

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, May 11, 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. Cesar Diaz, Police Chief
 Mr. Julian Rodriguez, Police Captain
 Ms. Eliza Mendez-Rodriguez, Communications Sergeant

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2021.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR WRECKER SERVICES.

Chief Diaz explained that there were several wrecker companies on the City's rotation that have not paid their annual dues and are not responding to calls in a timely manner. Chief Diaz is recommending that these companies be removed from the rotation. Mayor Maldonado suggested sending certified letters to these companies to notify them that they will be removed and give one last opportunity for them to pay

their dues and remain on the rotation. There was no action taken on this item.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REJECT ALL CONSTRUCTION BIDS RECEIVED ON MARCH 18, 2021 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF A CLARIFIER AT THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RE-ADVERTISE SAID PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS WITH CHANGES.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the two bids received were over budget. The project engineers are recommending that the bids be rejected, and the project re-advertised with new specifications that will bring the project within budget. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to reject all construction bids received on March 18, 2021 for the rehabilitation of a clarifier at the City's water treatment plant and to authorize staff to re-advertise said project improvements with changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NEGLECTED CONDITION OF A PORTION OF FIRST STREET USED EXCLUSIVELY BY INNOVATIVE BLOCK OF SOUTH TEXAS.

Mr. Sandoval explained that in 2005 the City allowed the street to be temporarily closed while Innovative Block was being constructed. The closure was not meant to be permanent. The street was not reopened as planned and has fallen into severe disrepair. Mayor Maldonado suggested reaching out to Innovative Block to come to an agreement for them to repair the street so that it can be re-opened to traffic. There was no action taken on this item.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRM OF BORDER/AFFAIRS, LLC.

At its last meeting the Commission selected Border/Affairs for professional services related to grant writing and project management. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve a contractual agreement with the firm of Border/Affairs, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-08 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

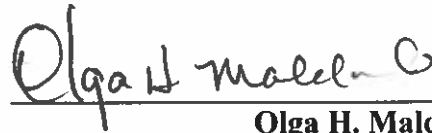
Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to appoint Michael Martinez and Gloria Casas to fill vacant positions on the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation beginning June 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-09 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to table this item. 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 Garcia and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor**ATTEST:**

Amanda Morales, City Secretary