

JULY 15, 2002

A SPEICAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, JULY 15, 2002 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE.

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles E. Wilson, City Commissioner
 Horacio (Hoss) Castillo, City Commissioner
 Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor
 Arturo Pecos, City Commissioner
 Al Garcia, City Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary
 Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing
 Stanley Fees, City Engineer
 Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services
 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, City Commissioner Horacio (Hoss) Castillo 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. None.

III. PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES, AND PRESENTATIONS.

1. None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

1. COMMENTS ON ALL AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
 There were no comments made at this time.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT TO RENDER CERTAIN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2001 TEXAS CAPITAL FUND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROJECT, CONTRACT #721092. (CITY MANAGER).

A motion was made by Commissioner Arturo Pecos and seconded by Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr. to discuss this item at this time.

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager, stated that the staff members that had previously ranked the proposals submitted by the engineering firms, have specified that their ranking is the same as previously ranked, with Alpha Engineering receiving the highest score.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Charles E. Wilson, Mr. Hinojosa responded that he is basing his recommendation to award the proposal to Alpha Engineering as staff has recommended.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Mayor Esquivel to authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional engineering services agreement with Alpha Engineering to render certain services in connection with the 2001 Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Grant Project, Contract #721092. The motion passed by a 3/1/1 vote. Commissioner Al Garcia cast the dissenting vote and Commissioner Horacio (Hoss) Castillo abstained from voting.

2. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (CITY MANAGER).

2.1 UPDATE ON BUDGET PROCE3SS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 ANNUAL BUDGET.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that he has met with Department Heads and Supervisors regarding the proposed budget. He stated that the proposed budget will be a tight budget.

Mr. Hinojosa also stated that Mr. Tomas Sanchez, Emergency Management Coordinator advised him that a grant was recently awarded to the Kleberg County Emergency Management Department for the installation of a radio transmitter antenna in Rivera.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CITY COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION CONCERNING ESTELA GARCIA VS. CITY OF KINGSVILLE, ET AL., CIVIL ACTION NO. C-01-461, IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS. (CITY ATTORNEY).

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CITY COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION CONCERNING A POLICY ON THE EXTENSION OF CITY CONTRIBUTION FOR TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS UNDER SECTION 143.073 OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS' CIVIL SERIVCE LAW. (CITY ATTORNEY).


The executive session began at 6:27 p.m. and ended at 7:13 p.m.

5. CONSIDER EXTENSION OF CITY CONTRIBUTION OF CONTINUATION OF TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO SEAN MITCHELL. (DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT).

No action was taken on this item.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary