

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.** in the La City Commission Meeting Room, 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. The following staff members were present at said meeting:

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

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
Mr. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director
Ms. Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney
Mr. Julian Rodriguez, Police Captain

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 2022.

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-05 AUTHORIZING OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDING.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the Resolution 2022-05 authorizing Operation Stonegarden Grant Application and accepting funding. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2022-06 AUTHORIZING DENIAL OF AEP TEXAS INC.'S DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR FILING; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER AEP-SERVED CITIES AS A PARTY IN THE FILING, AUTHORIZING RETAINAGE OF LEGAL COUNSEL; AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 authorizing denial of AEP Texas Inc.'s Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Filing; Authorizing participation with other AEP-served Cities as

a party in the filing , authorizing retainage of legal counsel; and addressing related matters. The motion was seconded by Commission Lozano and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-07 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

There was no action taken on this item.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-08 REGARDING PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 appointing Laurie Villarreal and Leobardo Martinez to the Planning & Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING 2022 CITY EVENTS, SUMMER PROGRAMS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the swimming pool needs minimal repairs to be ready to operate, however, there is no guarantee that we will be able to hire enough certified lifeguards to staff the pool. Mr. Rodriguez stated that operating hours may need to be reduced to accommodate the number of lifeguards are hired. Mr. Rodriguez also informed the Commission that it was not possible to have a summer recreation program because the air conditioning units need to be replaced and the parts are on backorder until at least September. An Independence Day Event is being planned for July and will include a BBQ cookoff and car show. There was no action taken on this item.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATE OF CITY CAPITAL PROJECTS.

Mr. Sandoval offered updates on several city projects. The Police Department project has all necessary funding in place. The Public Works Warehouse upgrades will require some electrical and plumbing work that will be bid out. Engineers working on drainage projects will present their preliminary report in the coming weeks. After issuing Requests for proposals for street projects only one bid was received. Staff will reevaluate the specifications and readvertise. Several parks will receive new restroom facilities and Cameron County has agreed to resurface basketball courts and walking trails. Fencing and inclusive playscapes will also be installed in City parks. There was no action taken on this item.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM FOR THE NEW LA FERIA POLICE STATION.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to select architectural firm CG5 for the new La Feria Police Station. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FINAL PLAT FOR NORTHWIND SUBDIVISION, OWNER IS MR. RODOLFO RUIZ, JR. PROJECT ENGINEER IS GUZMAN AND MUNOZ ENGINEERING.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the final plat for Northwind Subdivision, Owner is Mr. Rodolfo Ruiz, Jr. Project Engineer is guzman and Munoz Engineering. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

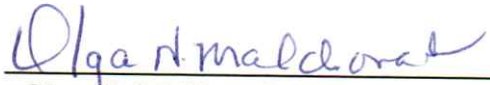
14. INFRAMARK MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT.

There was no action on this item.

15. ADJOURN.


There being no further business to discuss, Lozano 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