

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 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	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 public comments.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Maldonado recognized the City Secretary for her graduation from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. Mr. Sandoval introduced new Planning Director Robert Escobar.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 23, 2018

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff made a motion to move to item #15 of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TIF SERVICES OF SOUTH TEXAS.

This agreement is for consulting services in regard to the City's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board. Mr. Lance Elliot will be working on behalf of the City to re-establish the TIRZ board and recover any reimbursements due to the City. Commissioner Lozano made a motion

to approve an agreement with TIF services of South Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION BY HARLINGEN-SAN BENITO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

Rolando Rodriguez of the H-SBMPO addressed the Commission and explained what the MPO does and gave an update on the status of all ongoing projects throughout Cameron County. There was no action taken on this item.

8. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT BY R&R TAVERN FOR LATE HOURS SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m. Victor Gonzalez asked if the city had received any complaints about the business. Mr. Sandoval stated that he was not aware of any complaints filed with the City regarding R&R Tavern. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT BY R&R TAVERN FOR LATE HOURS SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve a specific use permit by R&R Tavern for late hours sale of alcoholic beverages.

10. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR ALCOHOL SALES RELATED TO THE FIESTA DE LA FERIA CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2018.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR ALCOHOL SALES RELATED TO THE FIESTA DE LA FERIA CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2018.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the request by the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation for a Specific Use Permit for alcohol sales related to the Fiesta de La Feria Celebration to be held on February 17, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT BY AMP'S SPORTS BAR FOR THE LATE HOURS SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. Marlene Peaveler spoke against the request because she lives next door to the property in question and has a problem with the bar that operated there in the past. She stated that the bar stayed open later than 2:00 a.m. as allowed by their TABC Permit. She also complained about bar customers parking on her property and leaving trash everywhere. Victor Gonzalez asked how often the SUP is reviewed and whether it could be revoked if there were complaints filed with the City. Mr. Sandoval confirmed that the SUP would be eligible for annual review by staff and any complaints would be considered at that time. Amparo Villarreal is the new owner of the business in question. She asked that the commission give her the chance to operate the business differently than it was in the past. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT BY AMP'S SPORTS BAR FOR THE LATE HOURS SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff made a motion to approve a request for a Specific Use Permit by Amp's Sports Bar for the late hours sale of alcoholic beverages. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT TO USE THE FIRE STATION LOCATED AT 200 BUSINESS 83 AND FEMA DOME ON SOUTH MAIN FOR EARLY VOTING FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2018 TO MARCH 2, 2018 AND ELECTION DAY MARCH 6, 2018.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a request by the Cameron County Election Department to use the Fire station located at 200 Business 83 and the FEMA Dome on South Main for early voting from February 20, 2018 to March 2, 2018 and Election Day March 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN LA FERIA DANCE FITNESS STUDIO AND CITY OF LA FERIA.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a contract between La Feria Dance Fitness and City of La Feria for Zumba classes at the Recreation Center at a cost of \$200 per month. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

17. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW THE EXTREME FEMALE FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO USE THE SPORTS COMPLEX FOR HOME GAMES.

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

18. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE RECOMMENDED SLATE OF NOMINEES TO BE APPOINTED TO THE RGV PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the recommended slate of nominees to be appointed to the RGV Partnership board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

19. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED CANTABRIA ESTATES APARTMENTS, TDHCA APPLICATION #18158, LOCATED AT 27250 RABB RD.


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

20. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFIRM THAT THE CITY OF LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS HAS MORE THAN TWICE THE STATE AVERAGE OF UNITS PER CAPITA SUPPORTED BY HOUSING TAX CREDITS OR PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS.

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

21. ADJOURN.

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

APPROVED:

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor**ATTEST:**

Amanda Morales, City Secretary