

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, June 28, 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 declared 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:

Mr. Sunny K. Philip, City Manager
 Mr. Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney
 Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Planning and Community Development Director
 Ms. Kin Mendoza, Finance Director
 Ms. Esmeralda Sanchez, City Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Delores Fuller of 1000 S. Chelo Drive, La Feria, Texas addressed the Commission. Ms. Fuller stated the Commission does not have control of the Charter without an election. Ms. Fuller recommended the Commission tabled some items to be able to talk to the people who voted for the Commission. Ms. Fuller stated the parks do not all have cameras even though she recalled the City Manager previously stated so. She went on to state that there had been a rape at the nature park, cars broken into at the sports complex, at Tiny Town, and the swimming pool. We only have ten cops now instead of twelve but she sleeps well knowing that the Commission will be making decisions now. She stated the new chief will be awesome due to his experience, adding that if someone controls the police department will the new chief get fired for doing a good job.

RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY STATE SENATOR EDDIE LUCIO, JR.

State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. was present at the meeting to recognize the newly elected officials with a certificate and to recognize retiring Police Chief Donato Garcia and retired Lieutenant Patrol Officer Luna. Senator Lucio addressed the Commission and presented certificates to Mayor Maldonado, Commissioner Zuniga, Commissioner Hoff, and Commissioner Gonzalez. He then presented Chief Garcia with a boxed state flag and certificate in recognition of his 27 years of service to the City of La Feria. Senator Lucio also presented a certificate and state flag to Lieutenant Luna for his 20 years of service to the City of La Feria Police Department.

RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE DONATO GARCIA FOR 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The recognition of Chief Garcia was moved ahead of Lt. Luna's recognition in the agenda order. Mayor Maldonado presented Chief Garcia with a plaque to recognize his years of service to the City of La Feria.

RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

RECOGNITION OF RETIRED POLICE LIEUTENANT ADOLFO LUNA FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Maldonado invited Chief Donato Garcia to recognize Lieutenant Luna. Chief Garcia presented Lieutenant Luna with a plaque to recognize 20 years of service to the La Feria Police Department. Lieutenant Luna retired in October 2015.

RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016 AS CHIEF DONATO GARCIA DAY IN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND PRESENTATION OF KEY TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

A proclamation honoring twenty-seven years of service to the City of La Feria Police Department was read by Mayor Pro-Tem Lozano. A motion proclaiming July 7, 2016 as "Chief of Police Donato Garcia Day" in the City of La Feria and presenting him with the Key to the City of La Feria.

A motion was approve the proclamation was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION FOR ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(2), TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL REGARDING APPROPRIATE PROCESS AND PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER BY THE CITY COMMISSION AND RELATED LEGAL ISSUES.

Mayor Maldonado read the agenda item and declared the meeting in Executive (closed) Session at 6:59 PM.

Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting back in Open Session at 8:23 PM and stated no action was necessary as a result of Executive Session.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Commissioner Gonzalez requested to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RE-ZONING OF CCAD PROPERTY ID 179903, LA FERIA LAND & IRRIGATION CO. SUBDIVISION, THE NORTH 0.50 ACRES OF BLOCK 22 AND CCAD PROPERTY ID 179904, LA FERIA LAND & IRRIGATION CO. SUBDIVISION. ST. 10, BLOCK 22, 0.63 ACRES FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MF, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mayor Maldonado read the public hearing description. Mr. Philip presented information regarding this public hearing describing Mr. Hankin's request to re-zone the property described from R-3 single family residential to MF, multi-family residential.

The Commission is only holding a public hearing at this meeting, no action is required today. The Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) will need to meet and submit a recommendation to the Commission. The planned P&Z meeting was not held as scheduled due to conflicting schedules.

Mayor Maldonado declared the public hearing open at 8:29 PM. Commissioner Lozano raised questions regarding additional traffic and safety concerns in the area with such a development. Mr. Philip indicated the property owner has planned for 16 units and it is possible that future plans will contain details for landscaping and other details to address safe access.

