

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 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.

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

Mayor Olga H. Maldonado declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Jesse Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Eric Hoff	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime S. Sandoval, City Manager  
Ms. Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney  
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary  
Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Planning Director  
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cynthia Gonzalez spoke to the commission regarding information she found on the internet regarding Sunny Phillip.

Yolanda Shoffeit also spoke regarding Mr. Phillip and asked for a thorough investigation into information she found on the internet.

**5. PRESENTATION OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT RELATED TO ACCOUNTING RECORDS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OF RESTRICTED FUNDS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2015.**

Suzanne Mireles of Salinas, Allen & Schmitt, LLP presented an independent accountant's report on Restricted Funds Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015. There was no action taken on the presentation.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – THE COMMISSION WILL ENTER INTO CLOSED, EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

**-ATTORNEY CLIENT CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE §551.071(1) TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION STYLED SUNNY PHILLIP V. THE CITY OF LA FERIA, 2016-CCL-01195, AND RELATED LEGAL ISSUES**

**-ATTORNEY CLIENT CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE §552.071(2) TO DISCUSS LEGAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS, AND POSSIBLE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES, ARISING OUT OF FINDINGS GENERATED BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT REPORT ASSESSING CERTAIN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND**

**RECORD-KEEPING PRACTICES RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION  
ISSUED BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA.**

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into executive session at 7:01 p.m. There was no action taken during Executive Session.

7. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FORMER CITY MANAGER SUNNY PHILLIP INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF ANY AND ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF LA FERIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to authorize appropriate legal action against former city Manager Sunny Phillip individually and in his capacity as president of any and all non-profit organization doing business with the City of La FERIA's economic development entities. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS TO SECURE FULL DISCLOSURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ANY AND ALL PUBLIC FUNDS, INCLUDING FUNDS OBTAINED THROUGH ISSUANCE OF DEBT, OR THROUGH GRANT ALLOCATIONS, AND INCLUDING THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT BY THE CITY WITH AN APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO SECURE A FORENSIC AUDIT OF ALL UNACCOUNTED FOR PUBLIC FUNDS.**

Commissioner Hoff made a motion to authorize the City Manager to take appropriate administrative steps to secure full disclosure and accountability of any and all public funds obtained through issuance of debt, or through grant allocations, and including the filing of a complaint by the City with an appropriate law enforcement agency to secure a forensic audit of all unaccounted for public funds. Commissioner Guevara seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PRESENT FORMER COMMISSIONER VICTOR GONZALEZ, JR. WITH AWARD FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA.(PRESENTED BY MAYOR)**

Mayor Maldonado presented former Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. with a plaque in recognition of his 17 years of service as Mayor and City Commissioner for the City of La FERIA. There was no formal action taken on this item.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

  
Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amanda Morales, City Secretary