

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, September 26, 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**

Joan Kuran addressed the Commission regarding her disappointment in their decision to not approve a smoking ban for the City of La Feria.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff noted that all agendas for City meetings are posted on the City's website.

Commissioner Lozano noted that the Fire Department would be having a car wash fundraiser the following Saturday.

**6 CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2017.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY THE CITY OF LA FERIA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the City of La FERIA budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY BUDGETS FOR LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD, LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.**

The budgets for the LFIDC, LFEDC and Utility Board have been approved by the respective boards at their previous meetings. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the budgets for La FERIA Utilities Board, La FERIA Industrial Development Corporation, and La FERIA Economic Development Corporation for fiscal year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2017-12 ESTABLISHING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2017 INCLUDING MAINTENANCE & OPERATION AND INTEREST & SINKING RATES.**

The tax rate will remain the same as in the previous fiscal year at \$0.76 per one hundred dollar valuation. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-12 establishing ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2017 including maintenance & operation and interest & sinking rates. The motion was seconded by Lozano and passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR FUEL SERVICES.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to authorize staff to advertise for requests for proposals for fuel services. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH A BANK ACCOUNT WITH BBVA COMPASS FOR THE LA FERIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the bank account would be used to segregate funds received from Cameron County for fire services. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve establishing a bank account with BBVA Compass for the La FERIA Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-22 TO NAME A NOMINEE FOR CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-22 nominating Ricardo Morado for Cameron Appraisal District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2017-23 TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE LA FERIA ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that one member of the board had resigned and there was one applicant to fill the position. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-23 appointing JoAnn Mireles to the La Feria Zoning Board of Adjustment.

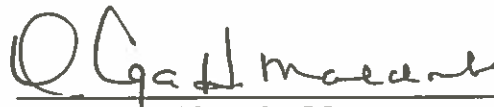
**14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-13 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-05 TO MAKE A 9.71 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK 4, POTTER SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY VOLUNTARILY ANNEXED, A C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE.**

15. The Rio Grande Valley Shrine Club was voluntarily annexed into the City several years ago, but the zoning designation had not been established at that time. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-13 amending Ordinance 2015-05 to make a 9.71 acre tract of land out of block 4, Potter Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas that was previously voluntarily annexed, a C-2, General Commercial Zone. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff and passed unanimously.

**16. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lozano 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