

JULY 10, 2000

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, JULY 10, 2000 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE.

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stanley Laskowski, City Commissioner
 Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal, Mayor Pro Tem
 Arturo Pecos, City Commissioner
 Al Garcia, City Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary
 Ruben Perez, City Attorney
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing
 Victor Salas, Finance Director
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager/Fire Chief

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Ricardo Guzman, Director of Public Works, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) - REQUIRED BY LAW.

There were no minutes available for approval.

II. PUBLIC HEARING - (REQUIRED BY LAW).

1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1321 EAST LOTT, 428 WEST DODDRIDGE, AND 714 EAST RICHARD AVENUE. (FIRE MARSHAL).

Mayor Pro Tem Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. He asked if there was anyone in the audience to address the Commission regarding the proposed condemnations.

Mrs. Louise Johnson addressed the Commission regarding her property located at 1321 East Lott. She stated that she is in the process of selling this property and requested that the Commission grant an extension to authorize her additional time to close on the sale of the property.

Mrs. Josefa Ramirez also addressed the Commission regarding her property located at 714 East Richard. She stated that she has applied for assistance with the County to assist her in reconstructing her home, however to this date, she has not received any funds. Mrs. Ramirez stated that her son is a carpenter and can assist her in repairing her burned home. She also requested an extension to authorize her additional time to begin the repairs.

Mayor Pro Tem Villarreal then closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

III. PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES, AND PRESENTATIONS.

1. UPDATE FROM STAFF ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

A. SUMMARY OF STATUS OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 1998 (CAP 98) AND TAX NOTE SERIES 2000 (CAP 2000). (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Victor Salas, Finance Director, addressed the Commission regarding the balances of both the certificates of obligation and the tax notes. He informed the Commission on the fund balances for each department.

Mr. Ricardo Guzman, Director of Public Works, addressed the Commission regarding the utility fund accounts and also spoke about the work being done to the water wells.

Commissioner Stanley Laskowski requested that contact be made with City staff from Portland and Ingleside because they recently had work done to their water tanks. He stated that perhaps we could get an idea of how much was spent on their projects.

Mr. Hector Hinojosa, City Manager stated that in the Tax Notes, Series 2000, there is some additional money, and would like to get Commission approval to purchase additional equipment. He stated that he would place an item on a future agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Bill Quellhorst, Assistant Commander of the Task Force addressed the Commission regarding performance statistics of the Task force.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CITY HALL. (DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING).

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, stated this item authorizes a three year contract with the option to cancel at the end of the first twelve months. The contract is for janitorial maintenance services at City Hall, including janitorial supplies such as paper towels, tissue, and cleaning items. Mrs. Byington stated that the lowest bidder is located in Gregory, Texas and is currently providing janitorial services to the Kingsville Law Enforcement Center. She stated this action will expend \$16,151.48 for the next twelve months and recommended that the contract be awarded to Pia Janitorial Services from Gregory.

A motion was made by Commissioner Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Arturo Pecos to award the contract for janitorial maintenance services as recommended by staff. The motion passed by a 4/0 vote. Mayor Filemon Esquivel, Jr., was not present at this meeting.

2. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1321 EAST LOTT. (FIRE MARSHAL).

Mr. Guadalupe Garcia, Fire Marshal, stated that the property owner has been trying to sell the property and is currently negotiating that sale. He recommended the Commission approve the condemnation in the event that the sale of the property is not successful. Mr. Garcia stated that if the property is sold, then he could work with the new owner on restoring the property. He stated that if the new owner obtains a permit, he/she will have 120 days to restore the property.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Al Garcia, Mr. Guadalupe Garcia responded that Mrs. Johnson lost her husband two years ago, and she is currently trying to maintain all the property they own.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Laskowski, Mr. Garcia responded that if the property is sold, he will work with the new owner in obtaining the necessary permits to repair the property.

Mr. Ruben Perez, City Attorney, recommended that the Commission table the condemnation for one month to allow the owner to proceed with the sale of the property.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table this item for one month. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 428 WEST DODDRIDGE. (FIRE MARSHAL).

Mr. Garcia stated that the property located at 428 West Doddridge is scheduled to be auctioned off next month because of delinquent taxes. He stated that approximately \$4,300 is owed in taxes.

Mayor Pro Tem Villarreal expressed some concern because the property could currently be involved in a tax litigation and actually be owned by one of the local jurisdictions that taxes is owed to.

Mr. Perez recommended that the Commission complete this hearing, and advise staff to wait on the demolition for ninety days.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Pecos, the Commission unanimously approved the condemnation of the property located at 428 West Doddridge, and directed staff to wait ninety days from this date before the actual condemnation begins.

4. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 714 EAST RICHARD. (FIRE MARSHAL).

Mr. Garcia stated that the structure at this location caught on fire several months ago. He said that the home is in a very deteriorated condition. Mr. Garcia stated that several notices were mailed to the property owner and no effort was ever made to contact him regarding the correspondence. He stated that extensive damage was done to the structure and in his opinion is beyond repair. Mr. Garcia recommended that the structure be condemned.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Pecos, Mrs. Ramirez, the property owner, responded that with the assistance of a son, she is capable of repairing the structure. She stated that her son is a carpenter and could assist her with the labor.

Mr. Garcia stated that besides the carpentry work, there is a lot of electrical work that will also need to be done, and done by a licensed electrician.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table this item for one month. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION. (CITY MANAGER).

A. RESOLUTION FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR A SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM.

B. RESOLUTION FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR A CLEAN-UP EVENTS PROGRAM.

C. RESOLUTION FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR A LITTER ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that the City is in the process of applying for three grants with the Coastal Bend Council of Governments. He stated that Mrs. Dianne Leubert, Recycling Manager was present to answer any questions the Commission may have. Mr. Hinojosa recommended approval of all three resolutions.

Mrs. Leubert stated that the grants have just been completed and will require some minor changes.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Laskowski, Mrs. Leubert responded that the source reduction grant is a straight grant and a match by the City is not required. She stated that the litter enforcement grant requires a match, but can be matched with in-kind services by City personnel.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Laskowski to approve Resolution #200028, authorizing the submission of a Source Reduction and Recycling Grant; Resolution #200029, authorizing the submission of a Clean Up Events Grant; and Resolution #200030, authorizing the submission of a litter enforcement grant. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (CITY MANAGER).
- A. UPDATE REGARDING CITY/COUNTY BUDGETS AND SCHEDULING OF JOINT WORKSHOP SESSION.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that he recently met with the Kleberg County Commissioner's Court, and they are requesting an additional \$72,000 for the operations of the Parks Department. He stated that he will be scheduling a budget workshop with both the City and County Commissioner's to discuss all joint agreements.

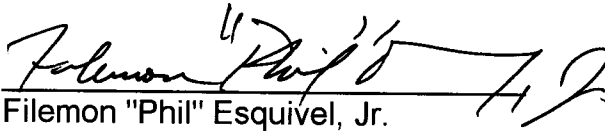
- B. UPDATE REGARDING CENSUS RESPONSE RATE FOR THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that as of June 30th, the census for Kingsville was 95% complete. He stated that most of the citizens responded and at the end of April 54% percent of the citizens of Kingsville had responded.

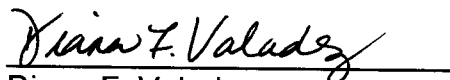
In other matters, Commissioner Pecos submitted a list of 190 homes or structures that need to be condemned throughout the City. He requested that City staff inspect the properties and proceed with condemnation proceedings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:28 p.m.


 Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Diana F. Valadez
 City Secretary