

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, September 28, 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	Absent
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
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  
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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.**

Mr. Sandoval noted that he was not present at the meeting held September 14, 2021. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held September 14, 2021 with the corrections as noted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:32 PM. There were no comments made from the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:33 PM.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

Mayor Maldonado commended City staff on their work in the past year and for the projects that are coming in the new fiscal year. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the

budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Commissioner Lozano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:35 PM. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed at 6:36 PM.

**9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2021-05 SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

Mr. Sandoval noted that the tax rate will remain the same as it has been for the last four years. Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the maintenance and operations rate be fixed at 0.30 . the motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the interest and sinking fund be fixed at 0.46. All members voted aye in favor of the motion. Commissioner Garcia moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.76, which is effectively a 7.39 % increase in the tax rate. All members voted aye in favor of the tax rate being fixed at .76 .Mayor Maldonado stated that the increase in tax revenue was only due to increased property values , which are set by the Cameron County Appraisal District.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 414 SHORT STREET, LA FERIA ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, LOT 5-6 BLOCK 1.**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:40 PM. There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed at 6:41 PM.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 414 SHORT STREET, LA FERIA ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, LOT 5-6 BLOCK 1**

Mr. Ortiz explained that the property in question is surrounded by other properties zoned for Commercial use. The property owner hopes to operate a retail business in the location. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the zone change request from R-3 Residential district to C-2 Commercial district for the property located at 414 Short Street, La Feria, Original townsite, Lot 5-6 Block 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-16 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.**

There was no action taken on this item.

**13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-17 ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-17 establishing holidays to be observed in fiscal year 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

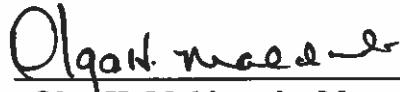
**14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FOR THE TU SALUD SI CUENTA PROGRAM.**

There was no action taken on this item.

**15. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara 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