

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday June 9, 2026

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 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.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Absent
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Absent
Everardo Sanchez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Francisco Loya, Jr.	Commissioner	Present

Staff present:

Mr. Frank Rios, Jr., City Manager

Mr. Luis Castillo, Finance Director

Ms. Paloma Flores, City Attorney

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no comments made during this item.

5. RECOGNITION OF SOUTH TEXAS EMERGENCY CARE PARAMEDIC BIANCA I. SERRANO OF LA FERIA.

City Manager presented a plaque of recognition to South Texas Emergency Care Paramedic Bianca I. Serrano of La Feria on behalf of the City Commission for her bravery in providing lifesaving care to a La Feria resident that was attacked by a swarm of bees.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2026.**
- b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2026.**
- c. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2026.**
- d. **APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.**
- e. **APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION TIME FOR SALARIED EXEMPT EMPLOYEES.**

Commissioner Loya made a motion to approve items a through d under consent agenda as presented and to table item e. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and passed unanimously.

7. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE.

Judge Arturo Salas administered the oaths of office to newly appointed Municipal Court Judge Marco Antonio Garza.

Commissioner Guevara made a motion to move agenda item #14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loya and passed unanimously. Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into closed session at 6:45 pm.

14. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SEC 551.071, TEX. GOV'T CODE, FOR LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL RELATED TO POSSIBLE PROJECT BEHIND 901 PANCHO MAPLES DR.

There was no action taken on this item. Mayor Maldonado reconvened the meeting into open session at 7:24 pm.

8. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE REGARDING DOWNTOWN DRAINAGE PROJECT BY GARVER ENGINEERING.

Isaac Huacuja of Garver Engineering provided an update on the ongoing downtown drainage project that will alleviate flooding in the downtown area. There was not action taken on this item.

9. CONSDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LFISD REQUEST FOR THE CITY TO TERMINATE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA SKATE PARK.

Mr. Rios informed the commission that the LFISD was requesting an early termination of the interlocal agreement for the City of La FERIA Skate Park. LFISD plans to make the area a parking lot. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve the early termination of the interlocal agreement for the City of La FERIA Skate Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loya and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY LFISD TO CLOSE WEST CENTRAL STREET AROUND DUNLAP LIBRARY FOR SUMMER BASH EVENT.

Mr. Rios informed the commission that he had received a request by Norma Loreda of LFISD to temporarily close West Central Street around the Dunlap Library for a Summer Bash event scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Loya made a motion to approve the road closure for Tuesday, June 23rd from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for the LFISD Summer Bash event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY TO CALCULATE THE NO-NEW REVENUE AND THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATES.

Commissioner Loya made a motion to designate Finance Director Luis Castillo to calculate the no-new revenue and the voter-approval tax rates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING FUNDNG FOR ADDITIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.

Mr. Castillo presented to the commission a proposal from Government Capital with 5, 6, and 7 year payment options for additions to the police department facility in the amount of \$1,000,000. Chief Diaz and Captain Cisneros presented the proposed schematics for the additions and informed the commission that the additions would greatly improve operations and safety for the department. Mr. Castillo recommended the 7-year payment option. Commissioner Loya made a motion to approve funding for additions to the police department facility at the 7-year payment option. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and passed unanimously.

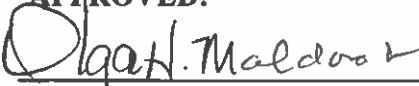
13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PETITION FOR RELEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 5.01 ACRES, LOCATED AT EXPRESSWAY 83, LA FERIA, TX, FROM THE LA FERIA EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

There was no action taken on this item.

14. ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Luis Castillo, Interim City Secretary