

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 8, 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.

| 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               | Present |
| Donato Garcia       | Commissioner               | Present |

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager  
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary  
Mr. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD  
JANUARY 25, 2022.**

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 ON AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A  
GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 7, 2022 FOR THE POSITIONS OF  
MAYOR, COMMISSIONER PLACE 1 AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 2.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01 Ordering a general election to be held May 7, 2022, for the positions of Mayor, Commissioner Place 1 and Commissioner Place 2. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE  
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND  
REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES  
RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – 2019 DR-**

**4454 LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND SEVERE SOUTH TEXAS STORMS OF 2018 DR-4377 GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO).**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the engineering services are needed to begin work on drainage issues noted in a report by Ambiotec. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to authorize issuing requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services related to the community development block grant – 2019 dr-4454 Lower Rio Grande Valley and severe South Texas storms of 2018 dr-4377 grant program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE NEW POLICE STATION VIA THE USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM.**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to authorize a request for qualification (RFQ) for architectural services for the new police station via the USDA Community Facilities Loan Program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-01 ACCEPTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS COMPLETE.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 accepting construction completion of the City of La Feria Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements project as complete. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2022-02 AMENDING THE CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT PERTAINS TO THE USE AND PLACEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE RECEPTACLES.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the changes to the Ordinance will prohibit trash bins from being left out in the street or blocking parking areas. Commissioner Lozano commented that residents should be notified of the change on their water bills. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02 amending the City of La Feria Code of Ordinances as it pertains to the use and placement of residential garbage receptacles. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESALE OF FORCLOSED REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY AD VALOREM TAXES. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SOUTH ½ OF LOT 8, BLOCK E, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 550, PAGE 227, DEED RECORDS OF CAMERON, COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 29-5940-0050-0081-00).**


The property was sold at auction to the highest bidder for three thousand dollars. The city is entitled to \$24.92 from the sale of the property. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Reslution 2022-02 authorizing the resale of foreclosed real estate properties for failure

to pay ad valorem taxes. Legal Description: South ½ Of Lot 8, Block E, Original Townsite To The City Of La Feria, Cameron County, Texas, As Described In Volume 550, Page 227, Deed Records Of Cameron , County , Texas. (Acct. No. 29-5940-0050-0081-00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**12. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to discuss, Lozano 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**