

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION  
Monday, May 16, 2016**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Meeting on **Monday, May 16, 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 was present and called the meeting to order.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Betancourt	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
John Hernandez	Commissioner	Absent	
Olga H. Maldonado	Commissioner/Mayor	Present	6:30 PM
Julian Guevara Jr.	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Victor Gonzalez Jr.	Mayor/Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Eric Hoff	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Jesse Zuniga	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM

Newly elected Commissioners Jesse Zuniga and Eric Hoff were present at 6:30 PM for the start of the meeting. They resumed their new positions after being sworn in.

**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

**CANVASS RETURNS AND DECLARE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR COMMISSIONER POSITION 1 HELD ON MAY 7, 2016. SONDEAR LOS RESULTADOS ELECTORALES Y DECLARAR LOS RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DEL 7 DE MAYO DE 2016 CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ELEGIR A UN COMISIONADO POSICIÓN 1.**

Mayor Gonzalez thanked everyone in the audience for attending the meeting and was proud to see young children in the crowd.

Mayor Gonzalez read the agenda item in English and Spanish and announced that he had reviewed the results of the General Election for Commissioner Position One held May 7, 2016. He then announced total votes cast were 741 with 519 votes cast for Jose (Jesse) Zuniga and 214 votes cast for Don (Blahblah) Lee. Mayor Gonzalez certified the election totals and declared Jose (Jesse) Zuniga the winning candidate. Mayor Gonzalez then confirmed the following unopposed candidates declared elected, Victor Gonzalez, Jr. Commissioner Position 3; Eric Hoff, Commissioner Position 2; and Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor.

**RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS. ENTREGAR EL CERTIFICADO DE ELECCIÓN A LOS NUEVOS OFICIALES ELEGIDOS.**

Mayor Gonzalez presented the Certificate of Election to himself as the newly elected Commissioner Position 3 and to the following newly elected officials: Eric Hoff, Commissioner Position 2; Jose (Jesse) Zuniga, Commissioner Position 1; and Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor.

Following the presentation of Certificates of Election, Mayor Gonzalez presented a plaque to outgoing Commissioner John Edward Betancourt in recognition of dedicated community service from 2007 to 2016. A plaque was also presented to outgoing Commissioner Position 3 Olga H. Maldonado in recognition of dedicated community service from 2014 to 2016 as Commissioner Position 3. Mayor Gonzalez recognized Senior Commissioner John Hernandez for his dedicated community service from 1995 to 2016. The plaque was accepted by Commissioner John Betancourt on behalf of Commissioner Hernandez.

Newly elected Mayor Maldonado then presented a plaque in recognition of dedicated community service to Victor Gonzalez, Jr. for his service as Mayor from 2014 to 2016.

**RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS ELECT. ADMINISTRAR LOS JURAMENTOS AL CARGO DE MAYOR Y COMISIONADOS ELEGIDOS. (NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS ASSUME THEIR POSITIONS ON THE COMMISSION)**

Mayor Gonzalez read the agenda item in English and Spanish.

Judge Mike Trejo, Cameron County Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 Place 3, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioners Eric Hoff, Position 2 and Victor Gonzalez, Jr., Position 3.

Judge Arturo Salas, La Feria Municipal Court Judge and Retired Justice of the Peace, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Position 1 Jose (Jesse) Zuniga.

Judge Juan Ramon Alvarez, Mercedes Municipal Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Olga H. Maldonado.

The newly elected officials then assumed their positions on the Commission and proceeded with remainder of the agenda.

**RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO NOMINATE ONE MEMBER OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA COMMISSION TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

A motion to nominate Mayor Pro-Tem Esmeralda Lozano to represent the City of La Feria on the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Victor Gonzalez Jr., Mayor/Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Julian Guevara Jr., Commissioner  
**AYES:** Guevara Jr., Lozano, Gonzalez Jr., Hoff, Zuniga

**ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

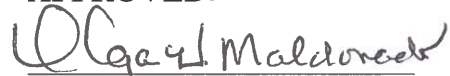
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

The audience was invited to a reception at the Chaparral Building (108 N. Main Street) to welcome the newly elected officials.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Maldonado adjourned the meeting at 7:10 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 7:00 PM on June 14, 2016, as official record.

  
**Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary**