

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 24, 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
Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	Commissioner	Present

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. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
 Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Planning Director
 Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up for public comments.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to move to agenda items #7 and #8. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S CDBG PROGRAM

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. Anthony Covacevich addressed the commission regarding the details of a CDBG program. There were no comments from the audience. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE 2017-2018 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ASSISTANCE UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The city will be responsible to contribute matching funds in the amount of \$55,000 towards the application for up to \$275,000 in grant funding. The funds will be used to carry out water

improvements in the city. A motion to read the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lozano and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and was approved unanimously. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-03. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to go to Item #16 and enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

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.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into executive session at 6:54 p.m. There was no action taken during executive session.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to open session at 7:44p.m.

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

There was no action taken.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to move to agenda item #12 and #13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IN ANY, TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY REBECCA S. HAYWARD AS THE DULY APPOINTED CITY ATTORNEY UNDER THE CITY CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA, AS WELL AS FOR THE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM DENTON, NAVARRO, BERNAL, HYDE & ZECH, P.C., TO FULFILL THE LEGAL SERVICES NEEDS OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to appoint Rebecca S. Hayward as City Attorney and retain Denton, Navarro, Bernal, Hyde & Zech, P.C., to fulfill the legal services of the City of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS AND SUPERSEDING THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL DATED OCTOBER 1990 INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO

Rick Navarro presented the proposed changes to the Personnel Policies. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to read Ordinance No. 2017-02. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-02 adopting an updated personnel policy manual with a correction to chapter 23 b(2) regarding pay-out of sick leave up to 160 hours to employees killed in the line of duty. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, ON FOUR RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED RESALE OF FORECLOSED REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE SECTION 34.05 (A), (C), AND (D)

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve resolutions 2017-05, 2017-06, 2017-07, and 2017-08 regarding the resale of foreclosed real estate properties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION , IF ANY, TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CITY OF LA FERIA GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2017

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY , JANUARY 10, 2017

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the minutes for the City Commission meeting held January 10, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO SELECT CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CITY OF LA FERIA GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2017 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to select Cameron county Elections Department to administer the city of La feria general election scheduled for May 6, 2017 and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the Cameron County Elections Administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, ON A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEXAS COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM

Finance Director Frank Rios presented the details of the Texas Class investment system. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to read the caption of Resolution 2017-09. Commissioner Guevara seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve for the City of La Feria to participate in the Texas Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities system. Commissioner Lozano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND NOMINATE A CITIZEN FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME AT THE STATE FARM ARENA

There was no action taken on this item.

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

There was no action taken on this item.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Lozano and seconded by Commissioner Hoff. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Olga H. Maldonado declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

APPROVED:



 Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Amanda Morales, City Secretary