

City of Kingsville, Texas

AGENDA CITY COMMISSION TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING

**HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS
CITY HALL/200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE
4:00 P.M.**

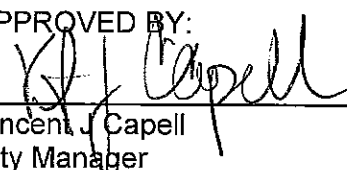
I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law
None.**

APPROVED BY:



Vincent J. Capell
City Manager

II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).¹

NONE

III. Reports from Commission & Staff²

"At this time, the City Commission and Staff will report/update on all committee assignments which may include, but is not limited to the following: Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Historical Board, Housing Authority Board, Library Board, Health Board, Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Conner Museum, Keep Kingsville Beautiful, and Texas Municipal League. Staff reports include the following: Building & Development , Code Enforcement, Proposed Development Report; Accounting & Finance – Financial & Investment Information, Monthly Financial Reports; Police & Fire Department – Grant Update, Police & Fire Reports; Street Updates; Public Works- Building Maintenance, Construction Updates; Park Services - grant(s) update, miscellaneous park projects, Administration –Workshop Schedule, Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, Hotel Occupancy Report, Quiet Zone, Proclamations, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Chapter 59 project. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

V.

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commission Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ORDINANCES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(At this point the Commission will vote on all motions, resolutions and ordinances not removed for individual consideration)

1. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter IX, Article 5, Fire Prevention and Protection, adopting Section 15, providing for exceptions to the Fire Code for Multi-Story Buildings. (Fire Chief).

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CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

2. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville. (City Manager).

VII. Adjournment.

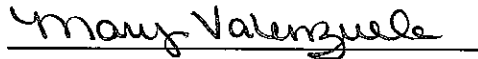
1. No person's comments shall exceed 5 minutes. Cannot be extended by Commission.
2. No person's comments shall exceed 5 minutes without permission of majority of Commission.
3. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. May be extended or permitted at other times in the meeting only with 5 affirmative Commission votes. The speaker must identify himself by name and address.
4. Items being considered by the Commission for action except citizens comments to the Mayor and Commission, no comment at this point without 5 affirmative votes of the Commission.

NOTICE

This City of Kingsville and Commission Chambers are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 361/595-8002 or FAX 361/595-8024 or E-Mail elopez@cityofkingsville.com for further information. Braille Is Not Available. The City Commission reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551-071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551-072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551-073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551-074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551-086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters), and 551-087 (Economic Development).

I, the undersigned authority do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall, 200 East Kleberg, of the City of Kingsville, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time:

August 22, 2014 at 11:30 A.M. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said meeting.



Mary Valenzuela
City Secretary
City of Kingsville, Texas

This public notice was removed from the official posting board at the Kingsville City Hall on the following date and time: _____

By: _____
City Secretary's Office
City of Kingsville, Texas

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS
MEETING(S)**

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #1

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-_____

AMENDING THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE 5, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ADOPTING SECTION 15, PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE FIRE CODE FOR MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is necessary to protect the public safety, health, and welfare of the City of Kingsville.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS:

I.

THAT, Section 9-5-15 of Article 5: Fire Prevention and Protection of Chapter IX, General Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kingsville, Texas, shall be adopted to read as follows:

§ 9-5-15 FIRE CODE EXCEPTIONS.

(A) General. The following special rules are hereby set forth in addition to the provision of the adopted version of the International Fire Code in order to ensure safety.

(B) Group R Occupancy- Sprinkler Requirements (New Construction or Major Renovation)

Automatic fire sprinkler systems required in Group R occupancies of four stories or less shall meet the NFPA 13R standard and as amended in the City of Kingsville Fire Prevention Ordinance. Sprinkler protection shall be installed per NFPA 13 standard and provided throughout, including patios, balconies, bathrooms, breezeways, corridors, and stairwells. All means of egress shall have sprinkler protection to the point of discharge from the structure to open sky on the ground level.

(C) Group R Occupancy- Dry Standpipe Requirements (New Construction or Major Renovation)

A dry standpipe system shall be installed in all buildings two or more stories in height that are not required to have a wet standpipe system with fire department outlet connections, with a distance of 250' feet or greater from any point on any floor to the closest possible position of a fire apparatus through a primary access/egress pathway. There shall be a dry standpipe installed at each stairwell. There shall be a 2-1/2" inch NST female inlet connection located near the street or base of stairwell on the exterior of structure. There shall be a 2-1/2"

inch NST gated male discharge opening at each level above the first floor. The discharge connections may be located on the floor stairway landing or landings in between floors. The standpipe shall be pressure rated the same as a wet standpipe system.

II.

THAT all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT if for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Commission that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

IV.

THAT this Ordinance shall be codified and become effective on and after adoption and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED on this the 25th day of August, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 26th day of August, 2014.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

August 14, 2014

TO: VINCENT J. CAPELL, CITY MANAGER

FROM: JOEY REED, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: FIRE ORDINANCE REQUEST

Due to safety concerns discovered during construction of large 3 story apartment buildings within the City of Kingsville, I am requesting an amendment in the City's fire prevention ordinance. The amendment deals with sprinkler systems in regard to occupant escape routes and standpipes for firefighter access.

I am asking for an amendment to the ordinance due to the number of other apartment complexes that are requesting plans approval for this same type of construction. The problem is that the buildings are being built with long open corridors in 2 or 3 story buildings. These corridors or breezeways are not required to have sprinkler coverage under the international fire code. Other cities have discovered this loophole in the code and have adopted city fire code ordinances to address the hazard. We are asking that several parts of the building have sprinklers including breezeways, stairwells, patios, and possibly the attics. I will attach a copy of three city ordinances where they have specified in detail or in general that all areas are to be covered. Corpus Christi may have also included escape route distances and we are investigating that. Many cities that have adopted these regulations.

We would also like future projects to include a dry standpipe system for firefighter hose line access in the stairwells due to the length of the buildings and the potential for long hose lays. Currently, our hose loads on the fire engines may not reach all parts of the building. If we are able to carry high rise hose loads and hook up to the standpipe in the stairwells, it will enable us to make a faster attack needed on this type of building.

Proposed Fire Prevention Ordinance Amendments:

1)

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2)

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AGENDA ITEM #2