

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, October 11, 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 Pro-Tem Lozano determined there was a quorum present and declared the meeting is session at 6:30 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Absent	
Julian Guevara Jr.	Commissioner	Present	
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present	
Eric Hoff	Commissioner	Present	
Jesse Zuniga	Commissioner	Present	
Victor Gonzalez Jr.	Commissioner	Absent	

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

The following Staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime S. Sandoval, City Manager
 Mr. Ricardo J. Navarro, Attorney, DNRBHZ, PC
 Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Interim City Secretary / Planning and Community Development Director
 Mr. Joe P. Winston, City Engineer, SWG Engineering
 Mr. Cesar Diaz, Police Chief
 Ms. Tabitha M. Outlaw, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up for Public Comments. Jaime S. Sandoval was sworn into office as City Manager by Mayor Pro-Tem Lozano.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016.

Items 5 and 6 were read concurrently. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016.

Items 5 and 6 were read concurrently. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION, DELIBERATION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.071, TO DELIBERATE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DUAL REPRESENTATION CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

Items 7 and 8 were read concurrently. Attorney Ricardo Navarro stated there was not a need for the Executive Session.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DUAL REPRESENTATION CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

Attorney Ricardo Navarro advised the City Commission that his firm had assisted with the producing of the legal contract that Tropical Texas Behavioral Health was presenting to the City. A motion of no objection was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LA FERIA AND TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

Attorney Ricardo Navarro stated the contract was only missing the salary portion and Chief Diaz was working on acquiring that information. After a brief discussion a motion to accept the agreement was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 14, EXHIBIT-A OF THE LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES (THE ZONING ORDINANCE), AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE R-1, C-2, AND I ZONING DISTRICTS ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF LA FERIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed this item with the Commission. After a brief discussion Attorney Ricardo Navarro read the caption of Ordinance 2016-08.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016--08

After Attorney Ricardo Navarro read the caption of Ordinance 2016-08, a motion to approve the ordinance was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

REVIEW TABULATION OF BIDS RECEIVED, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE MOTOR CONTROL CENTER AT THE CITY OF LA FERIA WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE, QUALIFIED BIDDER.

Mr. Joe P. Winston, SWG Engineering, reviewed the bids with the Commission. Mr. Winston explained the machine being replaced was from 1972 and parts could no longer be purchased to fix it. A recommendation to award the bid to KIKO Construction with the sub-contractor being NOE'S Electric. The timeline for the project is 120 days. After a brief discussion a motion to award the bid to Kiko Construction was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION & JOINT SPONSORSHIP – VALLEY METRO AND THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGED BY THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$9,260.00 FOR FY 2017, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2017.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the agreement with the commission. There was a brief discussion on the benefits of Valley Metro Buses in La Feria. A motion to accept the agreement was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

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 were no items for Executive Session.

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

No Action required due to No Executive Session.

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

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

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

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Lozano adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

APPROVED:

 Mayor Pro-Tem Esmeralda Lozano

ATTEST:


 Paula Rodriguez, Interim City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 10:45 A.M. On October 20, 2016, as official record.


 Tabitha M. Outlaw, Administrative Assistant