

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA RECREATION CENTER  
Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, September 24, 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	Present
Jesse Zuniga	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Devin Martinez	Commissioner	Absent
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:**

There were no announcements.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2019.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2019-07 REGARDING WASTE AND BRUSH RATES.**

There was no action taken on this item.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.**

Mr. Sandoval stated that a balanced budget was being presented. He also noted that the budget includes improved benefits for employees including an increase to the amount that the City matches for employee retirement. Currently the city matches employees' contributions at 1:1 this budget increases the match to 1.5:1. The budget also includes a one-time pay raise of 2%. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2019-08 REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.**

Mr. Rios explained that the tax rate was remaining at \$0.76000 per \$100 valuation for the third consecutive year. Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-08 regarding as valorem tax rates for fiscal year 2019-2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed by the following vote: Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga – Aye, Commissioner Martinez- Absent, Commissioner Garcia-Aye, Commissioner Guevara-Aye, Commissioner Lozano-Aye.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FROM JESSICA ESMERALDA SOSA TO ALLOW A BEER & WINE ON PREMISE LICENSE AND A LATE HOURS PERMIT TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AS HERMANOS SPORTS BAR.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Mr. Ortiz explained that letters had been sent to all property owners within a 200-foot radius from the business and he had not received any response in favor or against the proposed Special Use Permit. Mr. Ismael Moreno representing the business also offered to answer any questions from the Commission regarding the permit application. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FROM JESSICA ESMERALDA SOSA TO ALLOW A BEER & WINE ON PREMISE LICENSE AND A LATE HOURS PERMIT TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AS HERMANOS SPORTS BAR.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the request for a special use permit from Jessica Esmeralda Sosa to allow a beer & wine on premise license and a late hours permit to conduct business as Hermanos Sports Bar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON ON BEHALF OF ITS DEPARTMENT OF BROWNSVILLE REGIONAL CAMPUS AND THE CITY OF LA FERIA FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TO CARRY OUT THE TU SALUD SI CUENTA PROGRAM.**

Community Health Worker Evelia Duran addressed the Commission regarding the program. She explained the various free fitness classes being offered including a new chair exercise class and Zumba. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a service agreement between the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston on behalf of its Department of Brownsville Regional Campus and the City of La Feria for community health worker to carry out the tu salud si cuenta program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2019-16 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to re-appoint Glenn Sowers, John Drawe and Darrel Guerra to the Planning & Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

**14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2019-20 TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to appoint Frank Loya to the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2019-21 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE MAIN STREET/DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FUND; AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-21 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Main street/Downtown revitalization fund; and authorizing Mayor of La Feria, Texas, to act as the City's authorized representative in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**16. 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 Lozano and passed unanimously.

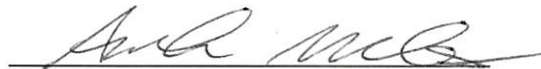
APPROVED:



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Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Amanda Morales, City Secretary