

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER  
Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, May 28, 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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alma Martinez-Botello addressed the Commission regarding her opposition the Oleander Street Market.

**5. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

There were no announcements from the Commission.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 23, 2019.**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 14, 2019.**

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

**7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08 SUSPENDING THE JUNE 5, 2019 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AEP TEXAS INC.'S**

**REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN AEP TEXAS INC.'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ROCHELLE & TOWNSEND, P.C., AS REPRESENTATIVE ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-08 suspending the June 5, 2019 effective date of AEP Texas Inc.'s requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas and authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s requested rate change proceedings before the commission; hiring Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., as representative attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA UTILITY BOARD.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the terms of all current board members had expired more than a year ago. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to appoint Javier Martinez, Ivan Trevino, Victor Gonzalez, and Elizabeth Perez to the La Feria Utility Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2019-09 AUTHORIZING OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDING.**

Mr. Sandoval stated that the grant would provide the City with forty thousand dollars to be used on overtime for officers. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-09 authorizing operation Stonegarden grant application and accepting funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2019-10 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FIRE, AMBULANCE AND SERVICE TRUCK FUND.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the City was applying for a \$500 thousand grant to purchase a Fire truck and other equipment for the Fire department. The city would be

required to contribute only five thousand dollars in matching funds. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10 authorizing submission of a grant application for the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Fire, Ambulance and Service Truck fund. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

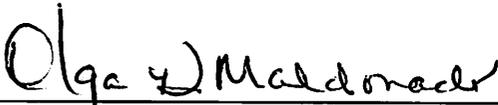
**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2019-04 CLOSING WEST OLEANDER AVE. FROM WEST ST. TO EAST ST. ON JUNE 8, 2019.**

Jose Becerra and Carmen Cadena of the Oleander Street Market addressed the Commission regarding their plans for what they hope will become a monthly event. Ms. Cadena explained that they had no plans to block access to any homes or obstruct other businesses in the area. They asked that the ordinance be amended to note that the streets only be closed only as far as the Coffee shop located on the west side of Oleander Street. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-04 closing Oleander Ave. from West St. to East St. on June 8, 2019 with the amendment noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously. Ms. Hayward read the caption of the Ordinance.

**12. 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:**

  
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 Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Amanda Morales, City Secretary