All of the property owners in the surrounding areas were notified of the public hearing and were made aware of request to re-zone. Staff's observation is that a high density redevelopment area is good for the area and makes it attractive to the Community. There being no further questions, Mayor Maldonado declared the public hearing closed at 8:34 PM.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RE-ZONING OF 15 PROPERTIES IN THE RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION THAT WERE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF LA FERIA BY ORDINANCE 2013-13 ON DECEMBER 1, 2013. PROPERTIES ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS: CCAD PROPERTY ID 182320, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 7, 3.040 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182319, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 6, 0.60 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182316, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 5, 0.6140 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182315, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 4, 1.82 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182314, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 3, 0.5020 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182313, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 3, 0.6240 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182312, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLKS 2-3, 1.9640 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182311, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PT. BLK 1- WEST 2', SOUTH 321.46 BLK 2, 0.7750 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182310, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 1, 1.3700 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182377, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 45, 0.135 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182379, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 46, 0.7560 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182380, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLKS 46-47, 0.8660 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182381, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLKS 47, 48, 49, 1.4980 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182383, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PT BLK 49, 1.1300 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182384, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION 1&2, BLKS 50, 51, 52 & 53, 8.0800 ACRES. THIS REZONING REQUEST IS TO CHANGE FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL.

Mayor Maldonado read the public hearing description. Mr. Philip provided an introduction to the public hearing indicating it was initiated by the City. According to our Zoning Ordinance, when a property is annexed it comes in zoned as R-1, single family. In order to make sure it is properly zoned, the City then goes through a process to properly zone the area. The City has had two professionals look at the zoning in this area, include Jim Delashaw and Chris Stewart of Stewart Consulting, currently working on the Comprehensive Plan.

The map provided to the Commission was also projected on the screen during the discussion. CCAD are numbers issued by the appraisal district, based on the Ordinance we have identified people within 200 feet and properly notified them of the rezoning from R-1, single family residential to C-2, general commercial. Mr. Philip explained the definition of C-2 designation. This public hearing addresses City originated rezoning. The person who approached the City was present to address the Commission.

Mayor Maldonado declared the public hearing open at 8:40 PM. Melissa and Cesar Silguero were asking for a permit to open a propane filling station in the area. They met with Paula and discussed options to rezone. The business must comply with the Texas Railroad Commission. The paperwork has been submitted to planning director, Paula Rodriguez. The map was projected on the screen to identify the location.

Should this property be zoned for C-2, the prospective business would then request permits for the specific business use within the property. This may involve additional steps that will require action at a later date. Mr. Talbert clarified that the issue before the Commission is not the specific use of any one lot, but rather changing the zone to C-2 to allow permitted use of such within the identified properties. The uses permitted under C-2 were discussed and reviewed on the screen.

Concerns were raised about the safety of having such a business near a residential area. While there will be pipes in the area, the business will require permits. El Centro has similar tanks sitting outside the building for sale. Staff has checked with neighboring cities about prohibitions of such a business to neighboring residential areas. The building was never residential, it was a business before being annexed. The City did not want to deny the opportunity to open a business, therefore staff initiated re-zoning. The details of the business use may be discussed in a later item. Prospective business owner discussed several safety precautions in place as required by the regulatory agency.

Following discussion, Mayor Maldonado declared the public hearing closed at 8:56 PM.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RE-ZONING OF 12 PROPERTIES IN THE RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION THAT WERE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF LA FERIA BY ORDINANCE 2013-13 ON DECEMBER 1, 2013. PROPERTIES ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS: CCAD PROPERTY ID 182318, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PT BLK 5, ALL BLK 6 & PT BLK 14, 0.9580 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182317, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PT BLK 5 & PT BLK 14, 0.9150 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182321, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, N ½ BLK 8, 0.752 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182322, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, S ½ BLK 8, 0.752 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182324, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, N ½ BLK 9, 0.752 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182323, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, S ½ BLK 9, 0.752 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182325, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, N ½ BLK 10, 0.970 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182326, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, S ½ BLK 10, 0.725 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182327, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 11, 1.375 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182329, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 12, 1.6060 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182330, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLK 13, 2.3500 ACRES; CCAD PROPERTY ID 182331, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PT BLK 5 & PT BLK 14, 1.00 ACRES. THIS REZONING REQUEST IS TO CHANGE FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

Mayor Maldonado read the public hearing description. Mr. Philip introduced the rezoning request to change from R-1 single family residential to R-2 single family residential for the described properties. Rezoning the area means that the minimum living square footage for a home in the area is 1,200 square feet, rather than increase it to 1,500 square feet for a new construction on vacant lots. Staff recommends it is more practical to leave zoning as R-2.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 9:01 PM. A question from the audience prompted a review of definition of R-1 and R-2. Mr. Philip explained the distinction also projected on the screen.

