

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**  
**Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, November 23, 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	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. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comment from the public.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2021.**

**b. APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES.**

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

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CITY EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the Annual Fiesta de La Feria may have to be cancelled again this year or moved to a different date. Without an event planner available on staff, we are behind schedule to put on a successful event at the normal time at the beginning of February. However, changing the dates could conflict with other similar events in other cities that could draw crowds away from our event. Mayor Maldonado asked staff to find other solutions for putting on the event and continue looking for bands to perform. The commission also briefly discussed opening the recreation center in the summer to allow time to hire staff. The sports leagues and recreation center will be revisited at a later meeting. There was no action taken on this item.

7. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2021-07 CLOSING STREETS FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE EVENT ON NOVEMBER 30, 2021.**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07 closing streets for the Lighting of the tree event on November 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2021-08 CLOSING STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE ON DECEMBER 11, 2021.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-08 closing streets for the annual Christmas parade on December 11, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-20 APPROVING HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN UPDATES.**

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-20 approving Hazard Mitigation Action Plan updates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-21 REGARDING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING A SOLID WASTE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.**

Mr. Sandoval explained that the new solid waste truck would be financed over a ten year period. Due to production and delivery times, the vehicle would not be received until October 2022 and the first payment would not be due until October 2023. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-21 regarding a financial agreement for the purpose of procuring a solid waste truck and related equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

11. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK.**

Chief Phinney addressed the commission regarding his request to purchase a used 1994 International Wildland pumper. The vehicle would be used to supplement the other vehicles in rotation and could be stationed at the South Station to provide better coverage to that area. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the purchase of a fire truck.

12. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-22 REGARDING A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING A FIRE TRUCK.**

The fire truck purchase approved in the last item would be financed over a period of four years with the first payment due one year after delivery of the vehicle. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-22 regarding a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring a fire truck. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**13. PRESENTATION BY SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC ON THE INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT FINAL RESULTS FOR A POTENTIAL WATER METER AND ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT FOR THE CITY.**

Lizzy Putegnat of Scheider electric made a presentation regarding an enery audit the company conducted. Based on the study, they are recommending that the City purchase all new water meters for every account. The new meters are able to more accurately measure water use and transmit the data without the need for manual meter reading. The more accurate readings would result in higher revenues from more accurate water usage readings. There was no action taken on this item.

**14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT CONTINGENT ON LEGAL APPROVAL OF FINANCING AGREEMENT.**

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the schneider Electric Energy services contract for water meter project contingent on legal approval of financing agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Closed Session at 7:25 PM.

**15. CLOSED SESSION:**

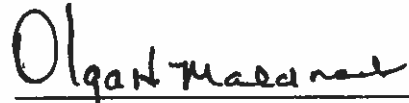
**a. DISCUSSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING DISMISSAL OF LAWSUIT JANIE CAMPOS VS. CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS, ET. AL., CAUSE NO. 2019-DCL-06043-I.**

There was no action taken on this item. The meeting was called back to order at 7:28PM.

**16. ADJOURN.**

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

APPROVED:



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Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Amanda Morales, City Secretary