

JULY 26, 2006

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 6:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R Fugate, Mayor
Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem
Al Garcia, Commissioner
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
Julian Cavazos, Lieutenant
Sherman Benys, Lieutenant
George Crocker, Sergeant
Barry Blackstock, Lieutenant
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
Al Lopez, Fire Chief
Don Erebia, Fire Captain
Felix Camarillo, Fire Engineer
Caron Vela, Accounting Manager

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by City Manager Yerena, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

NONE

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

NONE

III. Petitions, Grievances, and Presentations.²

1. City Manager's Report. (City Manager).

Mayor Fugate called for the City Manager's report. City Manager Yerena reported on the approval of the JLUS for \$143,300.00, City responsible for 10%, approximately \$14,300.

2. City Attorney's Report. (City Attorney).

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. Ms Alvarez reported on the IS-100 training for City employees scheduled for Monday at the hospital – HEB Center from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

3. City Commission's Reports. (City Commission).

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's reports. NONE

4. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville.

a. Police Department

- Administration
- Uniform
- Communications
- CID
- CIS

Mayor Fugate stated this is only a presentation from department and no decisions will be made during these workshops. Chief Ricardo Torres pointed out the departments major target issues. Each division supervisor will make their own division requests. He stated that State and Federal accounts budget has not been provided. He provided information on budget proposals for the Administration Division 210.1. He touched on accounts: Motor, Gas, & Oil, Computer & Associates – new computer, Professional Services – increase.

Lt. Julian Cavazos presented the Uniform Division budget. Lt Cavazos stated that Overtime is currently spent on paying for holidays; the department is requesting \$130,000 for overtime. Under Minor Apparatus the request is for ten (10) tazers, bodysuits, and electronic ticket writers; Professional Services covers fees to calibrate radars; Training and Travel covers cost for required courses to maintain licenses. This division is asking for ten (10) fully equipped vehicles.

There was discussion on the cost for the electronic ticket writers.

Regarding, Motor, Gas, & Oil, City Manager Yerena stated a budget amendment will be initiated to account for fuel.

Sgt George Crocker presented the Communication Division budget. He explained the Overtime situation, and the reason for requesting a reclassification for dispatchers. Upon a question from Commissioner Pecos, Sgt Crocker stated that Professional Services covers maintenance for the servers and radio tower.

There was lengthy discussion regarding line item – Professional Services.

Lt Sherman Benys presented the CID budget. He stated that a correction was needed in the Uniform line item, and added that the requested amount for Uniforms is \$1,500. There was discussion on overtime. He stated that his division uses seized vehicles, and maintenance is high. He stated he is requesting to replace three (3) computers and a printer.

Lt Barry Blackstock presented the CIS budget. He explained the department structure. He noted some discrepancies of what he had requested. He stated that Supplies \$6,700 reflects SWAT and Officer training. He stated that in Professional Services he is now requesting \$1,700. This department uses comprehensive time. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Chief Torres replied he is currently planning to fund three (3) positions from Chapter 59 funds. Lt Blackstock stated that due to having a new Training Officer, \$3,000 is allocated for Training & Travel. Mayor Fugate asked about Utilities. Lt. Blackstock stated he is anticipating higher electricity bills due to higher fuel costs. This department uses 1998 vehicles. There was discussion on a new account in this division - Building Maintenance. Upon a question from Ms Alvarez, Lt Blackstock replied that the Equipment Rental line item was accounted for in the Communication Division.

Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Chief Torres replied that the vehicles to be replaced can be used by other City departments.

b. Fire Department

Chief Al Lopez presented the Fire Department budget and referred to the Capital Outlay section stating that they are requesting a new Aerial, two ambulances, two heart monitors, three additional fire fighters and continuing addition to the fire station. Regarding salaries, Commissioner Laskowski asked if this included the three additional firefighters. Mr. Rushing replied that the numbers will be re-checked.

There was discussion regarding insurance figures.

Commissioner Wilson suggested going through the obvious increases. Due to State requirements, Chief Lopez stated that all firefighters are due new bunker gear. Minor Equipment is to continue the remodeling process. Professional Services entails all required testing on equipments and maintenance agreements. Training and Travel is for training specialized groups. The increase in Laundry Service now includes all uniforms for fire fighters. Medical Treatment entails charges for a physical for fire fighters in order to meet new State law regulations. Chief Lopez explained the costs for building maintenance.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

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

Mayor Fugate called for comments on all agenda and non-agenda items. There were none.

**V. Consent Agenda
Notice to the Public**

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

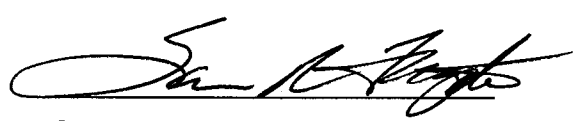
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

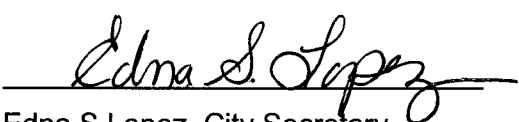
NONE

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.


Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edna S Lopez, City Secretary