

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.** in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 E. Commercial Ave., 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.

**3. 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
Devin Martinez	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  
Mr. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:**

Mayor Maldonado announced that the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade would be held on Saturday December 14.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2019.**

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

7. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST TO RE-ZONE CCAD PROPERTY ID 181113, LOT 2 LA FERIA BUSINESS PARK I- INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 – GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm. Developer Dustin Moore addressed the commission and explained that the zoning change was required to proceed with the construction of a Dollar Tree business on the lot. The public hearing was closed at 6:32 PM.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST TO RE-ZONE CCAD PROPERTY ID 181113, LOT 2 LA FERIA BUSINESS PARK I- INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 – GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve the request to re-zone CCAD Property ID 181113, Lot 2 La FERIA Business Park From I- Industrial District To C-2 – General Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST TO RE-ZONE CCAD PROPERTY ID 176455, 1.314 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF A 2.00 TRACT OF LAND OF BLOCK 1 L.R. BEDDOES SUBDIVISION, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:34 PM. Mr. Ortiz explained that the item had been denied by the Planning & Zoning Board at their last meeting. The requestor, Martin Sierra addressed the Commission regarding his plans to open a vehicle inspection station at the location. Mr. Sandoval explained that the City's Land use plan did not allow for commercial zoning in this area. Commissioner Lozano asked that staff be given time to determine how the change in zoning and construction of a business would effect the property values of surrounding homes. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:52 PM.

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST TO RE-ZONE CCAD PROPERTY ID 176455, 1.314 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF A 2.00 TRACT OF LAND OF BLOCK 1 L.R. BEDDOES SUBDIVISION, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve the request to re-zone CCAD Property ID 176455, 1.314 Acres of land out of A 2.00 Tract of Land of Block 1 L.R. Beddoes Subdivision, From R-1 Residential District To C-2 General Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The motion passed with Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and Commissioners Martinez and Garcia voting in favor and Commissioners Guevara and Lozano voting against. Commissioner Lozano clarified that she voted against the rezone because she wanted to get more information on why the Planning & Zoning board denied the request and how the change would impact surrounding properties, not because she is opposed to the proposed business.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2019-11 CLOSING MAIN STREET FOR THE ANNUAL LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11 closing Main Street for the annual Lighted Christmas parade to be held on December 141, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NOMINATION TO THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to nominate Alan Ozuna to the Cameron Appraisal District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

**13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF LA FERIA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY LEAVE POLICY FOR NATURAL DISASTERS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve an amendment to the City of La Feria personnel policy manual to include Emergency leave policy for natural disasters and inclement weather. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to appoint Leticia Sanchez Garza, Alexis Torrez, Betty Jean Ortiz, and Victor Gonzalez to the La Feria Events Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2019-12 REGARDING WRECKER SERVICES.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the Ordinance is being updated to limit the number of wreckers on the City's rotation list to 13 and stipulates that they must respond to calls for service within 20 minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12 regarding wrecker services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FARM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH STEVE WOLF FOR 4.80 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF BEAKLEY SUBDIVISION BLOCK 4, CAMERON COUNTY LOCATED ON KELLEY DR., LA FERIA, TX.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve a farm lease agreement with Steve Wolf for 4.80-acre tract of land out of Beakley Subdivision Block 4, Cameron County Located on Kelley Dr., La Feria, TX. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**17. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FARM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JOSH RUIZ, MID VALLEY AGRICULTURE LLC FOR 23.00-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF MINN-TEX SUBDIVISION BLOCK 45 & 56 CAMERON COUNTY LOCATED ON FM506.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve a farm lease agreement with Josh Ruiz, Mid Valley Agriculture, LLC for 23.00-acre tract of land out of Minn-Tex Subdivision Block 45 & 56 Cameron County, Located on FM 506. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**18. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE LA FERIA FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES.**

Ms. Hayward recommended approval of the guidelines with the exception of section 100-08 regarding disciplinary action as the City's current policy manual already covers that. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve La Feria Fire & Rescue standard operating procedures and guidelines without section 100-08. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

**19. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

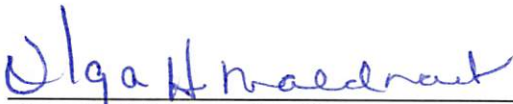
**20. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED SLATE OF NOMINEES TO BE APPOINTED TO THE RGV PARTNERSHIP.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the recommended slate of nominees to be appointed to the RGV Partnership. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

**21. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem 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