

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, November 1, 2018**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.** in the La Feria Recreation Center, 901 Pancho Maples, 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	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
Mr. Ricardo Navarro, City Attorney
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

4. Closed Executive Session:

-Attorney consultation under Section 551.071, Texas Gov't Code to receive legal advice and counsel in connection with pending litigation styled and numbered as Philip vs City of La Feria, Texas, Cause No. 2016-CCL-01195-B (County Court At Law No. 2, Cameron County, Texas)(hereafter "Consolidated Lawsuit"); and "City of La Feria v STCHDI, et. al., Cause No. Cause No. 2017-DCL-02925 (107th Jud. Dist. Court - Cameron County, Texas), on appeal, La Feria v STCHDI, et. al., Case No. 13-18-00253-CV (13th COA - Corpus Christi, Texas) (hereafter "Business Entity Lawsuit"), and related legal matters.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 6:31 p.m.

5. Consideration and appropriate action, if any, to ratify a tentative mediation agreement negotiated with respect to pending litigation styled and numbered as Philip vs City of La Feria, Texas, Cause No. 2016-CCL-01195-B (County Court At Law No. 2, Cameron County, Texas)(hereafter "Consolidated Lawsuit"); and "City of La Feria v STCHDI, et. al., Cause No. Cause No. 2017-DCL-02925 (107th Jud. Dist. Court - Cameron County, Texas), on appeal, La Feria v STCHDI, et. al., Case No. 13-18-00253-CV (13th COA - Corpus Christi, Texas) (hereafter "Business Entity Lawsuit"), and related action items to effectuate a final agreement.

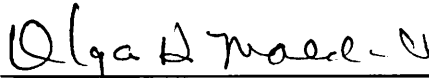
Mr. Navarro explained that upon his being terminated as City Manager in 2016, Sunny Phillip filed a lawsuit against the City for breach of contract. The City countersued based on mismanagement of the City's finances found by the new administration. Mr. Navarro

explained that through a long mediation process, a settlement has been reached wherein Mr. Phillip has agreed to drop all claims against the City with prejudice and pay the City of La Feria \$15,000. The City also agrees to drop all claims against Mr. Philip with prejudice. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve ratification the mediation agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

6. **ADJOURN.**

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary