

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 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

**4 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public

**5 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff announced that the City's Annual Christmas Parade would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> and be followed by the Winter Festival at the High School. He also informed the audience of a "Meet the Author" event at the Library on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> featuring Katelynn Renteria.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to move to item 14 of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

**14 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2017-18 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING 12.02.038 TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF COOPER LANE.**

Cooper Lane Resident Gary Miner submitted a letter to the City Manager requesting that the speed limit be established at 15 miles per hour. Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-18 amending the Code of Ordinances by adding 12.02.038 to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Cooper Lane. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously. Ms. Hayward read the caption of the Ordinance.

6 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2017.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve all items under Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

7 **PRESENTATION BY CAMERON COUNTY PRECINCT 4 COMMISSIONER GUS RUIZ REGARDING CITY AND COUNTY PROJECTS.**

Cameron County Precinct 4 Commissioner Gus Ruiz spoke to the Commission about ongoing projects including the relocation of his office to La Feria and street repairs being done in the precinct. He also asked the Commission for input on selecting a polling place within the city for upcoming County elections. There was no action on this item.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to move to item #9 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

9 **PRESENTATION BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE OSCAR LONGORIA AND TONY FLORES REGARDING STATE FUNDING UPDATES.**

Tony Flores of Representative Oscar Longoria's office updated the commission on State funding and grants available to the city. There was no action taken on this item.

8 **PRESENTATION BY SAMES REGARDING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF LA FERIA.**

Ramiro Garza and Humberto Saenz of SAMES explained to the Commission that they have been working to identify opportunities for potential economic development in the City. They have identified the types of businesses most needed in the community as well as properties that could be ideal for those businesses to build on. There was no action taken on this item.

10 **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2017-17 ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-17 establishing the date of the City's 19<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Parade as December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Ordinance also calls for Main Street from Jessamine Avenue to Ninth Street and Ninth Street from Main Street to Canal Street to be closed to traffic during the Parade. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

11 **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2017-30 ACCEPTING THE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION OF THE MOTOR CONTROL CENTER PROJECT BY KIKO CONSTRUCTION.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the original contract amount was \$142,000 for the installation of a Motor Control Center at the City of La Feria Water Treatment Plant. Due to two Change orders totaling \$15,575, the final contract amount is \$157,575. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-30 accepting the construction completion of the motor control center project by Kiko Construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

12 **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2017-31 AMENDING THE DATES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER 2017.**

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the Commission meetings in December will be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month rather than the second and fourth Tuesdays. The meetings will still be held at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-31 amending

the dates for Commission meetings to be held in December 2017. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

**13 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS INVENTORY AND AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the list of surplus items and authorize staff to dispose of them at auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

**14 CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION  
ATTORNEY CONSULTATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(2) TEXAS GOV'T CODE TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S LEGAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE SURETY COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO COMPLETE THE NOW BANKRUPT BALCH COMPANY'S PORTION OF THE GLO CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.**

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 7:42 p.m.


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

There was no action taken on this item.

**16 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:**

  
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Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Amanda Morales, City Secretary