

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, March 23, 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  
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 FEBRUARY 9, 2021.**

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 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 Lozano 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZATION CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMPRISING OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES, GRANT APPLICATION AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH AND NOT LIMITED TO LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS, AND GENERAL CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the City's current grant management firm has undergone some personnel changes that will affect the City. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to authorize City Manager to solicit requests for qualifications for professional project development services comprising of professional design services, grant application and development through and not limited to local, state and federal funds, and general consulting services related to the project development in accordance with the specifications contained in the request for qualifications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO EXTEND AGREEMENT WITH PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT COURT FINES AND FEES.**

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to extend the agreement with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP for Collection of delinquent court fines and fees for a period of five years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO 2021-01 PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS AND OTHER DEBTS.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01 providing for a fee to defray the costs of collecting delinquent fines, fees, court costs and other debts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND AGREEMENT WITH PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to extend the agreement with Perdue, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP for collection of delinquent taxes for five years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACTOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTS 7215279 & 713271.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that two projects that the City has reached a settlement agreement that calls for the City to be ineligible to receive CDGB funds for three years.

There is no fees or fines associated with the settlement. The issue stems from two projects that were approved years ago under the former administration. Records were not kept in a manner required by the grant agency and this settlement is the result of negotiations to remedy the problem. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to accept and approve a Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant program contractor settlement agreement for contracts 7215279 & 713271. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano 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 Zuniga and passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**



**Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Amanda Morales, City Secretary**