

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Tuesday, January 10, 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	Arrived
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	
Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	Commissioner	Absent	

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime S. Sandoval, City Manager
 Ms. Rebecca Hayward, Attorney DNRBHZ
 Mr. Rick Navarro, Attorney DNRBHZ
 Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Interim City Secretary/Planning Director
 Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director
 Ms. Tabitha M. Outlaw, Administrative Assistant

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA TO SELECT A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM AND TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

Mr. Sandoval stated that four proposals with submitted for the Professional Engineering Services being requested. The City Manager recommended SAMES, SAM Engineering and Surveying. Umberto Garza with SAMES Engineering spoke to the Commission, sharing the background and history of the company and himself. The Commission conducted a brief question and answer time with Mr. Garza on some issues and concerns regarding the operation of projects, how they are conducted and the accountability of SAMES on such projects. After a brief discussion, a motion to accept SAMES as the Professional Engineering Firm for the City was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – THE COMMISSION WILL ENTER INTO CLOSED, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- A) REAL ESTATE MATTERS PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT
 CODE § 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;**

- B) BUSINESS PROSPECTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS;**
- C) PERSONNEL MATTERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 TO
DISCUSS THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY
MANAGER.**
- D) PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE § 551.071(1), CONSULTATION WITH
LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION STYLED
SUNNY PHILIP V. CITY OF LA FERIA, 2016-CCL-01995**
- E) PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE § 551.071(2), CONSULTATION WITH
LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS CITY'S RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND
OBLIGATION CONCERNING LA FERIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT #3
GRIEVANCE.**

Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting in Executive Session at 7:42 PM.

Mayor Maldonado declared the meeting back in Open Session at 9:22 PM.

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

No action needed.

**REVIEW PROPOSALS RECEIVED AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD THE
CONTRACT FOR THE PARKER ROAD ELEVATED STORAGE TANK
REHABILITATION PROJECT, FUNDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, TxCDBG PROGRAM, TO THE LOWEST, MOST
RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.**

The Commission addressed this Item after Executive Session. Mr. Joe Winston, SWG Engineering, spoke to the Commission and reviewed the recommendation for JNA Coding to be awarded the contract. After a brief discussion, a motion to award the contract to JNA Coding was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Esmeralda Lozano, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner
SECONDER:	Eric Hoff, Commissioner
AYES:	Guevara, Jr., Hoff, Lozano, Zuniga

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

A motion to excuse Commissioner Gonzalez, Jr. was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Esmeralda Lozano, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jesse Zuniga, Commissioner
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Hoff, Lozano, Zuniga

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Esmeralda Lozano, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner
SECONDER:	Julian Guevara, Jr., Commissioner
AYES:	Guevara Jr., Hoff, Lozano, Zuniga

ADJOURNMENT

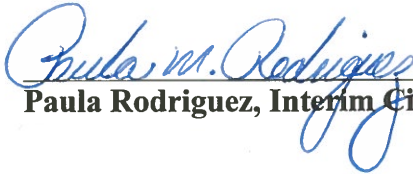
Mayor Olga H. Maldonado declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula Rodriguez, Interim City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 2:25 P.M. on January 19, 2017 as official record.



Tabitha M. Outlaw, Administrative Assistant