

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 12:00 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
Jesse Zuniga	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Absent
Devin Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Absent
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD
MAY 26, 2020.**

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

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2020-06 ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the Ordinance would allow for the city to recoup some of the cost incurred when responding to certain incidents. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06 establishing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of Emergency and non-emergency services by the fire department for services provided for the City of La FERIA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENTERING INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FIRE RECOVERY USA, LLC FOR BILLING SERVICES.

This agreement would allow Fire Recovery USA, LLC to bill the insurance carriers of citizens that require emergency and non-emergency services from the Fire Department. Fire Recovery USA, LLC would be compensated from a portion of the amount collected on behalf of the City. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve entering into a service agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC for billing services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENTERING INTO AN INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY.

Mr. Sandoval explained that this item is regarding the city's participation in the 2-1-1 system. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve entering into an interagency collaborative agreement with Community Council of the Rio Grande Valley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATION ON CITY OF LA FERIA BUSINESS CASE REPORT – PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS BY SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC.

Representatives of Schneider Electric presented the results of a preliminary assessment of the City's utility expenses. The assessment included reviews of the City's water revenue loss due to faulty meters, electricity costs for all facilities and public lighting. There was no action taken on this item.

11. ADJOURN.

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

APPROVED:

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda Morales, City Secretary