Another question was raised about the lack of curb on the new road. Mr. Philip explained that it was done as part of the drainage projects with limited funds. A request was made to have the contractor pick up the portable restrooms on site and to install signs indicating the road was a dead end. Mr. Philip responded to both items indicating the restrooms would be picked up by the contractor upon finishing the job and dead end signs would be installed.

Mayor Maldonado declared the public hearing closed at 9:04 pm.

RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 14, SECTION 18, SCHEDULE OF USES, TO PROVIDE FOR A TYPE OF LAND USE THAT IS PRESENTLY UNLISTED FOR A BUSINESS THAT IS SEEKING TO LOCATE IN THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

Mayor Maldonado read the public hearing description. Mr. Philip stated this item was related to a previous public hearing about rezoning of the property where this business will be located. Mayor Maldonado declared the public hearing open at 9:05 PM. The Code of Ordinance identifies the uses allowed for commercial zoning. This particular use, selling LP gas, is not identified in the current schedules. If the use is not listed, following a public hearing the Commission has authority to amend the zoning ordinance to add a use and then determine the appropriate zoning. This item will be brought back to the Commission for action at a later date. Mr. Talbert clarified the specific issue before the Commission during this public hearing referencing the schedule in the code of ordinances. Future consideration of specific use permits may be addressed for the specific business.

Mayor Maldonado declared the public hearing closed at 9:10 PM.

RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AS PART OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2016 AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK/SPORTS COMPLEX.

Mr. Philip explained the history of the fireworks display. This year the July 4th event will be held on Saturday July 2nd. Fireworks are not allowed in the City without specific permission of the City Commission.

A motion was then made, seconded, and approved as noted.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eric Hoff, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK/SPORTS COMPLEX DURING THE HOURS OF CELEBRATION ON JULY 1 AND JULY 2, 2016 OR AN ALTERNATE DATE SELECTED BY THE EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION.

A copy of the Ordinance 2016-03 as revised by Mr. Talbert was provided to the Commission. This is not authorizing the sale of alcohol, but rather allow consumption Friday and Saturday. The BBQ'ers will arrive on Friday. Police will be present to ensure a safe environment. The request is to favorably approve the Ordinance.

MOTION TO READ THE CAPTION OF ORDINANCE 2016-03

A motion to read the caption of Ordinance 2016-03 was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

Mr. Talbert then proceeded to read the caption.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eric Hoff, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-03.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2016-03 was then made, seconded, and approved as noted.

Following approval of the Ordinance, Mayor Maldonado declared a break was in order. The meeting was recessed at 9:13 PM and was back in session at 9:20 PM.

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

WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROCESSES, COSTS, TIMEFRAMES, AND CUSTOMER FINES FOR NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSIONS (COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL) AND THE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPECTATIONS OF CITY STAFF CHARGED WITH GRANTING PERMITS, INSPECTIONS, AND CODE ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

A motion to table this workshop for a special meeting to be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 8:00 AM was made, seconded, and approved as noted. This item was considered together with the following item, "Workshop to discuss record keeping practices and reporting processes utilized by the Bailey H. Dunlap Memorial Library to support "Performance Indicators-Library and Elections" as reported on monthly financial reports."

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/16/2016 8:00 AM
MOVER:	Eric Hoff, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jesse Zuniga, Commissioner	
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.	

WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS RECORD KEEPING PRACTICES AND REPORTING PROCESSES UTILIZED BY THE BAILEY H. DUNLAP MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO SUPPORT "PERFORMANCE INDICATORS-LIBRARY AND ELECTIONS" AS REPORTED ON MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS.

A motion to table this workshop for a special meeting to be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 8:00 AM was made, seconded, and approved as noted. This item was considered together with the preceding item, "Workshop to discuss processes, costs, time frames, and customer fines for new building construction and expansions (commercial and residential) and the roles, responsibilities, and customer service expectations of City staff charged with granting permits, inspections, and code enforcement throughout the process."

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/16/2016 8:00 AM
MOVER:	Eric Hoff, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jesse Zuniga, Commissioner	
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga	
ABSENT:	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.

