

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 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. 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	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Absent
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Frank Rios, Interim City Manager
Juan Ortiz, Planning Director
Luis Castillo, Finance Director

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT REGARDING A ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR NORTH WINDS SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed at 6:33 pm.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR NORTH WINDS SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to deny the zone change request from R-1 Single Family Residential District to R-3 Single Family Residential District for North Winds Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

8. PRESENTATION BY OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY REGARDING PARTNERSHIP.

There was no action taken on this item.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-30 AMENDING MEETING DATES FOR DECEMBER 2023.

This resolution changes meeting dates for December 2023 to the first and Third Tuesday of that month. Meetings will resume being held on the second and fourth Tuesdays in January 2024. Commissioner Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-30 amending meeting dates for December 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-31 TO DESIGNATE AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM GRANTS.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-31 to designate Frank Rios an authorized official for Local Border Security program grants. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN INDUSTRIAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO REPUBLIC SERVICES.

This ordinance would require that any roll-off containers in the city would have to be ordered through Republic Services. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08 granting an industrial franchise agreement to Republic Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE LAW FIRM OF DNRB&Z, P.C. AND THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the agreement for general counsel legal services between the law firm DNRB&Z, P.C. and the City of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENGAGE CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM FOR AUDIT SERVICES.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to engage Carr, Riggs & Ingram for audit services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY JAIME MARTINEZ TO CLOSE A SECTION OF OLEANDER AVE. ON OCTOBER 28, 2023.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the request to close a section of Oleander Ave. on October 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LA FERIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT FEDERAL WATER PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve a letter of support for La Feria Irrigation District federal water planning grant applications. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

16. PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS REGARDING PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS:

-POLICE DEPARTMENT

-PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Cisneros of the police department addressed the commission regarding ongoing projects including assistance to other agencies such as Border Patrol and Cameron County Sheriff's Office. He also reviewed the various grants awarded to the department for overtime and the purchase of vehicles

and equipment. Among the most recent acquisitions are ballistic shields and hand-held radios. The department is also providing officers to each school in La Feria as part of new state requirements. Sgt. Cisneros also noted community outreach events held recently.

Mr. Ortiz informed the Commission regarding ongoing development of housing around the City including single family homes and duplexes. He also noted that new Dollar General, Pizza Hut and Pueblo Tires locations have recently opened or will open soon. There was no action on this item.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into closed session at 6:58 p.m.

17. CLOSED SESSION:

- **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SEC. 551.074, TEX. GOV'T CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND DUTIES OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, TO WIT: THE CITY MANAGER.**

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Maldonado reconvened the meeting in open session at 7:22 PM.

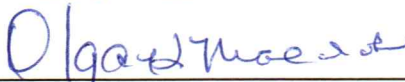
18. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT A CITY MANAGER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to appoint Frank Rios, Jr. as City Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

19. 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

