

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, May 25, 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

Mayor Maldonado thanked all City staff involved in the funeral for former Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 11, 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. DISCUSSION REGARDING GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 36.

Ms. Hayward explained that the Governor's latest order prohibits municipalities from requiring face coverings at their facilities. Violations of the order could result in fines against the City. There was no action taken on this item.

7. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A BEER & WINE LATE HOUR PERMIT FOR 312 WEST 1ST STREET ON CAD PROPERTY ID # 86606, POTTER-WATSON SUBDIVISION, 11 FEET OF LOT 4 & LOT 5-6, BLOCK G, LA FERIA.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:35 PM. Mr. Ortiz explained that the hearing had been publicized in the newspaper and residents within 200 feet of the location were notified about the request. There were no comments received either in favor or against the Special Use permit application. The public hearing was closed at 7:36 PM.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC USE

PERMIT TO ALLOW A BEER & WINE LATE HOUR PERMIT FOR 312 WEST 1ST STREET ON CAD PROPERTY ID # 86606, POTTER-WATSON SUBDIVISION, 11 FEET OF LOT 4 & LOT 5-6, BLOCK G, LA FERIA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the request for specific Use permit to allow a beer and wine late hour permit for 312 West 1st Street on CAD ID#86606, Potter-Watson Subdivision, 11 feet out of Lot 4 & Lot 5-6, Block G, La Feria. The motion was seconded by commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSAL FROM INFRAMARK TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES.

Ed Schwab of Inframark made a presentation regarding their proposal to operate and maintain the City's water and wastewater facilities. He outlined the service that would be provided by the company, including sharing employees with their project in Weslaco and other cities in the state. He noted that the current City employees would be hired by Inframark and the City would no longer be responsible for their salaries or training. Mr. Sandoval also noted that any violations and related fees would be paid by the company rather than the City. There was no action taken on this item.

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

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to appoint Gloria Loya and Elizabeth Saucedo to fill vacancies on the board and to re-appoint all other members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

11. 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