

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, September 13, 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	Present
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Absent
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Absent
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director
Mr. David Phinney, Fire Chief
Mr. Julian Rodriguez, Police Captain
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
Ms. Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 23, 2022.

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. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ZONE CHANGE REQUEST BY PAUL RODRIGUEZ FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13470 E. BUS. HWY 83 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:31 PM. Mr. Ortiz explained that the zone change request was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board at their last meeting. There were no additional comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:33 PM.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONE CHANGE REQUEST BY PAUL RODRIGUEZ FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13470 E. BUS. HWY 83 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the zone change request by Paul Rodriguez for property located at 13470 E. Bus. Hwy 83 from R-1 Single Family District to C-2 General Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FINAL PLAT FOR GREENWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED ON MILE 3 EAST ROAD (ETJ).

Mr. Ortiz explained that the property is located outside the City limits but within the City's ETJ. The subdivision will consist of 33 residential lots. Water will be provided by North Alamo Water Supply Corporation and all lots will have septic tanks. Mr. Ortiz also noted that the water lines used by North Alamo are not fire rated, meaning that they are not able to produce the amount of pressure required to connect fire hoses to the fire hydrants and be used effectively. Fire trucks with tanks can be filled from the hydrants. The area will be served by the Cameron County Sheriff's Department and the La Feria Fire Department will respond to any fire calls. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the final plat for Greenwood Gardens Subdivision, located on Mile 3 East Road (ETJ). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR SOL SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT KELLY DRIVE AND WHITE RANCH ROAD.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the preliminary and final plat for Sol Subdivision located at Kelley Drive and White Ranch Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to vote for the candidates recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08 AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4.09 (AMBULANCE SERVICES) OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Chief Phinney explained that the changes made to the ordinance will allow the city to cap the base rates charged for ambulance services. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08 amending Chapter 4, Article 4.09 (Ambulance Services) of the City of La Feria Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE AN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT CONTRACT WITH SOUTH TEXAS EMERGENCY CARE FOUNDATION.

Chief Phinney stated that the contract has been changed to require that STEC have one unit stationed in La Feria at all times. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve a two-year emergency medical services and ambulance transport contract with South Texas Emergency Care Foundation, including amendments. The motion was seconded by Commission Zuniga and passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-23 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FISCAL YEAR 2023 ALERRT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE.

The grant is in the amount of \$14,626.25 and will cover the cost to travel for training required by the Police Department. The City is not required to match any funding for this grant. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-23 authorizing the submittal of grant application for fiscal year 2023 ALERRT travel assistance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BULLET-RESISTANT SHIELD GRANT PROGRAM.

Captain Rodriguez stated that the shields would be placed in each unit and several more would be stored at the Police station. There are no matching funds required for this grant. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-24 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the fiscal year 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION REGARDING FIESTA DE LA FERIA CELEBRATION.

Mr. Sandoval asked the commission to select the day to hold the Fiesta de La Feria in 2023. The event is usually held in February. Setting the date will allow staff to begin the planning process. After some discussion, the commission agreed that the Fiesta de La Feria Celebration will be held on February 18, 2023.

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH INFRAMARK FOR OPERATION OF CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES AND LIFT STATIONS.

Mr. Rios informed the Commission that he was able to reach an agreement with Inframark on changes to the current agreement. The new rate is based on the Consumer Price Index, which has seen sharp increases over the past year. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve an agreement with Inframark for operation of City water and Wastewater facilities and lift stations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

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

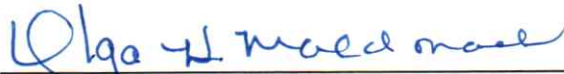
George Quilantan presented an annual report on the improvements that have been made to

water and wastewater facilities since Inframark began operating them. He stated there have not been any violations since they came in. There was no action taken on this item.

18. ADJOURN.


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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary