

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020 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
Devin Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2020.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:31 PM. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:32 PM.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PERTAINING OUT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES ARISING OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to extend the declaration of local disaster pertaining to the public health emergency pertaining out of public health issues arising

out of the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF THE LA FERIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR EARLY VOTING FROM OCTOBER 13, 2020 TO OCTOBER 30, 2020 AND ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

The area in the library being requested is the first-floor computer room. Commissioner Lozano suggested that the best location for the election would be the City's recreation center. After some discussion, the commission found that the library would present obstacles for voters due to the lack of parking space and the small size of the room being requested by the elections department. Staff would also be required to relocate all of the equipment in the computer room to accommodate more voters within social distancing guidelines. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to deny the request from Cameron County Elections Department for use of the La Feria Public Library for early voting from October 13, 2020 to October 30, 2020 and election day November 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUBMIT A BALLOT FOR TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to select Robert Herrera, John Fullan, Jeffrey Snyder and Robert Hauck for Texas Municipal League board of Trustees election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CITY OF LA FERIA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE LA FERIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve an amendment to an interlocal agreement between tropical Texas Behavioral Health and City of La Feria, acting by and through the La Feria Police Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2020-13 ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-13 establishing holidays to be observed during fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into Closed Session.

12. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. CLOSED SESSION UNDER 551.071(2) TEXAS GOV. CODE TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING THE CITY'S LEGAL

**DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS AS IT RELATED TO GAMING MACHINES
CURRENT MORATORIUM RELATING TO GAMING.**

- b. **PERSONNEL MATTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 TEX. GOV'T
CODE TO DELIBERATE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF CITY
MANAGER.**

There was no action taken during closed session.

13. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM AMERICAN
LEGION POST 439 REGARDING GAMING MACHINES.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to take no action on this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

14. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EVALUATION OF CITY
MANAGER, JAIME SANDOVAL.**

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve a salary adjustment for city Manager, Jaime Sandoval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

15. **ADJOURN.**

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

APPROVED:

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda Morales, City Secretary