

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, March 26, 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 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	Absent
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

Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. RECOGNITION OF OFFICER ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ FOR ACTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

Chief Cesar Diaz addressed the Commission regarding Officer Rodriguez's life saving action. Officer Rodriguez heard a call come into the Police department regarding someone choking at a restaurant two blocks from the police station. Officer Rodriguez immediately ran on foot to the location and began performing the Heimlich maneuver, expelling the stuck food and saving the life of the patron. The Mayor and Commissioners applauded Officer Rodriguez's quick action and thanked him for his service to the City of La Feria. There was no action taken on this item.

6. RECOGNITION OF FRANCISCO ALONZO RETIREMENT.

Mr. Alonzo has worked for the City of La Feria for eighteen years in the park maintenance department. He takes great pride in his work to beautify the City and can always be relied on to help his fellow employees any way he could. Mr. Alonzo said to the Mayor and Commission that he loved his time with the City of La Feria and felt that he was part of a family here. There was no action taken on this item.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2024.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2024.

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

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING GCSC AS THE CITY OF LA FERIA'S MUNICIPAL ADVISOR.

Mr. Rios explained that the agreement would allow GCSC to advise the City on financing large projects in the future. Commissioner Lozano questioned the need for this type of agreement as well as the pay structure and option to auto-renew the agreement every year. Mr. Rios explained that GCSC would not be paid a retainer fee as part of the agreement and would instead only be paid if their services were used by the City for the issuance of a bond or other long-term financing for projects. Mrs. Bastian-Rodriguez also informed the Commissioner that she approved the contract because it allows the City to terminate the agreement for any reason with only a thirty-day notice. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve hiring GCSC as the City of La Feria's Municipal Advisor. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO INDUSTRIAL ROLL-OFF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Mr. Rios explained that since the adoption of the franchise agreement with republic services, several contractors have continued to use roll-off containers from other companies. These contractors have been notified repeatedly of the franchise agreement. This ordinance would create a financial penalty for contractors who refuse to purchase roll-off containers from Republic Services. Mayor Pro-tem Guevara made a motion to approve the amendment to the City code of ordinances pertaining to industrial roll-off solid waste collection and disposal. the motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST RESPONDER AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH TEXAS EMERGENCY CARE FOUNDATION, INC.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the first responder affiliation agreement with South Texas Emergency Care Foundation, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A CONTRACTOR FOR LA FERIA AQUATIC CENTER POOL REPLASTERING AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Two bids were received, one from South Texas Pools in the amount of \$112,000 and the other from 8/A Builders LLC in the amount of \$148,800. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to select South Texas Pools for La Feria Aquatic Center pool replastering and improvement project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

12. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTATIONS REGARDING CURRENT AND ONGOING PROJECTS

- FINANCE DIRECTOR**
- POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Finance Director Luis Castillo presented the financials for the first six months of the fiscal year. Captain Christopher Cisneros addressed the commission regarding community engagement events and mutual aid work being done by the Police Department. There was no action on this item.

13. ADJOURN.

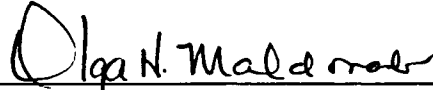
There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lozano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga, and it passed unanimously.

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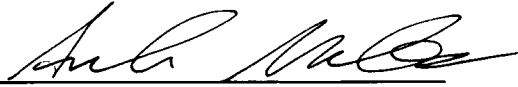
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APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary