

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION
Monday, September 19, 2016**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Monday, September 19, 2016, 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	6:30 PM
Jesse Zuniga	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Eric Hoff	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Julian Guevara	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present	6:30 PM

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

- Ms. Kin Mendoza, Finance Director
- Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Planning and Community Development Director
- Mr. Cesar R. Diaz, Police Chief
- Mr. Ricardo J. Navarro, DNRBHZ, PC
- Florence Reichle, Administrative Assistant

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ESMERALDA SANCHEZ AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA PURSUANT TO HER NOTICE OF RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

A motion to accept the resignation of Esmeralda Sanchez as an employee of the City of La Feria pursuant to her notice of resignation effective immediately was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.01 (A) OF THE CITY CHARTER

A motion to appoint Police Chief, Cesar R. Diaz as the interim City Manager was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL REGARDING THE CITY COMMISSION RIGHTS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, AND OBLIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIRING PROCESS OF A CITY CHARTER APPOINTED CITY MANAGER AND RELATED LEGAL ISSUES

Attorney Mr. Ricardo Navarro requested that Agenda Item No. 6 and No. 7 be read together and discussed in closed executive session.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND EVALUATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, NAMELY, TO CONSIDER APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF A CITY CHARTER APPOINTED CITY MANAGER BY THE CITY COMMISSION

This item was considered concurrently with the former Executive Session item.

Mayor Olga H. Maldonado declared the meeting in Executive (closed) session at 6:34 P.M.

After Executive Session deliberations, Mayor Olga H. Maldonado declared the meeting back in open session at 6:49 P.M.

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

A motion to increase the salary of Cesar Diaz to \$80,000 per year while he assumes the Interim City Manager position was made, seconded, and approved as noted.

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

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Olga H. Maldonado declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 4:30 P.M. on September 22, 2016 as official record.



Florence Reichle, Administrative Assistant