

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, March 28, 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
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime S. Sandoval, City Manager  
Ms. Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney  
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary  
Ms. Paula Rodriguez, Planning Director  
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**-APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2017.**

**-APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR HOUSING MONTH.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve all items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA FOR RADIO MAINTENANCE SERVICES.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve renewal of the contract with Motorola for radio maintenance services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO APPROVE AND PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE UTRGV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S APPLICATION FOR HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S (HRSA) AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM (AHEC).**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a letter of support for the UTRGV school of medicine's application for health resources and services administration's (HRSA) area health

education centers program (AHEC). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoff and passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE 2017-05 AMENDING CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 10- SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; SECTION 8 TO INCLUDE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO MINOR PLATS.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that this change to the current policy would allow the City to streamline the process for property owners to build or renovate homes on undeveloped land without having to employ an engineer or go through the Planning and Zoning board. Commissioner Hoff made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 2017-05 amending City of La FERIA Code of Ordinances chapter 10 – Subdivision regulations; Section 8 to include City Manager authority to approve amendments to minor plats. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SAM ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.**

Humberto Garza and Roberto Salinas of SAM Engineering and Surveying, Inc. addressed the Commission regarding the services they can offer to the City including engineering, project management, grant writing and economic development. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve professional services agreement with SAM Engineering and Surveying, Inc. for engineering services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – THE COMMISSION WILL ENTER INTO CLOSED, EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

**-ATTORNEY CLIENT CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE §551.071(1) TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION STYLED SUNNY PHILLIP (PLAINTIFF/COUNTER-DEFENDANT) V. THE CITY OF LA FERIA (DEFENDANT/COUNTER-PLAINTIFF), 2016-CCL-01195, AND LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE COUNTER SUIT FILED AGAINST SUNNY K. PHILLIP BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA.**

**-BUSINESS PROSPECTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAM ENGINEERS AND SURVEYING**

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 7:48 p.m.

**11. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Hoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

  
Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amanda Morales, City Secretary