There being no further business to discuss in Executive Session, a motion to table this item was made, seconded, and approved as noted. This item was considered together with the following item, "Consider and take action deemed necessary as the result of executive (closed) session."

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/12/2016 6:30 PM
MOVER:	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Eric Hoff, Commissioner	
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.	

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

There being no Executive Session, a motion to table this item was made, seconded, and approved as noted. This item was considered together with the following item, "Executive (closed) Session pursuant to the provision 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."

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/12/2016 6:30 PM
MOVER:	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Eric Hoff, Commissioner	
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga, Gonzalez Jr.	

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2016

- Sales Tax
- Property Tax
- Franchise Tax
- Performance Indicators

Finance Director Kin Mendoza presented the financial reports for the month of May 2016. She reviewed total revenue and total expenditures for the month of May and the year-to-date. Ms. Mendoza reported that \$2.1 Million in grant funds were received and we were still pending a \$370,000 draw. These funds will reduce the previous month's deficit. Ms. Mendoza also reviewed the investment report, delinquent tax report, and court fine collections. Sales tax was reported to be 3.88% than the same month time last year. Year to date sales tax are 5.5% higher than same time last year.

Discussion included questions about delinquent tax collection information becoming available in March and the minimal overlap in services by the current and former delinquent tax attorney. Following discussion the reports are to be filed for audit.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION.

- Drainage Improvement Projects
- Water/Wastewater Improvement Projects
- Safe Rooms (Domes)

- Technology & Success Center Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- July 4th Celebration and BBQ Cook-Off Competition
- Recreation Center Summer Activities
- Update on Lobitas Infrastructure Notification

Mr. Philip reported on the following items:

Drainage improvements are underway. Morwil is working on the north side on Expressway 83. La Feria Irrigation District (LFID) has exceeded the budget, so funds will need to be moved from one project to another to complete the work without the availability of local funds. LFID has not yet agreed to moving funds, thus the change order has not been signed.

The water/wastewater project under construction by JM has been delayed due to recent rain. JM is expected to mobilize soon.

Construction on the domes is near completion. The punch list is pending, the fire sprinkler system has been tested, and utilities have been installed. We have a few documents to complete which will require approval from TDEM including a shelter agreement with American Red Cross. The agreement will be reviewed and presented to the Commission for consideration at a later date.

The ribbon cutting for the Technology & Success Center was planned for August, but has been moved to September 9th at the request of Our Lady of the Lake University. We are working on confirming that date to pass along to the Commission.

The Independence Day Celebration flyer and program have been distributed. The Commission's request to recognize Veterans earlier than usual was discussed with the Committee and will be held at 4:30 PM. There will also be a second ceremony to recognize any Veterans that missed the first ceremony at 7:00 PM. We expect approximately 25 cooking teams, the trophies are ordered, and the tent and stage are being set-up this week.

The Recreation Center is in "test mode". We have been working on adding activities other than sports. To date we have started Mariachi music lessons and art camp to the chess camp morning programs. June 30 is the last day of the summer recreation program held at La Feria school facilities. We are working on flyers for science camp and a theatre arts class. The recreation center is not only for sports, but also for the artistic.

Discussion followed about who will be in charge of the recreation center and how costs are being contained. No one has been hired yet. We are working with part time employees during this experimental stage and trying to change the culture of the facility. Safety is a big concern so we want to be sure that kids do not wander out of the recreation center. The current recreation center staff will be leading the 3-on-3 basketball tournament and kids games at the Independence Day celebration. Costs have been contained through various efforts including a discussion with the school district during which fees were increased for the summer recreation program held at La Feria school facilities and costly aspects of the program cut.

The tour of projects will be rescheduled for a date when the area is safely accessible.

A copy of the draft notification for residents of Lobitas Estates Subdivision was distributed. Additional information about timelines, options to accomplish the changes, and efforts to date will be included as suggested by the Commission.

RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

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

Commissioner Gonzalez requested to be excused from the meeting following Executive Session to consult with attorney Rick Navarro. A motion to excuse Commissioner Gonzalez was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Esmeralda Lozano, Commissioner
SECONDER: Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner
AYES: Guevara Jr., Lozano, Hoff, Zuniga
AWAY: Gonzalez Jr.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM.

APPROVED:


Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 11:50 AM on July 12, 2016, as official record.



Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary