

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, September 26, 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	Absent
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Frank Rios, Interim City Manager
Juan Ortiz, Planning Director
Amanda Morales, City Secretary

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.**
- b. **APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY TIME FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES.**
- c. **PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-21 SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve resolution 2023-21 setting the tax rate at .76 per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-22 APPROVING THE CITY OF LA FERIA INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-22 approving the City of La Feria investment policy for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-23 ESTABLISHING

HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23 establishing holidays to be observed in fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-24 TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM FOR GLO STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 23-152-002-E069.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-24 to designate authorized signatories for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program for Glo State Contract Number 23-152-002-E069. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-25 REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING POLICIES: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES; SECTION 3 POLICY; EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY; LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) STANDARDS PLAN; SECTION 504 POLICY AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES; CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY; AND FAIR HOUSING POLICY.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-25 regarding civil rights which includes the following policies: citizen participation plan and grievance procedures; section 3 policy; excessive force policy; limited English proficiency (LEP) standards plan; section 504 policy and grievance procedures; code of conduct policy; and fair housing policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-26 AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM.

There was no action taken on this item.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-27 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE UTILITY BOARD.

There was no action taken on this item.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-28 APPOINTING MEMBER TO PLANNING & ZONING BOARD.

There was no action taken on this item.

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2023-29 APPOINTING MEMBER TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.

There was no action taken on this item.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE TO ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY TPDES STORMWATER TASKFORCE PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND THE CITY OF LA FERIA FOR THE PREPARATION OF A REGIONAL TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (TPDES) STORMWATER PERMIT APPLICATION AND STORMWATER PROGRAM PLAN.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the mayor to sign a memorandum of agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Taskforce Partnership, Inc. and the city of La Feria for the preparation of a regional Texas pollutant discharge elimination system (TPDES) stormwater permit application and stormwater program plan. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THE CITY OF LA FERIA.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and City of La Feria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

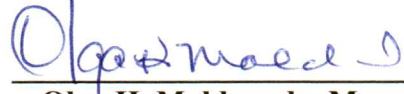
17. INFRAMARK MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.

George Quilantan addressed the commission regarding the City's drought contingency plan and explained the conditions that trigger water conservation regulations. There was no action taken on this item.

18. ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary