

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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	Absent

Mr. Frank Rios, City Manager
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
Mr. Alfonso Rodriguez, Public Works Director
Mr. Cesar Diaz, Police Chief
Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gloria Casas Addressed the Commission regarding concerns about traffic in front of her home.

5. PRESENTATION: RETIREMENT OF ROSA M. GARCIA, MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

Rosa Garcia was presented with a plaque in recognition of her 33 years of service to the City of La Feria.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 9, 2024.

b. APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.

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

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW A REQUEST BY KENNY'S FUNLAND TO OPERATE A CARNIVAL ON CITY OF LA FERIA PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH CANAL STREET AND WEST FIRST STREET FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 18, 2024.

MR. Rios explained that there were safety concerns because that is a residential area with limited parking. The dates requested for this carnival also conflict with the Fiesta de La Feria Celebration. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to postpone this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

8. PRESENTATION BY CONSULTANTS BORDER AFFAIRS, LLC REGARDING ONGOING PROJECTS AND GRANTS.

Humberto Garza of Border Affairs addressed the commission regarding previous grants he secured for La Feria by using his personal connections to elected officials in the state and federal government. Mr. Garza proceeded to inform the commission of his plan to use grant funding awarded to the city for park improvements as leverage to apply for more grant funding for other projects. Mr. Garza presented a list of grants available to libraries and noted that he is going to apply for two of them on behalf of La Feria. He also stated that he enjoys working with Mr. Rios and public works director Alfonso Rodriguez as they are more receptive to Mr. Garza's ideas and proposals than the previous administration. Engineers for Border Affairs stated that they had reviewed the city's lift stations and found that improvements are needed at the two oldest lift stations in the system. A Border Affairs architect spoke briefly on the redesign of a proposed Police Department building. When asked about sustainable materials and building practices that can be used in the construction of the new building by Commissioner Lozano, the architect stated that those concerns should be balanced with cost savings and durability of materials. There was no action taken on this item.

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

George Quilantan of Inframark addressed the commission regarding maintenance completed at the water and wastewater facilities. He also noted that TCEQ had recently inspected the facilities and found no violations. However, the TCEQ inspection did identify several findings that have been addressed. There was no action taken on this item.

10. ADJOURN.

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

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary