

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 14, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.** in the 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.
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	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Staff present:

Mr. Frank Rios, City Manager

Mr. Luis Castillo, Finance Director

Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made during this item.

5. PRESENTATION OF COLLECTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 BY PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT LLP.

Hiram Gutierrez addressed the commission regarding collection rates for delinquent property taxes and Court fees. There was no action taken on this item.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to consider the items under consent agenda separately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD DECEMBER 17, 2024.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

B. PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Mr. Rios explained that the proclamation was required as part of a federal grant application and did not require any specific action related to the fair housing activities. Commissioner Lozano made a

motion to approve a proclamation to designate April as Fair Housing Month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENGAGE CASO LAW FIRM, PLLC FOR GRANT SERVICES.

Olliver De La Garza of Caso Law firm presented information regarding the grant services performed by his firm. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to engage Caso Law Firm, PLLC for grant services. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2025-01 TO AWARD SELECTED GRANT MANAGEMENT FIRM FOR GRANT PRE-APPLICATION, APPLICATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA'S DISASTER RECOVERY REALLOCATION PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Mr. Rios stated that the only response was from Grantworks. Commissioner Lozano asked why Caso Law Firm could not be considered for this item. Mr. Rios explained that Caso Law Firm did not submit a proposal in response to the request for proposals issued for this project. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to select Grantworks for grant management firm for pre-application, application, and implementation services for the City of La Feria's Disaster Recovery Reallocation program as administered by the Texas General Land Office. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2025-02 TO SELECT ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE PROVIDER(S) TO COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PROJECT RELATED ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY REALLOCATION PROGRAM FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 to select engineering/Architectural service provider(s) to complete application and project related engineering/Architectural services for the Disaster Recovery Reallocation program funding administered by the Texas General Land Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-03 TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE 2024 TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM, GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER CDM24-0072.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 to designate authorized signatories for the 2024 Texas CDBG Program, grant agreement number CDM24-0072. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

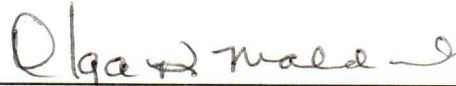
11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-04 ADOPTING REQUIRED CDBG CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

12. 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 it passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary