

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, May 22, 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 Pro-Tem Hoff 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	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Ms. Allison Bastian, City Attorney
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff announced that the McDonald's restaurant would hold a grand Re-opening ceremony later in the wee. Commissioner Lozano announced that the City's Summer recreation program was accepting applications. She also noted that the Swimming pool was open to the public

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2018.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

15. PRESENTATION FROM MR. CLIM GONZALEZ REGARDING CITY OF LA FERIA GAMING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Gonzalez requested that the City Commission consider repealing a moratorium on gaming that has been in place since 2013. He spoke specifically about the impact on his personal business. Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff called the meeting into Executive Session to receive legal advice from City Attorney Alison Bastian regarding the gaming laws in Texas and the city. Mayor Pro-Tem Hoff called the meeting back to order at 7:03 p.m. There was no action taken on this item.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND NOBLE TEXAS BUILDERS, LLC.

Mr. Sandoval stated that the LFIDC had agreed to lease the Chaparral building to Texas Noble Builders over a five year period with the option to purchase after three years. The company will be renovating

the property to accommodate up to fifty employees that will be relocating from their Weslaco offices. LFIDC Vice President stated the board is very excited to have reached an agreement on the lease that will benefit the Community. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the lease-purchase agreement between the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation and Noble Texas Builders, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DECLARING SURPLUS INVENTORY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL.

Mr. Sandoval explained that several items needed to be disposed of due to their condition. Included in the list were several computers and other computer accessories and components. The computers have all been stripped of their hard drives and other memory components. A Case backhoe is also listed in the surplus as it no longer functions and would be too expensive for the City to repair. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to declare these items surplus inventory and authorize their disposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2018-04 ADOPTING THE CITY OF LA FERIA WATER CONSERVATION PLAN.

The City is required to periodically update their water conservation plan by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-04 adopting the City of la Feria Water Conservation Plan. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2018-05 ADOPTING THE CITY OF LA FERIA DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 adopting the City of La Feria Drought Contingency Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) FOR FUNDING OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY EXPANSION.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to authorize the City Manager to initiate the application process to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for funding of Our Lady of the Lake University Expansion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2018-06 TO ESTABLISH KEEP LA FERIA BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2018-06 ESTABLISHING CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND SIGNATORIES IN REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCES.

Ms. Bastian explained that this resolution was required to establish authority for all real estate contracts that the City might enter into in the future and would not have to be reapproved for every contract. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve resolution 2018-06 establishing contracting authority and signatories in real estate conveyances. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.


14. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER AND ALTERNATE TO THE LRGVDC BOARD.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to appoint Commissioner Zuniga as a member and Commissioner Guevara as an alternate member to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

15. ADJOURN.

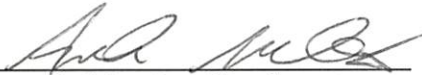
There being no further business to discuss Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary