

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, November 19, 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	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

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 made during this item.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024.**

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

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A CONTRACTOR FOR CITY OF LA FERIA - DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; GLO CDBG-DR GRANT #23-152-002-E069.**

Joseph Tamayo of Ambiotec addressed the commission regarding the bids received for this project and his recommendation. Of the six bids received, Go Underground was the lowest at \$1,069,911.24. Mr. Tamayo stated that Go Underground met all requirements in the request for proposals. The references listed in their bid all confirmed the company's overall reliability, quality of work, and ability to complete projects on schedule. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to select Go Underground, LLC for City of La Feria- drainage Improvements Project; GLO CDBG #23-152-002-E069. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES (RFQ) FOR GRANT APPLICATION (PHASE II), AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2025/2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (AND ALL ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES PER THE APPLICATION GUIDANCE) AS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to authorize the issuance of requests for qualifications for Engineering Services (RFQ) for grant application (phase II), and implementation services for Texas Community Development

Grant Program for 2025/2026 Community Development Fund (and all eligible activities per the application guidance) as administered by the Texas Department Of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

8. **CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LA FERIA TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) DISASTER RECOVERY RESILIENCE PROGRAM (DRRP).**

Mr. Rios explained that the city would be submitting projects to repair lift stations and make drainage improvements. The City will be pledging a ten percent match of any awarded funds. The maximum award the city is applying for would be \$4,000,000. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to authorize the City of La Feria to solicit requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for management and implementation services for the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Disaster Recovery Resilience Program (DRRP). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

9. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE COMPLETION OF TEXAS CAPITAL FUND LOAN PAYMENTS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND USE OF THE SAME FUNDS AS MATCHING FUNDS TO GRANT NO. CDM24-0072.**

Mr. Castillo explained to the Commission that the TDA had reached out to him as part of their efforts to end the Texas Capital Fund program. This was a loan program that gave funds to the city to offer loans for the creation or retention of businesses. One such loan was issued for the construction of Little Lighthouse Children's Rehab. The current balance of the loan is \$92,179.58. If the city commits this amount to accelerate the loan, the funds will be used by TDA for Grant No. CMD24-0072. The city will continue to collect the remaining balance of the loan from the Little Lighthouse and those funds will be unrestricted. Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve completion of Texas Capital Fund loan payments to the Texas Department of Agriculture, and use of the funds as matching funds to Grant No. CDM24-0072. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

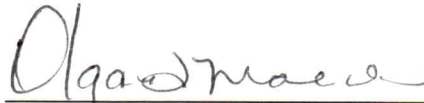
10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2024-26 TO CAST VOTES FOR IN THE ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

11. **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