

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, September 11, 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 |
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| Olga H. Maldonado | Mayor | Present |
| Jesse Zuniga | Commissioner /Mayor Pro-Tem | 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
Mr. David Phinney, Fire Chief
Mr. Robert Escobar, Planning Director

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Mayor Maldonado announced that the City would be giving out Sandbags in anticipation of severe weather. She also recognized the work being done by Public Works, Fire and Police Department staff in getting the City ready to face potential flooding.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 14, 2018.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP HELD AUGUST 21, 2018.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve all items under Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2018-14 ESTABLISHING CITY HOLIDAYS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

Mr. Sandoval noted that the city would observe eleven holidays and one "Floating Holiday" that would be available to all full-time regular employees. Commissioner Lozano made a

motion to approve Resolution 2018-14 establishing City Holidays for fiscal year 2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2018-15 AMENDING DATES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER 2018.

Regular City Commission meeting in October and December will be held on the First and Third Tuesdays of those months and on the Second and fourth Tuesdays of November. Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-15 amending dates for City Commission meetings to be held in October and December 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE LA FERIA EVENTS COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to appoint Serena Garcia and Donna Garcia to serve on the La Feria Events Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT- TX CDBG CONTRACT NO. 7217241.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve plans and specifications and to authorize City staff to advertise for construction bids for the City of La Feria Water Improvements Project – TX CDBG Contract No. 7218241. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 4 BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 4.07, PEDDLER AND SOLICITORS TO PROVIDE FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDOR REGULATIONS.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the current ordinance does not allow for mobile food vendors to operate in the City. He asked the Commission to review the proposed ordinance and give him some guidance in how they would like to proceed on this issue. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT FY2017 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT AWARD NO. EMW-2017-FH-00264 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,193.00.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the SAFER Grant would be used to hire four full time Firefighters and allow the City to offer full time coverage for the first time. Marisela Cortez of the office of Congressman Filemon Vela read a statement of support on behalf of the Congressman. Chief Phinney thanked the Commission for their support of the department and recognized several volunteer firefighters in attendance. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to accept FY2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant award No. EMW-2017-FH-00264 in the amount of \$244,193. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

13. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST TO RE-ZONE CCAD PROPERTY ID 180523/180524 BEING 2.92 ACRES RECOGNIZED AS MINNESOTA-TEXAS IRRIGATION LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 56, PTN34.55, LA FERIA.

CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. Robert explained that the request had been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their last meeting and the rezone is in compliance with the city's comprehensive plan for future development in the area. There were no comments from the public and Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11 RE-ZONING CCAD PROPERTY ID 180523/180524 BEING 2.92 ACRES RECOGNIZED AS MINNESOTA-TEXAS IRRIGATION LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 56, PTN34.55, LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-11 re-zoning CCAD property id 180523/180524 being 2.92 acres recognized as Minnesota-Texas Irrigation Land Company Subdivision, Block 56, PTN34.55, La Feria, Cameron County, Texas From R-1 Single Family Residential District To C-2 General Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously. Ms. Hayward read the caption of the Ordinance.

15. ADJOURN.

There being no further business to consider, Commissioner Lozano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



 Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Amanda Morales, City Secretary