

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, March 8, 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 Gonzalez declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Betancourt	Commissioner Position 1	Absent	
John Hernandez	Commissioner Position 2	Present	
Olga H. Maldonado	Commissioner Position 3	Present	
Julian Guevara Jr.	Commissioner Position 4	Present	
Esmeralda Lozano	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Position 5	Present	
Victor Gonzalez Jr.	Mayor	Present	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Mayor declared the public comments period open. No one signed up for public comments. There being no speakers, the Mayor declared the session closed at 7:22 PM.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b>
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**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016**

Action of the minutes of the City Commission meeting held Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and January 26, 2016 were discussed concurrently. A motion was made to table the item, seconded, and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner Position 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Position 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Hernandez, Maldonado, Guevara Jr., Lozano
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Betancourt

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE KENNY'S FUNLAND REQUEST TO OPERATE A CARNIVAL ON INDUSTRIAL WAY (EAST OF CHURCH'S FRIED CHICKEN AND SOUTH OF MCDONALDS) FROM MARCH 17, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 20, 2016. SETUP TO BEGIN ON MARCH 14, 2016.**

Ms. Kim Maples of Kenny's Funland was present at the meeting to respond to questions from the Commission. Kenny's Funland plans to operate a Carnival on Industrial Way, east of Church's and south of McDonald's as they have in previous years. The land is owned by the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC). Kenny's Funland will donate 20% of their profits to the LFIDC, this year LFIDC will donate those funds to support the Recreation Center.

Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved as noted to allow Kenny's Funland to operate a Carnival on Industrial Way from March 17 to March 20, 2016 with an extension for weather if needed and a provision to direct LFIDC to donate the 20% of the profits received to support the recreation center.

Mayor Gonzalez then thanked the Ms. Maples for bringing the carnival to La Feria year after year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Position 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Olga H. Maldonado, Commissioner Position 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Hernandez, Maldonado, Guevara Jr., Lozano
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Betancourt

**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**

Mayor Gonzalez declared the meeting in Executive Session at 6:38 PM. The meeting was declared back in session at 6:58 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**

Following Executive Session, Mayor Gonzalez declared no action was needed as a result of Executive Session.

**RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED**

### **REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION**

- HOME Program
- Unger Park Grand Opening
- 2016 Fiesta de La Feria

Mr. Philip reported the following: The City received two contracts through the HOME program. We will establish a waiting list and go through the process of soliciting applications. The Unger Park Grand Opening has been scheduled with the funding agency, Texas Parks and Wildlife for March 22, 2016. The Public Works department is finalizing the landscaping and clean up in preparation. They will also replace the water wells installed by the contractor with more appropriate structures. The water mister is not working as it should, so the item will be inspected and may be shipped back to the manufacturer. There will be a signs posted and AEP will activate the lights prior to the opening. The 2016 Fiesta de La Feria was a successful event. Mr. Philip reviewed the Fiesta Statement of Financial Activities as of 3/4/2016. The 2016 Fiesta generated \$35,352.36 in revenue and total expenditures were \$40,758. Net financial activity reflected a negative revenue/expenditures of \$5,405.64, compared to the 2014 negative revenue over expenditures of \$14,934. The financial statement reflected a \$9,528.36 improvement over 2014 expenditures. The comparison did not include 2015 since the Centennial Celebration included a two day event. We had a great turnout, it was a good quality production. People filled the seats and area surrounding the stage to hear the bands. Thank you to all of the volunteers that participated in making the Fiesta a great event. Events such as the Fiesta are important to a growing community and they provide exposure to our businesses. The Vis tor Guide and Fiesta Book was distributed at the event and is available to the public at City Hall and other locations around the City. The Fiesta is planned by the Volunteer Committee and funded by the hotel/motel tax revenue in addition to sponsorship. Mayor Gonzalez thanked the staff and all volunteers.

**RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED**

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

A motion was made to excuse Commissioner Betancourt's absence from the March 8, 2016 meeting. The motion was then seconded and approved as noted.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Esmeralda Lozano, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Position 5  
**SECONDER:** Olga H. Maldonado, Commissioner Position 3  
**AYES:** Hernandez, Maldonado, Guevara Jr., Lozano  
**ABSENT:** Betancourt

### **ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made for adjournment, seconded, and approved as noted.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Esmeralda Lozano, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Position 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Olga H. Maldonado, Commissioner Position 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Hernandez, Maldonado, Guevara Jr., Lozano
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Betancourt

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gonzalez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

**APPROVED:**

  
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 Victor Gonzalez, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 4:00 PM on April 26, 2016, as official record.

  
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 Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary