

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Tuesday, November 1, 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 Pro-Tem Guevara declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. The following staff members were present at said meeting:

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

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager  
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director  
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary  
Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney  
Mr. Cesar Diaz, Police Chief

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to move to item #9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LA FERIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF LA FERIA FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.**

Chief Diaz explained that the school district has requested that four officers be posted at schools during the day. Two officers will rotate among the elementary campuses, one officer will be posted at the junior high and one at the high school. The officers will not intervene in cases of violation of school rules. They are there to respond quickly to serious criminal activity at the schools only. The officers will work at the schools outside of their normal schedule. Hours worked at the schools will be paid at a rate of \$35 per hour. This pay will be reimbursed to the city by the school district on a quarterly basis. Commissioner Lozano requested that the Commission receive regular reports about what the officers are doing at the schools and how it is affecting their primary duties to the city. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between the La Feria Independent School District

and the City of La Feria for school resource officers. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 11, 2022.**
- B. **APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.**

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

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LA FERIA'S STORM WATER PROGRAM.**

Mr. Ortiz played a video that explained the Stormwater task force and their work to educate the public about the importance of keeping storm drains clear. There was no action taken on this item.

**7. DISCUSSION REGARDING DATES FOR LIGHTING OF THE TREE AND CHRISTMAS PARADE EVENTS.**

The commission discussed possible dates for the lighting of the tree and Christmas parade. After considering the dates of these events in the past, the commission recommended that the lighting of the tree event be held on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Christmas parade be held on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2022-11 ESTABLISHING STOPS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS INCLUDING PANCHO MAPLES AND SOUTH WEST ST, SOUTH PARKER AND EAST LILAC AVE., AND SOUTH PARKER ROAD AND SOUTH PINE AVE.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that he has received several complaints about speeding in the areas where stop signs are being proposed. Commissioner Lozano noted several errors in the text of the ordinance that will be corrected before the ordinance is signed by Mayor Maldonado. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11 establishing stops at certain intersections including Pancho Maples and South West St, South Parker and East Lilac Ave., and South Parker Road and South Pine Ave. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

**10. INFRAMARK MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.**

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

**APPROVED:**

*Olga H. Maldonado*

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Amanda Morales*

Amanda Morales, City Secretary