

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, July 24, 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 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

Mr. Gary Knapp addressed the Commission regarding flooding in his neighborhood. He asked that the curb and gutter along FM 506 be extended to alleviate flooding in the future.

5. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Mr. Sandoval informed the Commission that the city had been awarded a SAFER grant to help fund four full-time Firefighter positions.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 10, 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. DISCUSSION REGARDING FLOODING ALONG COOPER ROAD AND VARIOUS OTHER LA FERIA STREETS DURING THE SEVERE WEATHER EVENT THAT OCCURRED IN JUNE, 2018.

Mr. Sandoval explained that several areas of the city experienced flooding during the severe weather event in June. He noted that most of the flood waters had receded quickly in most areas and thanked City employees for their hard work to rescue citizens in need. He introduced Mr. Bozquez of TxDot to explain what, if anything can be done to prevent flooding in the future. Mr. Bozquez explained that there are currently plans to widen FM 506, however, he noted that construction plans don't usually take into account the need to prevent flooding in surrounding areas. He also stated that even if the roads are designed to drain water, all flood water ultimately drains to the same place and if there is too much flow, it will take longer to drain regardless of how the roads are designed. There was no action taken on this item.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2018-10 AUTHORIZING OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDING.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the grant would be in the amount of twenty thousand dollars to be used for overtime pay for police officers. The City is not required to match the funding. Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-10 authorizing Operation Stonegarden grant application and accepting funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 9, 2018 AS "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" DAY FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA.**

The annual National Night Out day encourages police-community partnerships, crime prevention, neighborhood safety, awareness and cooperation. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a proclamation declaring August 9, 2018 as "National Night Out" day for the city of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 6:59 P.M.

10. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE 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 Executive Session.

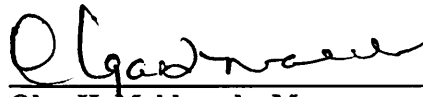
11. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.**

There was no action taken on this item.

12. **ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to consider, 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