

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 27, 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 thanked all City staff and volunteers that participated in the Fiesta de La Feria.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff made a motion to allow the extreme Female Football League to use the Sports Complex for five home games with the stipulation that they provide proof of insurance before the first game. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed with Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and Commissioners Garcia, Zuniga and Guevara voting in favor. Commissioner Lozano voted against the motion.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RE-ZONING OF CCAD PROPERTY ID 383591, LOT 1 BLOCK 1 PEACEFUL ACRES SUBDIVISION, 3.12 ACRES, LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS FROM MH - MANUFACTURED HOUSING DISTRICT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Juan Martinez, the property owner requesting the re-zone spoke to the Commission and explained the reason for his request. Mr. Martinez is currently operating under a Special Use Permit that is required to be renewed every 5 years. There were no other comments and Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RE-ZONING OF CCAD PROPERTY ID 383591, LOT 1 BLOCK 1 PEACEFUL ACRES SUBDIVISION, 3.12 ACRES, LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS FROM MH - MANUFACTURED HOUSING DISTRICT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-03 re-zoning CCAD Property Id 383591, Lot 1 Block 1 Peaceful Acres Subdivision, 3.12 acres, La Feria, Cameron County, Texas from MH - Manufactured Housing District to C-2, General Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION TO THE REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to appoint Mayor Maldonado to the Regional Review Committee that is responsible for determining Regional priorities for projects funded through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LA FERIA ISD TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN CITY FACILITIES FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING EDUCATION RELATED AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

The proposed agreement would allow the school districts sports teams and other extra-curricular clubs to use the City's FEMA Safe Dome on Pancho Maples during inclement weather. Commissioner Lozano noted that she would like to see language added to the agreement stating that if the agreement is ever terminated, the facility will be returned to its original state at the expense of the LFISD. There was no action taken on this item.

12. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Mr. Rios presented the financial report for the month of January 2018. He noted that revenues for the month were \$311,907 and included \$56,627 in property taxes, \$49,883 in sales tax, \$37,559 in court collections and \$60,257 in garbage and late fees. Total expenditures for the month were \$280,473. There was no action taken on this item.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY OF LA FERIA TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR- HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION FOR FUNDING OF THE SOUTH TEXAS AIR PROJECT.

This grant application is for a CASCADE system that can be used to refill SCBA equipment used by the Fire Department. The system comes on a mobile transport that allows it to be deployed to the scene of large fires or to other Fire departments. There is no requirement for

the City to match funding if this grant application is successful. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 allowing the City of La Feria to submit a grant application to the office of the Governor- Homeland Security Grants Division for funding of the South Texas Air Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the Meeting in Closed Session at 7:26 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION:

-ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOV'T CODE, IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING LITIGATION STYLED AND NUMBERED, CITY OF LA FERIA VS. STCHDI, ET. AL., CAUSE NO. 2017-DCL-02925 (107TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT - CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS) AND THE PENDING LITIGATION STYLED AND NUMBERED PHILIP V LA FERIA, CAUSE NO. 2016- CCL-01195-B (CCL#2 - CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS)

There was no action taken during Closed Session.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 8:34 p.m.

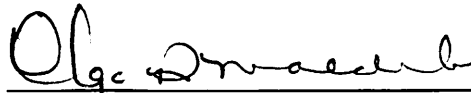
15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

There was no action taken on this item.

16. 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 Lozano and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary