

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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.

The staff were said

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Absent
Devin Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

following members present at meeting:

Mr.

Jaime Sandoval,

City Manager

Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

Mr. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director

Ms. Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney

Mr. Julian Rodriguez, Police Captain

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2022.**

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

**6. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT REGARDING A PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON THE INSTALLATION, ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF MOBILE FOOD UNITS WITHIN THE CITY OF LA FERIA.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:32 pm. Mr. Sandoval explained that the City has been receiving a large amount of requests for mobile food truck permits. There is not currently a procedure for permitting these mobile units. The moratorium would allow staff to create a policy for allowing mobile food units to operate in the city. There were no additional comments from the public and the public hearing was closed at 6:34 pm.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2022-03 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT OF MOBILE FOOD UNITS.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03 imposing a moratorium on certain commercial property development of mobile food units. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD MAY 7, 2022 FOR THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR, COMMISSIONER PLACE 1 AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 2.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve an order of cancellation for general election scheduled to be held May 7, 2022 for the position of Mayor, Commissioner Place 1 and Commissioner Place 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE USE OF THE STORM SHELTER FOR TRAINING PURPOSES BY THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the use of the Storm Shelter for training purposes by the National Guard. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-02 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDING FOR STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the grants would be used to purchase new radios and other communications equipment. The city is not required to provide any matching funds. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 authorizing the submittal of grant application and accepting funding for statewide emergency radio infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-03 AUTHORIZING OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDING.**

Captain Rodriguez stated that the grant funding would be used to purchase a new patrol vehicle and related equipment. The grant would also fund overtime pay for officers in the amount of fourteen thousand dollars. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 authorizing operation stonegarden grant application and accepting funding. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-04 TO APPLY FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE UNDER THE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RDBG) PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE (RBS), AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 to apply for grant assistance under the rural business development grant (RDBG) program pursuant to the rules and regulations of the rural business-cooperative service (RBS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF T7 CERTIFICATION BUNDLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Captain Rodriguez stated that the Department is requesting to purchase 13 taser bundles. Training is included in the price of the purchase. An officer will also become certified to provide training on the devices in the future. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the purchase of T7 Certification bundles for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve a policy regarding the use of non-lethal weapons in the

police department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**17. PRESENTATION BY INFRAMARK.**

There was no action taken on this item.

**18. ADJOURN.**

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

**APPROVED:**

  
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**Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Amanda Morales, City Secretary**