

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, August 9, 2022**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, August 9, 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 Pro-Tem Guevara 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	Present
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Absent
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director
Mr. Alfonso Rodriguez, Public Works Director
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
Ms. Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 26, 2022.

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED TAX RATE CALCULATION FOR TAX YEAR 2022(FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023) AND SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Rios explained that this item was needed as part of the budget process. He is not recommending an increase to the current tax rate. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a proposed tax rate calculation for tax year 2022 (fiscal year 2022-2023) and set a date for a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-20 TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM FY 2023 OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve resolution 2022-20 to authorize application and accept funding from FY 2023 Operation Lone Star Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

8. PRESENTATION REGARDING DRAINAGE PROJECTS BY FULCRUM ENGINEERING.

A representative of Fulcrum Engineering presented preliminary results of a drainage study they conducted. He pointed to six specific projects that would alleviate flooding throughout the city. There was no action taken on this item.

9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REGARDING DRAINAGE CONDITIONS.

Mr. Rodriguez shared videos of drainage lines that had recently been cleaned out. He noted several areas with damage or other obstructions that need to be repaired. All drainage lines in the city have been cleaned and will allow water to flow more quickly. There was no action taken on this item.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PURCHASE AN INCLUSIVE PLAYSCAPE AND PARK EQUIPMENT FROM PARK PLACE RECREATION DESIGNS – BUYBOARD CONTRACT #592-19.

Mr. Sandoval presented the plans for a new inclusive playscape. The playscape will allow children with disabilities to enjoy the park facilities. The total cost of the new playscape is \$232,821.00. The funds will be taken from the one million dollar grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the purchase of an inclusive playscape and park equipment from Park Place Recreation Designs – Buyboard contract #592-19. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A CITY-WIDE WATER METER REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE PROJECT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC.

Mr. Sandoval explained that replacing all water meters was no longer financially feasible due to high interest rates. His recommendation is to budget funds over several years and gradually replace meters throughout the city. There was no action taken on this item.

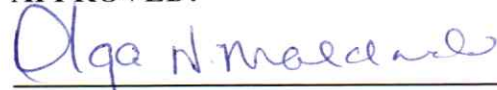
12. INFRAMARK MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.

George Quilantan of Inframark presented a monthly status report for the water and wastewater treatment plants and noted repairs or improvements made to lift stations.

13. ADJOURN.

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary