

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Meeting on **Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM** in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 E. Commercial Avenue, La Feria, TX 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.

**DETERMINE QUORUM PRESENT AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER - MAYOR**

Mayor Maldonado determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present	6:30 PM
Julian Guevara Jr.	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Eric Hoff	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Jesse Zuniga	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Victor Gonzalez Jr.	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following Staff members were present at said meeting:

Ms. Esmeralda R. Sánchez, Interim City Manager  
 Mr. Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney  
 Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Planning and Community Development Director  
 Ms. Kin Mendoza, Finance Director  
 Ms. Tabitha M. Outlaw, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Maldonado declared the public comments session open.

James Oates of 120 W. Jessamine Ave., La Feria, Texas addressed the Commission. Mr. Oates thanked the City for posting the Notice of Meetings on the Website so he does not have to come down to City Hall.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016.**

A copy of the minutes were provided to the Commission.

Mayor Maldonado asked for 2 amendments to the effective time and date as noted: "A motion to terminate employment of City Manager Sunny K. Philip as of 5:00 PM on July 15, 2016 was made, seconded, and approved as noted" and "A motion directing the City Manager to turn over

city assets to City Secretary by 5:00 pm on July 15, 2016 was made, seconded, and approved as noted". City Attorney Talbert said that the two motions stating "approved as noted" covered that statement of "5:00 PM on July 15, 2016", but recommended clarification for the record.

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made, seconded, and passed as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eric Hoff, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016.**

A motion to table this item was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 8/9/2016 6:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner	
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.	

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND CAMERON COUNTY PERTAINING TO OPERATION STONEGARDEN FY2015.**

Ms. Sánchez reported on the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. The City has been allocated \$21,878.00 for this funding cycle. Chief Diaz met with Cameron County to ask for additional funds, however, funds have already been allocated for this year. This interlocal agreement is required by all participating entities in order to receive the funds allocated. The funds are used to pay for Interdiction Detail. The Grant time frame is one year from October 2016.

After review and discussion of this item a motion to accept the agreement was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT OPERATION BORDER STAR FOR THE 2017 GRANT CYCLE OF THE LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM.**

A copy of Resolution 2016-18 was provided to the Commission. Mr. Talbert made a revision to the third WHEREAS so it reads "with the express authority and power" instead of "The

authorized official is given the power". This funding comes from the Office of the Governor and is for the 2017 grant cycle. This year the City has been allocated \$15,000. Ms. Mendoza reported that last year we received \$25,000. After a discussion on the process of acquiring these funds, Ms. Sánchez reported that the program requires approval of the Resolution to receive the funds that have been allocated to the City.

**MOTION TO READ RESOLUTION 2016-18 REGARDING THE BORDER STAR 2017 APPLICATION**

A motion to read the caption of Resolution 2016-18 was made, seconded and approved as noted.

City Attorney, Richard Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2016-18.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-18.**

A motion to approve Resolution 2016-18 was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND DUTIES OF A PERMANENT CITY MANAGER.**

Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting in Executive Session at 6:47 PM.

Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting back in Open Session at 8:31 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b>
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**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR SEEKING AND EVALUATING APPLICANTS FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER, AND TO ESTABLISH A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER CONSISTENT WITH THE LA FERIA CITY CHARTER.**

A motion to table this item was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 8/11/2016 6:00 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eric Hoff, Commissioner	
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.	

**BUDGET WORKSHOP #1 – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION REGARDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.**

A motion to table this item was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 8/9/2016 6:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner	
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.	

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PURCHASE/LEASE/SALE/DONATION OF REAL ESTATE BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/THE LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/CITY OF LA FERIA; SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS; SECTION 551.074 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL; SECTION 551.074 TO DISCUSS THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER; SECTION 551.071 TO DISCUSS CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION.**

Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting in Executive Session at 8:35 PM.  
Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting back in Open Session at 9:07 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b>
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**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY AS THE RESULT OF EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION DELIBERATIONS.**

No action was taken on this item.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b>
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**ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

**CITY COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVED:**

Olga H. Maldonado  
Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Esmeralda R. Sánchez  
Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 2:00 PM on August 23, 2016, as official record.

Esmeralda R. Sánchez  
Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary