MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:31 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	Present
Everardo Sanchez	Commissioner	Absent
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. Rebecca Hayward, City Attorney

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

-Becky Gilbert of 600 E Expressway 83 spoke about the stray cats and high grass around the City. She wanted a follow-up on the possibility of having a spay and neuter program. She also brought up the bush at the corner of Parker Road and Industrial Way that although was cut is still blocking the left turn view from Industrial Way.

-Ricardo Martinez of Brooks Circle North spoke about the recycling bins that used to be stationed at the Fire Department and by the Recreation Center. He asked if there was a possibility that the City could ask the company to reissue the recycling bins.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2026.

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

Commissioner Loya made a motion to move to agenda item 8. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN-MICHAEL HAYWARD, FOR REBECCA S. HAYWARD TO SERVE AS CITY ATTORNEY, INCLUDING HOURLY RATES, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Ms. Rebecca Hayward addressed the Mayor and Commissioners and spoke about her 11 years of service as legal representation for the City and her interest in serving as the City Attorney as part of the Law Office of John-Michael Hayward. Commissioner Guevara made a motion to approve an agreement for legal services between the City of La Feria and the Law Office of John-Michael Hayward for Rebecca S. Hayward to serve as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to move to agenda item 9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loya and passed unanimously.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**
   - **LEGAL CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF RESOLUTION 2009-03 ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR ACCOUNT NO. 85-5380-0170-0010-10 AND ITS APPLICABIILITY TO ANNEXATION IN THE EVENT OF A SUBDIVSION OR CHANGE OF USE.**

   Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into closed session at 6:40 pm.

   RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

   Mayor Maldonado reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:56 pm.

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENFORCEMENT OF RESOLUTION 2009-03 AND CORRESPONDING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.**

    Commissioner Martinez made a motion to dissolve the development agreement for account No 85-5380-0170-0010-10 and its applicability to annexation in the event of a subdivision or change of use. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevera and passed unanimously.

6. **DISCUSS AND APPROVE AWARD TO SELECTED GRANT MANAGEMENT FIRM FOR GRANT PRE-APPLICATION, APPLICATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA 2027 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

   Mr. Castillo presented the bidding tabulations for both proposals. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve GrantWorks for the 2027 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loya and passed unanimously.

7. **DISCUSS AND APPROVE AWARD TO SELECTED GRANT MANAGEMENT FIRM FOR GRANT PRE-APPLICATION, APPLICATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA 2028 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

   Mr. Castillo presented the bidding tabulations for both proposals. Commissioner Loya made a motion to approve GrantWorks for the Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

11. **ADJOURN**

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

APPROVED:

Olga H. Maldonado

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Luis Castillo

Luis Castillo, Interim City Secretary