

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, August 22, 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 Pro-tem Hoff announced that the American Legion would be hosting a fundraiser on the following Saturday. Mayor Maldonado noted the Police Department was hosting the American Night Out at the recreation center on Thursday August 26th.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2017.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held Tuesday August 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING ANTICIPATED TAX COLLECTION RATE AND DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR TAX YEAR 2017 (FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018).

Mr. Rios explained to the Commission that the Cameron County Appraisal district has calculated the total taxable value on the 2017 certified appraisal roll as \$219,658,306. The City's total debt for the year amounts to \$1,038,000. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to accept the certification regarding anticipated tax collection rate and debt service requirement for tax year 2017 (fiscal year 2017-2018). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2017 (FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018).

The effective tax rate for fiscal year 2017-2018 is 0.777380 and the rollback rate is 0.760012. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a proposed tax rate of 0.76 per hundred dollar valuation for tax year 2017 (fiscal year 2017-2018). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to move item 9 to after executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - THE COMMISSION WILL ENTER INTO CLOSED, EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

-ATTORNEY CLIENT CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE §551.071(2) TO DISCUSS LEGAL ADVICE, OBLIGATION AND DUTIES REGARDING CONTRACT AND ASSIGNMENT TERMS RELATED TO THE AN-47 PROJECT AND WILSON ROAD CANAL PROJECT.

- ATTORNEY CLIENT CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE §551.071(1) REGARDING CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION CONCERNING SB 1004.

-ATTORNEY CLIENT CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO TEX. GOVE. CODE §551.071(1) TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION STYLED CITY OF LA FERIA V. SUNNY K. PHILLIP, STCHD, STEM, ET. AL., 2017-DCL-02925.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO AND ACOSTA LLP CONCERNING SB 1004.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve an engagement agreement with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado and Acosta, LLP concerning SB 1004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There was no action taken on this item.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF LA FERIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S WORK ON AN-47 AND WILSON ROAD CANAL PROJECT.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve La FERIA Irrigation District's work on AN-47 and Wilson Road Canal project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF WORK TO MORWILL ON AN-47 PROJECT.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve assignment of work to MorWill on AN-47 Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

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