

JULY 17, 2007 – 5:00 P.M.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2007 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 5:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R Fugate, Mayor
Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Arturo Pecos, Commissioner
Al Garcia, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Mark Rushing, Finance Director
Armando Gutierrez, City Engineer
Macario Mayorga, Water Supervisor
Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Diana Gonzalez, Human Resource Director
Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers at 5:00 P.M.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by Purchasing Director Dora Byington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

There were no minutes to consider.

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. There was no report.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. City Attorney Alvarez report on an e-mail sent by the City Secretary regarding an Emergency Management meeting for Staff.

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

Mayor Fugate called on City Commission's reports. Commissioner Wilson reported on Palm Street and several areas that flooded during the heavy rains. Mayor Fugate announced he will be working on site at Trash-Off Day.

4. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2007-2008 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville.

301 – Engineering

City Engineer Armando Gutierrez stated he is enjoying working for the City of Kingsville. Mr. Gutierrez touched on the overtime; he stated he will try to minimize the overtime. He stated he will make this budget work. He touched on Training & Travel, stating that he did some research and would like to attend several seminars. He stated he would like an increase to Training & Travel and membership accounts. Finance Director Mark Rushing provided an explanation on setting up a separate department for the Public Works Directors salary. City Engineer Gutierrez stated he has witnessed and spoken to a lot of people regarding the City's problems with drainage. Commissioner Laskowski pointed out a concern with the dollar amounts allocated in Professional Services, Departments 801 and 301.

801 – Public Works Administration

Public Works Director Bill Donnell stated this department was set up for expenditures within the Public Works Department. The salaries are for three positions.

600.1 – Water Construction

Water Superintendent Macario Mayorga stated the request for overtime is for employees that will be working on new water lines. Mr. Mayorga provided a brief explanation on each line item. He stated at the present time this department has two vacancies.

600.2 – Water Production

Water Production Supervisor Joe Casillas stated state fees for required water samples have increased. Mr. Casillas provided information on the utilities account. He stated the proposed amount for utilities is sufficient. He explained that Professional Services covers the water rate study. He stated his overall budget decreased 14%, not including a new truck, an additional position, and mower, even with these requests there is still a 6.5% decrease.

For clarification, City Manager Yerena stated in reference to a statement he made at the last meeting regarding the hotel/motel funding and the Downtown Business Development Manager. He stated that the funding for this new department of 25-35% would be included in the new proposed budget. He provided a job description for the Downtown Business Development Manager position.

Commissioner Laskowski asked about the presentation for Emergency Management. Mr. Rushing replied he was overlooked. Mayor Fugate asked that he be heard at the next regular meeting. City Manager Yerena announced he will be on vacation. Mayor Fugate asked that the overtime and budget's numbers be checked. Commissioner Laskowski asked about raises for employees. City Manager Yerena stated this will be a tight year.

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 no comments.

V. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

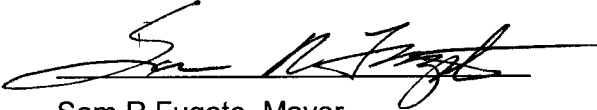
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

NONE

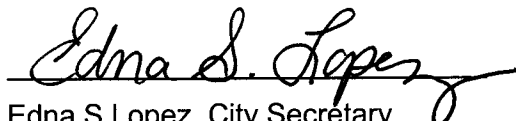
VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, City Secretary