

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Tuesday, November 22, 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	Absent
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.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to move to item #13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

13. PRESENTATION BY RESEARCH APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND SERVICES, INC. (RATES) AND THE LRGV TPDES STORMWATER TASK FORCE PARTNERSHIP, INC. (TASK FORCE) REGARDING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT A TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDV) FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CATEGORY 1 FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT.

Andy Earnest presented information on the Storm water task force and category 1 flood management project. The project consists of placing monitoring devices in areas prone to flooding to alert the city of high-water levels or possible flood risks. There was no action taken on this item.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to go to item #16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

16. INFRAMARK MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.

George Quilantan addressed the commission regarding repairs and maintenance done to lift stations and gave an update on the installation of a new clarifier at the water treatment plant. There was no action taken on this item.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to move to item #17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously. Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into closed session at 7:18 pm.

17. CLOSED SESSION FOR ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEX. GOV'T CODE, FOR LEGAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAWSUIT STYLED AND NUMBERED JUAN YBARRA V. CITY OF LA FERIA, CAUSE NO. 2020-DCL-061215-G (404TH DISTRICT COURT-CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS).

There was no action taken on this item. Mayor Maldonado reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:25 pm.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2022.

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #4 TO THE STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITH FOREMOST PAVING COMPANY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve change order #4 to the street construction project with Foremost Paving, Inc. the motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR THE WATER PLANT PROJECT WITH RENOWORKS.

Mr. Sandoval explained that this change order is to add more time to the project due to weather delays. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for the water plant project with Renoworks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SIGLER, WINSTON, AND GREENWOOD FOR THE WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

This amendment is needed to the change order for the water plant project. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve an amendment to a professional services agreement with Sigler, Winston, and Greenwood for the water plant improvement project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2022-12 CLOSING

STREETS FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE EVENT TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2022-13 CLOSING STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2022.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE RECREATION CENTER HVAC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Mr. Sandoval explained that three bids were received. The lowest bidder was Mechanical Star. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to select Mechanical Star for the recreation center HVAC improvements project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LEASES FOR CROP PRODUCTION WITH CARL BAUER, JR.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve a lease for crop production with Carl Bauer, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2022-14 AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATES.

Mr. Rios explained that the increase to water bills would not be effective until January 2023. Customers will be notified in their next bill to expect the increase. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14 amending water and sewer rates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

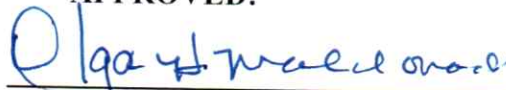
15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2022-15 AMENDING SOLID WASTE RATES.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-15 amending solid waste rates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

18. 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, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary