

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024 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 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	Absent
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Absent
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Staff present:

Mr. Frank Rios, City Manager
 Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary
 Mr. Luis Castillo, Finance Director
 Ms. Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, City Attorney

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments during this item.

5. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of minutes for City Commission Meeting held August 13, 2024.

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

6. Approval of appointment of an LFEDC Executive Director.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the appointment of Frank Rios as LFEDC Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action on items related to the EPA Community Change Program:

- a. Authorize City Secretary to publish the request for proposals (RFP) for professional management services for the EPA Community Change Program**
- b. Authorize City Secretary to publish the request for statements of qualifications for architectural / engineering services for EPA Community Change Program**

- c. Authorize City Secretary to publish public hearing notice for the EPA Community Change Program
- d. Consider and adopt resolution to submit grant application to EPA for its Community Change Program
- e. Discuss the EPA Community Change survey form
- f. Consider and Approve Partnership Agreement with Non-Profit Organizations
- g. Consider and Approve Solidarity Partnership Agreement

George Lazaro addressed the Commission regarding funding available for infrastructure projects. The City is eligible to apply for up to twenty million dollars of grant funding for projects that use “green technology” to mitigate the effects of climate change. The city would not be responsible for contributing any matching funds. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve items 7a to 7f and take no action on item 7g. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible action on a contract with South Texas Emergency Care Foundation for ambulance transport services.

Mr. Rios explained that the contract would be in place for five years. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the contract with South Texas Emergency Care Foundation for ambulance transport services. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible action on interlocal agreement with Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and the City of La Feria police department.

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

10. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 2024-17 establishing holidays to be observed in fiscal year 2024-2025.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-17 establishing holidays to be observed in fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara and passed unanimously.

11. Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 2024-05 amending Sections of the City of La Feria Code of Ordinances, as pertaining to alcoholic beverages and alcohol permits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05 amending sections of the City of La Feria Code of Ordinances as pertaining to alcoholic beverages and alcohol permits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

12. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 2024-18 to finance the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Police Department.

Mr. Castillo explained that the police department would be getting two F-150 trucks and one Explorer. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-18 to finance the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Police Department.

13. Closed Session

- a. Closed session pursuant to Sec. 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code, for attorney consultation pertaining to certain ETJ development agreements between the City of La Feria and the Bauer family.

Return to Open Session

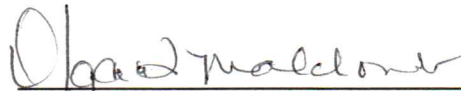
14. Consideration and appropriate action, if any, regarding ETJ development agreements between the City of La Feria and Bauer family.

There was no action taken on this item.

15. ADJOURN.

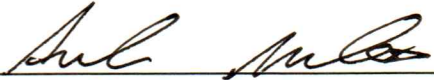
There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga, and it passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary