

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 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 Pro-Tem Guevara 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	Absent
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Mr. Juan Ortiz, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gloria Casas addressed the Commission regarding a new subdivision constructed across the street from her home. The only entrance to the subdivision is directly across from her driveway. She also spoke on the recent increase in water bills.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2023.**

b. **APPROVAL OF 2022 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.**

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

6. PRESENTATION TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH FOR FOOD BANK.

Representatives for the Antique Car club presented a donation check to the St. Francis Food Bank in the amount of \$971. The donation is made up of Fiesta de La Feria Car Show entry fees. There was no action taken on this item.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-02 APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-03 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-04 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-05 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FIRE SERVICES.

Mr. Sandoval noted that the agreement would allow the La Feria Fire department to respond to fires in surrounding areas. The county will pay the City \$269,669.60 as part of this agreement. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the agreement with Cameron County Emergency Services for Fire services. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-06 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM.

Mr. Sandoval explained that the grant would provide ten thousand dollars for overtime pay for the police department. There are no matching funds required for this grant. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the office of the governor Local Border Security Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

13. STAFF REPORTS:

- **FIESTA DE LA FERIA**
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT- VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL**

Mr. Sandoval addressed the Commission regarding the Fiesta de La Feria. Mayor Maldonado thanked the school district for allowing their students to participate in the event as well as thanking city Staff for their work on the Fiesta. Commissioner Martinez noted that there should have been more chairs available for people to sit as well as a tent to provide shade. He also asked that programs with the days scheduled events be made available to the public.

Chief Phinney addressed the commission regarding repairs needed to one of the fire trucks. There was no action taken on this item.

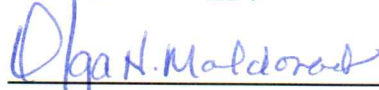
14. PRESENTATION BY INFRAMARK REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES.

George Quilantan addressed the Commission regarding the maintenance and repairs performed at the water and wastewater treatment facilities. There was no action taken on this item.

10. ADJOURN.

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary