

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER
Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, October 15, 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 Pro-Tem Zuniga declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Absent
Jesse Zuniga	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Devin Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Absent
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:

Mr. Sandoval noted that early voting would begin October 21 and run through November first with Election Day being November 5. The Commission Meeting Room will be the only polling location for this election.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1, 2019.

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

7. OPEN COMMENTS TO PUBLIC TO DISCUSS TXCDBG CONTRACT 7217241 FOR FINAL PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga opened the public hearing at 6:32 P.M. Anthony Covacevic of Grantworks explained that the public hearing was required to close out the project. There were no other comments and the public hearing was closed at 6:33P.M.

8. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO MF MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT FOR CCAD 182997, LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS LOT 1, SIERRA ALTO MOBILE HOME TYPE B SUBDIVISION BEING 0.680 ACRE, LOCATED AT 10969 SIERRA AVE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga opened the public hearing at 6:33 P.M. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed 6:33 P.M.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION A REQUEST FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO MF MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT FOR CCAD 182997, LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS LOT 1, SIERRA ALTO MOBILE HOME TYPE B SUBDIVISION BEING 0.680 ACRE, LOCATED AT 10969 SIERRA AVE.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the rezone had been approved at the last meeting of the Planning & Zoning Board. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the zone change from R-1 Single Family Residential District to MF- Multi Family District for CCAD 18997, Legal Description Lot 1, Sierra Alto Mobile Home Type B Subdivision being 0.680 acre, located at 10969 Sierra Ave. the motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2019-09 REGARDING AN INCREASE TO THE CITY MATCHING RATIO FOR TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-09 regarding an increase to the City matching ratio for Texas Municipal Retirement System. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONTINUE RECEIVING FROM THE TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION CHARITABLE BINGO OPERATIONS DIVISION A SHARE OF THE BINGO PRIZE (HB 914).

Mr. Sandoval explained that the item would allow the City to keep getting fees for legal bingo operations in the City. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve continuing to receive from the Texas Lottery Commission Charitable Bingo operations Division a share of the Bingo Prize under HB 914. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW THE MIDVALLEY BUSINESS NETWORK TO USE THE SPORTS COMPLEX PARK FOR A CAR SHOW AND TOY DRIVE.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to allow the Mid-Valley Business Network to use the Sports Complex Park for a car show and toy drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH R. GUTIERREZ ENGINEERING CORP. FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY A TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE GRANT.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the firm had worked with the City on securing a One-Million-dollar grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The next step in the project was to appoint an engineer to begin working on plans for improvements to the parks. He stated that since R. Gutierrez Engineering Corp. was already serving as City Engineer there was no need to advertise for proposals from other firms. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve a professional services contract with R. Gutierrez Engineering Corp. for park improvements funded by a Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed with Commissioners Garcia and Martinez and Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga voting in favor and Commissioner Guevara voting against it.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH R. GUTIERREZ ENGINEERING CORP. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY THE USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed with Commissioners Garcia and Martinez and Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga voting in favor and Commissioner Guevara voting against it.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2020 WITH THE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve an application for membership year 2020 with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

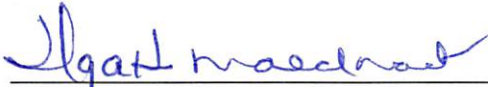
16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR USE OF SPORTS COMPLEX BY TEXAS LADY SPARTANS FOR HOME GAMES TO BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY TO MAY 2020 AND FOR PRACTICE ON OCTOBER 19, 2019.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the request for use of the Sports Complex by Texas lady Spartans for Home games to be held from February to May 2020 and for practice on October 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

17. ADJOURN.

There being no further business to consider, Commissioner Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary