

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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 Pro-Tem Guevara declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Devin Martinez	Commissioner	Absent
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/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. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
- Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director
- Ms. Alison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney
- Mr. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director
- Mr. Julian Rodriguez, Police Captain

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andres Capuchines addressed the commission regarding a weedy lot problem near his home.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 27, 2021.

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED TAX RATE CALCULATION FOR TAX YEAR 2021(FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022) AND SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Rios explained that the proposed tax rate will remain the same as the last five years. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate calculation for tax year 2021 (fiscal year 2021-2022) and set date for a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROJECT OF THE LFIDC FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO PROMOTE NEW AND EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 501.158, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Mr. Ortiz explained that the project includes paving of most streets in the City beginning with streets serving the business district. The note will be repaid using sales tax revenues. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve a project of the LFIDC for certain infrastructure improvements to promote new and expanded business development, pursuant to Section 501.158, Texas Government Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS ("CITY"), APPROVING (I) THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ("CORPORATION") REGARDING A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,531,250.00; (II) A SALES TAX REMITTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CORPORATION; (III) RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE LOAN; AND (IV) THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF THE CITY AND THE SALES TAX REMITTANCE AGREEMENT.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve a resolution of the city commission of the city of La FERIA, Texas ("city"), approving (i) the resolution of the board of directors of La FERIA Industrial Development Corporation ("corporation") regarding a loan in the amount of \$2,531,250.00; (ii) a sales tax remittance agreement between the city and the corporation; (iii) resolving other matters incident and related to the loan; and (iv) the authority of the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the city, a general certificate of the city and the sales tax remittance agreement. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-14 APPROVING THE PROCEEDS OF A NOTE WHICH SHALL BE USED TO FINANCE EXPENDITURES UNDER A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 501.158, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE COMPLETION OF AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO PROMOTE NEW AND EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 approving the proceeds of a note which shall be used to finance expenditures under a performance agreement entered in accordance with section 501.158, Texas Government Code for the completion of an authorized project for certain infrastructure improvements to promote new and expanded business development. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-15 REGARDING A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.

Capt. Rodriguez explained that the department plans to replace three 2016 chargers with 2020 Ford explorer police units. The vehicles will be fully equipped for patrol, but radios will need to be purchased separately. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15 regarding a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring vehicles and related equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LFIDC AND MARIA ELENA MENDOZA/LA VILLA BUSINESS CENTER.

Mr. Ortiz explained that the LFIDC had approved a loan and grant totaling \$36,900 for the completion of a parking lot at the La Villa Business Center. The LFIDC will retain a lien on the property. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve an economic development incentives

agreement between the LFIDC and Maria Elena Mendoza/La Villa Business Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

12. ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary