

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, October 10, 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
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director

4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

6 CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 AND SEPTEMBER 26, 2017.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

7 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2017-24 ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS FOR EMPLOYEES FOR 2017-2018.

The City's Personnel Policy manual calls for the City holidays to be approved by the Commission every year. The holidays to be observed in 2017-2018 are New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day,

Thanksgiving Day, The day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-24 establishing holidays for employees for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

8 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS FOR 2018.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas works on behalf of Cities and residents to fight for the best prices for electricity. The cost to renew membership is \$100. Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff made a motion to renew membership in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas for 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

9 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REBATE FOR YEAR 2016.

The Affordable Care Act requires insurance companies to rebate part of the premiums it received if it does not spend at least 85 percent of the premiums they receive on health care services. This rule is called the Medical Loss Ratio rule and is intended to ensure that consumers get value for their health care dollars. The City received a check in the amount of \$1,787.84 as part of the Medical Loss Ratio rebate. The City has the option to apply the full amount to future premiums or provide a cash rebate to employees that were covered by the health insurance plan the rebate is based on. Considering that the City does pay the premiums for all full time employees Mr. Sandoval recommended that the rebate be applied to the premium for the upcoming year. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to apply the Health insurance rebate to reducing premiums for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

10 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO DEMAND OVERDUE LOAN PAYMENTS FROM SOUTH TEXAS COLLABORATIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

In 2014 the City Commission approved two loans to South Texas Collaborative housing Development in the amounts of \$45,000 and \$69,500. The loans matured on May 1, 2017 and have yet to be paid in full. Staff is asking for authorization to have the City Manager and City Attorney demand payment of the notes. Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff made a motion to authorize staff to demand overdue loan payments from South Texas Collaborative Housing Development. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

**11 CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(1), TEXAS GOV'T CODE IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING LITIGATION STYLED AND NUMBERED PHILLIP V CITY OF LA FERIA, CAUSE NO. 17-CV-110 (U.S.D.C. – BROWNSVILLE DIV.); AND SUNNY K. PHILLIP AND SKP MANAGEMENT, CAUSE NO. 2017-CCL-1004; AND LA FERIA V. STCHD, ET. AL., CAUSE NO. -2017-DCL-02925**

B. ATTORNEY CONSULTATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(2) TEXAS GOV'T CODE TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S LEGAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE GRIEVANCE FILED BY THE LA FERIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND DISCUSS IRRIGATION DISTRICT PROPOSAL REGARDING PROFESSIONAL FEES.

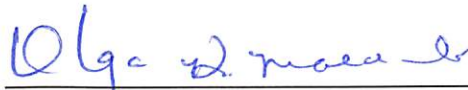
There was no action taken during executive session.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 8:13 p.m.

12 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