

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 26, 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 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	Present
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
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 JANUARY 12, 2021.

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RELEASE THE CITY OF LA FERIA LEASEHOLD OR OTHER REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 311 W. 1ST ST., WHICH IS OWNED BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFIDC), FOR POSSIBLE CONVEYANCE BY THE LFIDC TO AMERICAN TOWER ASSET SUB II, LLC, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR CITY COMMISSION TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, DEED, AFFIDAVITS, AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM.

Ms. Hayward explained that a the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation sold a property they own but upon inspecting documents, it was revealed that the City was incorrectly listed as the owner of the property. Approval of this item will allow the sale of the property to be finalized. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to release the City of La Feria leasehold or other real property interests in the property located at 311 W. 1st street, which is owned by

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PERTAINING OUT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES ARISING OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to extend the declaration of local disaster pertaining to the public health emergency pertaining out of public health issues arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCING OPTIONS RELATED TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CAPITAL REINVESTMENT PROJECT BY SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC BUILDINGS AMERICAS, INC.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the RFP process did not obligate the City to enter into any agreements or to continue with the project. The goal of issuing the request for proposals is to get a sense of the funding available to the City if the Commission does decide to continue with the project. Commissioner Martinez asked whether the project was imperative at this time or if City funds could be better spent on other projects. When asked by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara how the installation of new water meters would affect customers, Mr. Sandoval explained that water bills would initially increase water bills due to more accurate readings than the current meters are capable of. This would also reduce water loss and loss of water revenue for the city due to the current meters not being as accurate. Lizzy Putengnat of Schneider Electric stated to the Commission that the increase in revenue generated by the more accurate meters would offset the cost of financing the project.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to authorize staff to advertise a request for proposals for financing options related to the energy efficiency and capital reinvestment project by Schneider Electric Building Americas, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A FOOD TRAILER ON CAD PROPERTY ID #85774, DUNN ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 3, LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed at 7:13 PM.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A FOOD

TRAILER ON CAD PROPERTY ID # 85774, DUNN ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1&2, BLOCK 3, LA FERIA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the request for a specific use permit to allow the operation of a food trailer on CAD Property ID #85774, Dunn Acres Subdivision, Lots 1&2, Block 3, La Feria, Cameron County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE LAW FIRM OF DNRB&Z, P.C. AND THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

Ms. Hayward explained that the hourly rates for legal services would be increased under this agreement. Commissioner Lozano asked Mr. Rios if he had any concerns about the increase in rates effecting the city budget and he stated that there should not be a significant increase to expenditures with the agreement being updated. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve an agreement for general counsel legal services between the law firm of DNRB&Z, P.C. and the City of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

12. 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