

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, May 26, 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	Present
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 12, 2020.**

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve the item under Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2020-07 AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR’S CJ CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM 2020 AND ACCEPTING FUNDING.**

The city is not required to contribute any matching funds or this grant. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 authorizing a grant application to the Governor’s CJ Coronavirus Emergency supplemental funding program 2020 and accepting funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

7. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR FOR USE OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM AT CITY HALL FOR PRIMARY RUNOFF EARLY VOTING FROM JUNE 29, 2020 TO JULY 5, 2020.**

The City Commission had previously approved the use of city Hall for Early voting and election day from July 6 through July 14. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve the request from Cameron County Elections administrator for use of the City Commission meeting room at City Hall for Primary runoff early voting from June 29, 2020 to July 5, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REOPEN CERTAIN PARTS OF CITY FACILITIES INCLUDING CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBIES, PUBLIC LIBRARY AND WALKING TRAILS AT CITY PARKS.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that he and staff are preparing plans for how to reopen City Hall to the public in a safe manner. He is recommending that only the walking trails at city parks be open at this time. Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to give the City Manager authorization to open the walking trails at city parks only. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ESG OPERATIONS, INC. FOR SERVICES AT CITY OF LA FERIA WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that there is not currently a Director of water and wastewater treatment. This agreement would be in place for no more than 60 days in order to give administration time to fill the Director position. The agreement would provide the treatment plants with properly licensed personnel and allow the city to remain in compliance with TCEQ requirements while searching for a new Director. Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to enter into an agreement with ESG Operations, Inc. for services at City of La Feria water and wastewater treatment facilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA LOCATED ALONG EAST COMMERCIAL STREET IN THE LA FERIA-NORTH PARK ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION, ALONG RABB ROAD AND WEST OF SOUTH RABB ROAD IN THE RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AND ALONG PARKER ROAD IN THE MINN-TEX SUBDIVISION (APPROXIMATELY 49.42 ACRES); WITH REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE LA FERIA IDC LOCATED BETWEEN WILLOW AND CANAL STREET AND OFF FIRST STREET (APPROXIMATELY 7.252 ACRES).**

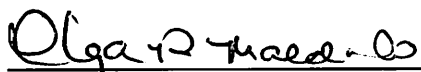
Mayor Po-Tem Zuniga made a motion to approve the exchange of property owned by the City of La Feria for certain real property owned by the La Feria Industrial

Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

11. **ADJOURN.**

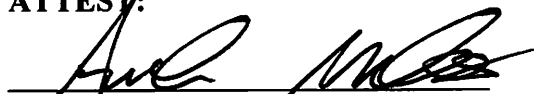
There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem Zuniga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**



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Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Amanda Morales, City Secretary