

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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 Maldonado 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	Absent
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

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 DECEMBER 17, 2019.

B. APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOAN/GRANT PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED

\$5,000,000 THAT WILL INCLUDE \$2,500,000 FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS, \$2,000,000 FOR NEW POLICE STATION AND \$500,000 FOR NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:35 PM. Mr. Sandoval explained that the hearing was the last step in the application process. The project would include the construction of a new Police Station to be located near the existing Public Works Warehouse. The Warehouse will also be updated and improved as it is not currently being used on a regular basis. All public works operations would be relocated to that building. Several months ago, the commission reviewed several streets that are in need of improvement. Commissioner Guevara noted that the proposed site of the new Police Station was prone to flooding. Mr. Sandoval explained that the street repairs would include upgrades to drainage to mitigate flooding in the city. There was no action taken on this item and Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:37 PM.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CITY OF LA FERIA GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2020 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR.

Remi Garza, Cameron County Election Administrator addressed the Commission regarding an increase to the contract amount due to an increase in pay for Election Clerks and Judges. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to select Cameron County Elections Department to administer the City of La Feria general Election scheduled for May 2, 2020 and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the Cameron County Elections Administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTING SITES FOR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 2020.

Mr. Garza again addressed the Commission to explain that City Hall is the ideal location for elections to be held in La Feria. However, he is also requesting use of the Fire Station for Election Day only in the Primary Elections to be held on March 3, 2020. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve the use of City Hall and the Fire Station for elections to be held in 2020 as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2020-01 CLOSING CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE FIESTA DE LA FERIA.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01 closing certain streets for the Fiesta de La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously. Ms. Hayward read the caption.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM KENNY'S FUNLAND ALLOWING THEM TO OPERATE A CARNIVAL AT 101 INDUSTRIAL WAY, LA FERIA, TX.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve a specific use permit for Kenny's Funland allowing them to operate a Carnival at 101 Industrial Way, La Feria, TX. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 6:48 PM.

12. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ATTORNEY CLIENT CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOV'T CODE REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION STYLED JANIE CAMPOS V. CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS DONATO GARCIA AND ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ; CAUSE NO. 2019-DCL-06043-I.

There was no action taken during this item. Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 7:40 PM.

13. ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner 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