

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

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, March 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	Absent
Jesse Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Eric Hoff	Mayor Pro-Tem/ Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Absent
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

A. PRESENTATION OF DONATION CHECK TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA FROM THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA FOR THE RGV FOOD BANK – LA FERIA BRANCH COLLECTED FROM THE FIESTA DE LA FERIA CAR SHOW.

Moses Mendoza of the Antique Automobile Club of America presented the RGV Food Bank with two large boxes of canned food and \$504. The food and cash were accepted as registration fees for the car show held during this year's Fiesta de La Feria. Mr. Mendoza thanked City staff for helping make the Car Show a success.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff announced that the American Legion would be holding a fundraiser for St. Patrick's Day.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2018.

Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE VOLUNTEER AND INTERN POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

Ms. Hayward explained that the City has received requests for internships and volunteer opportunities in various departments. This policy will set basic ground rules for these volunteers and interns and allow the City to perform background checks on all such applicants. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve the Volunteer and Intern Policy for the City of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT NO. 7215279 LA FERIA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CLOSE OUT TXCDBG LA FERIA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02 accepting the construction completion of improvements to a 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank project by JA Coating, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT BY LANNIE'S RESTAURANT BAR & GRILL ALLOWING THEM TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m. Velma Flores, the person requesting the SUP spoke about the business. She noted that they have been open for a few weeks. After a question regarding noise from the restaurant bothering nearby residents it was determined that there had not been any complaints filed with the City. The public hearing was closed at 6:43 p.m.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY LANNIE'S RESTAURANT BAR & GRILL ALLOWING THEM TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS.

Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to approve a Specific Use Permit for Lannie's Restaurant Bar & Grill allowing them to serve alcoholic beverages during extended hours. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST TO RE-ZONE 6.56 ACRES RECOGNIZED AS MUNOZ SUBDIVISION 6.56 ACRES OUT OF LOT 3(CAB 1 SLOT 1641-B CCMR), LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Due to a lack of Quorum at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting regarding the rezone, The City Commission was unable to take any action on items 12 and 13.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING 6.56 ACRES RECOGNIZED AS MUNOZ SUBDIVISION 6.56 ACRES OUT OF LOT 3(CAB 1 SLOT 1641-B CCMR), LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CITY

OF LA FERIA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE LA FERIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve an amendment to the interlocal agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and City of La Feria acting by and through the La Feria Police Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION 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.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve 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 motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FULCRUM CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TXCDBG CONTRACT NO. 7217241.

Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to approve and engineering services agreement with Fulcrum consulting services for a Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG Contract No. 7217241. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff called the meeting into Closed Session at 6:51 p.m.

17. 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)

- TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION/SALE/LEASE OF REAL ESTATE BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

There was no action taken during Closed Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff called the meeting back to order at 7:06 p.m.

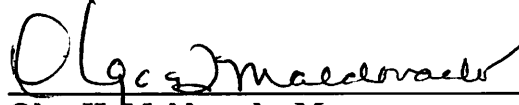
18. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS ALASKAN MOTELS LOCATED ON BLOCK 1, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NUMBER 1, AND THE WEST 2 FEET OF THE SOUTH 321.46 FEET OF BLOCK 2, RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION NUMBER 1, OUT OF THE LA FERIA GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND TO FINALIZE ALL CLOSING MATTERS.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute and enter into a real estate contract to purchase the property known as Alaskan Motels located on Block 1, Rabb Heights subdivision Number 1, and the West 2 feet of the south 321.46 feet of Block 2 , Rabb Heights subdivision Number 1, out of La Feria Grant, Cameron County, Texas and to finalize all closing matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

19. ADJOURN.

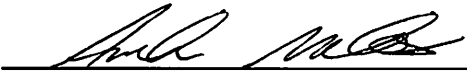
There being no further business to discuss Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary