

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 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	Absent
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Present
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  
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary  
Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2023.**

**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 Martinez and passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO WAIVE WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES FOR ONGOING SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENTS BY ZARATE HOME & DESIGNS.**

Oscar Zarate addressed the commission about his request for water and wastewater fees to be waived. He clarified that the fees will still be paid by the builders of the homes rather than the developer. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to waive water and wastewater fees for ongoing fees for ongoing subdivision developments by Zarate Home & Designs. The motion was seconded by commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2023-02 ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE POSITIONS OF COMMISSIONER PLACE 3, COMMISSIONER PLACE 4, AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 5.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 ordering a general election to be held May 6, 2023, for the positions of Commissioner Place 3, Commissioner Place 4, and

Commissioner Place 5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the contract with Cameron County Elections Department for the election to be held May 6, 2023 with the stipulation that election workers hired not be residents of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

9. **REPORTS BY STAFF:**

- **AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT AT RECREATION CENTER**
- **PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES**
- **STREET IMPROVEMENTS**
- **PARK IMPROVEMENTS**
- **DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**
- **WATER PLANT CLARIFIER IMPROVEMENTS**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND SAFETY SHIELDS**
- **FIESTA DE LA FERIA**

Mr. Sandoval explained that parts for the recreation center air conditioning is back ordered. The public works facility is almost complete. All streets approved in phase one have been completed. The park improvements will be completed soon and include resurfaced basketball courts and jogging trails with new LED lights. City Engineers will be providing a report on drainage projects at an upcoming commission meeting. The public safety building plans are still on hold until USDA funding is released. Chief Diaz noted that the department now has ballistic shields for all officers as well as extras for other agencies. Three new police patrol vehicles were recently delivered. The shield and vehicles were purchased with grant funding. There was no action on this item.

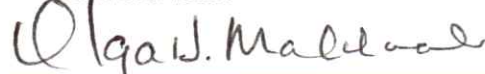
10. **INFRAMARK MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.**

George Quilantan addressed the commission regarding repairs and improvements made in the last month to the City's water and wastewater facilities. There was no action taken on this item.

11. **ADJOURN.**

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary