND ADJACENT TO THE JOINT CITY LIMIT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITIES OF LA FERIA AND MERCEDES.

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature approved a landmark legislation for the establishment of The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley that will be comprised of The University of Texas-Pan American, The University of Texas-Brownsville, and a new four-year medical school; and

WHEREAS, the University of Texas System is diligently working on the establishment of the new university to reform the education system existing in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Mercedes and La Feria wish to contribute their part to enable the UT System to carry out its plans for the establishment of the new regional university in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mercedes authorized donation of a 17.36-acre site ideal for the new UT-RGV Administrative Offices (and potentially the Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development and the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science) because of its geographic central location in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, investments in higher educational institutions are recognized in Texas as eligible economic development activities and projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria wholeheartedly supports the establishment of the University of Texas-RGV Administration Offices, including the potential of future educational opportunities associated therewith, in a manner which will benefit both Hidalgo and Cameron Counties; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between the City of Mercedes and the City of La Feria which are border cities of Hidalgo and Cameron Counties is advisable to present an effective joint proposal of land in Hidalgo and Cameron County that would enable the UT System to establish the UT-RGV Administrative Offices immediately and plan for expansion as needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA THAT:

Section 1: The City Commission of the City of La Feria commends the Texas Legislature and the University of Texas System for the landmark legislation and the commitment to transform the education system of the Rio Grande Valley.

Section 2: The City of La Feria does hereby authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to submit the joint proposal to the UT System.

Section 3: The City of La Feria is committing its full support to facilitate the establishment of the new UT System-RGV administrative offices and other associated facilities in association with the joint proposal of the City of Mercedes and the City of La Feria.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2014.

APPROVED:

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STEVE BREWER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Olga Oberwetter" in a cursive style.

OLGA OBERWETTER, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard S. Talbert" in a cursive style.

RICHARD S. TALBERT, CITY ATTORNEY