

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 6:30 P.M.** in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 E. Commercial Avenue, La Feria, and 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	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Maldonado thanked all of the volunteers that participated in the City's Independence Day Celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor pro-Tem Hoff informed the audience that the Fire department would be doing a "Fill the Boot" fundraiser in July and the American Legion would also host a fundraiser on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**- APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2017.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve all items under Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

**7. PRESENTATION BY ALFONSO GARIDO, GIS COORDINATOR OF CAMERON COUNTY 911 REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF CORRECT AND ACCURATE ADDRESSING WITHIN THE CITY OF LA FERIA.**

Mr. Garido explained that throughout Cameron County addresses on file with the appraisal district do not match addresses on file with Emergency services. This can lead to confusion during an emergency and delay response time from first responders. He informed the Commission that all residents were responsible for updating their addresses and should have been informed of the process for doing so when

they were annexed. Commissioner Lozano suggested that all residents be sent information on how to update their addresses. There was no action taken on this item.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, IF ANY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-18 APPOINTING TWO NEW QUALIFIED MEMBERS TO THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-18 appointing Jimmy de Leon and Michelle Gomez Vela replace Brad Shields and Lloyd Betts on the La FERIA Industrial Development Corporation Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and it passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, TO SELECT A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-19 FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA) HOME PROGRAM, CONTRACT 2016-0041, CONFIRMING SELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to select GrantWorks and adopt Resolution 2017-19 for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) HOME program, Contract 2016-0041, confirming selection of the management consultant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-10 AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PARKS AND RECREATION.**

This ordinance amends the code of ordinances to allow for strollers to be used on the walking trails at all City parks. It also allows dog owners to bring their pets to City parks. Commissioner Lozano asked that the wording in the ordinance include the stipulation that all dogs must be under the complete control of their owner while at the parks. Ms. Hayward read the caption of the ordinance. Mayor Pro-tem Hoff made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-10 amending Chapter 1 of the City of La FERIA Code of Ordinances regarding Parks and Recreation and to include tighter regulations on dog-owners while on park property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, IF ANY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-20 SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY'S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY SERVICE AREA.**

This resolution is a response to Texas Gas Service issuing a statement of intent to increase rates in the Rio Grande Valley by 18%. Commissioner Hoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-20 suspending the effective date of Texas Gas Service Company's statement of intent to increase rates in the Rio Grande Valley service area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, IF ANY, ON ORDINANCE 2017-11 AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES.**

The Texas Legislature has passed a bill restricting the rates cities can charge school districts for water and sewer services. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-11 amending appendix A of the City of La FERIA Code of Ordinances regarding water and sewer rates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

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

- CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO DELIBERATE THE SCOPE OF DUTIES AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, THAT IS, CITY MANAGER JAIME SANDOVAL, TO INCLUDE ANY COMPLAINTS OR CHARGES HERETO.

- ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(2), TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY COMMISSION'S RIGHTS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, AND OBLIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF THE CHARTER APPOINTED CITY MANAGER.

- REAL ESTATE MATTERS AND ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087 AND 551.071(2) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PURCHASE/LEASE/SALE/DONATION OF REAL ESTATE BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

- ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071(2) TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF CITY SURROUNDING GAMING MACHINES WITHIN THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

- ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071(2) TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS SURROUNDING A TENDER RELEASE AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY SURETEC, INC.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:16 p.m.

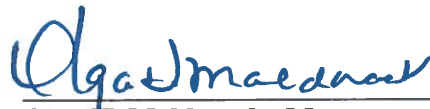
**14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

There was no action taken on this item.

**15. ADJOURN.**

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary