

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on Tuesday, **September 23, 2025 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.  
attend.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Absent
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Staff present:

Mr. Frank Rios, Jr., City Manager

Mr. Luis Castillo, Finance Director

Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments during this item.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2025-08 TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET.**

**a. PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:31pm. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:32.

**b. ACTION**

Mr. Castillo presented the budget. more tax revenue than last year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08 to adopt the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. A roll call vote was taken and all commissioners present voted in favor. There were no votes against.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2025-09 RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET.**

The increase to tax revenue is the result of new properties being added to the tax roll. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-09 ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. A roll call vote was taken and all commissioners present voted in favor. There were no votes against.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2025-10 ADOPTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.**

a. **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:35pm. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:36.

a. **ACTION**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion that the maintenance and operations rate be fixed at 0.5 percent. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara. A roll call vote was taken and all commissioners present voted in favor. There were no votes against.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion that the interest and sinking tax rate be fixed at 0.235 percent. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara. A roll call vote was taken and all commissioners present voted in favor. There were no votes against.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .735 percent, which is effectively a 3.27 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara. A roll call vote was taken and all commissioners present voted in favor. There were no votes against.

9. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH GARVER FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO DRAINAGE PROJECTS.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve a contract with Garver for engineering services related to drainage projects. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. Commissioner Zuniga, Commissioner Garcia and Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara voted in favor. Commissioner Lozano voted against. The motion passed.

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR LA FERIA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – GLO CDBG-DR #24-067-023-E210 TO REDUCE THE AWARDED CONTRACT PRICE AND INCREASE TO THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID THROUGH CITY LOCAL FUNDS.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for La Feria Drainage Improvements – GLO CDBG-DR #24-067-023-E210 to reduce the awarded contract price and increase to the amount to be paid through city local funds by \$9,970. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

11. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.**

There was no action taken on this item.

12. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2025-11 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 19.52 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY SUBMITTED BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATES, AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 authorizing the acceptance of a petition for voluntary annexation of approximately 19.52 acres of real property submitted by the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation, setting public hearing dates, and authorizing publication of notice. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**13. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE LFEDC BUSINESS STOREFRONT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the LFEDC Business Storefront Incentive Program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**14. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE LFEDC DOME REPAIR PROJECT.**

15. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the LFEDC dome repair project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

**16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-12 CHANGING MEETING DATES FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12 changing meeting dates for October, November and December 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

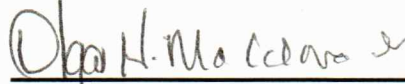
**17. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-13 ADOPTING A PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13 adopting a procurement policy for fiscal year 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**18. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**



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**Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



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**Amanda Morales, City Secretary**