

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, August 22, 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	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Absent
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Frank Rios, Interim City Manager

Juan Ortiz, Planning Director

Amanda Morales, City Secretary

Cesar Diaz, Police Chief

Alfonso Rodriguez, Public Works

Director

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2023.

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

6. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

Jonathan Hall of CRI, the city's auditors, presented the highlights of the audit for the most recent fiscal year. He noted that there were no findings regarding the city's internal controls. There was a positive change overall net position over the previous fiscal year. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the financial audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

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

George Quilantan addressed the commission regarding needed improvements at the water and wastewater facilities. He also presented a video explaining the wastewater process. There was no action

taken on this item.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LA FERIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT CAMERON COUNTY NO. 3.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with La Feria Irrigation District Cameron County No. 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

9. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE LFIDC ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR CLEANUP OF LFIDC-OWNED PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 22 ACRES ON RABB ROAD.**

Mr. Ortiz explained that the site had been used to dump scraps and materials during street improvement projects several years ago. The cleanup project should take between two to three months to complete. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve LFIDC action to award contract for cleanup of LFIDC-owned property consisting of 22 acres on Rabb Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into closed session at 7:27 pm.

10. **CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOV'T CODE, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL REGARDING THE CITY COMMISSION'S RIGHTS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, AND OBLIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIRING PROCESS FOR A CITY CHARTER-APPOINTED CITY MANAGER AND RELATED LEGAL ISSUES.**


Reconvene in open session:

Mayor Maldonado reconvened the meeting at 7:57 pm.

11. **ADJOURN**

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

APPROVED:



 Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Amanda Morales, City Secretary