

JUNE 30, 2009

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS CITY HALL/200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 12:00 NOON

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R Fugate, Mayor – arrived at 12:02 P.M.
Al Garcia, Mayor Pro-tem
Charles E Wilson, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Al Lopez, Fire Chief
Felix Camarillo, Firefighter
James Creek, Firefighter
Joseph Cordero, Firefighter
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
Ken Clark, Director of Development Services
Mark Rushing, Finance Director
Naim Khan, City Engineer
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Pro-tem Garcia called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers at 12:00 noon and announced quorum as present with Commissioner Laskowski absent and Mayor Fugate would arrive later.

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

Mayor Fugate called for consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, June 22nd, 2009. **Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pecos and Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Garcia, Wilson voting “FOR”. Laskowski “ABSENT”.**

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

NONE

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.²

“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, 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, Tax Increment Zone Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

City Manager Yerena reported on his travel to Victoria, Texas with the Task Force and announced that funding for overtime was available for the Police Department and Task Force. He reported that \$2,000,000 was awarded to this region through the Dept of Justice. City Manager Yerena announced that Mr. Drew Van Wyck, representative of the Gerloff Company, a restoration company from San Antonio, Texas would make a presentation. Mr. Van Wyck explained his company's emergency preparedness plan. City Manager Yerena explained this company deals with insurance and Ashbritt is a major disaster recovery company that deals with FEMA. He informed the Commission that he would be taking some vacation time-off.

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 made.

Mayor Fugate called for consideration of the Consent Agenda, items 1 – 3. **Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Wilson, Pecos, Garcia voting "FOR". Laskowski "ABSENT".**

V. Consent Agenda

1. **ORDINANCE ORD 2009-18 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance by amending Chapter XV, Article 6, Zoning, providing for seven Board members and no alternates. (Director of Development Services).**
2. **ORDINANCE ORD 2009-19 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget for the City of Kingsville to accept donations for Keep Kingsville Beautiful. (Finance Director).**
3. **RESOLUTION R2009-36 Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kingsville and Kleberg County relating to the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award. (Police Chief).**

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

4. **RESOLUTION R2009-37 Consider a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Program for the construction of a new fire station and any available equipment. (Fire Chief).**

Fire Chief Lopez stated that discussion has been on refurbishing Fire Station #2 versus building a new station #2 because it is very small, versus the third station that is on the Master Plan. He stated this is the first time this grant has been available through Homeland Security, the individual grant has a limit of \$5,000,000 and there is no cash match. He added that the City will be responsible for providing the property. He stated that he is looking for direction from the Commission on a 3rd station versus refurbishing Station #2, or building a new Station #2. He stated that because the grant will pay for a new station, it is more feasible to build a 3rd station. Chief Lopez added that the City could initially start staffing with the hiring of three fire fighters and that the new staffing would start in the year 2012.

Upon a question from Commissioner Garcia, Chief Lopez replied that the grant process is due by July 11th, and awards are done in December. Chief Lopez advised that he has been looking at some of the City's properties because this information must be submitted with grant. He

stated one location for the 3rd Station is the area between Ailsie and Brahma Blvd, and if Station #2 is refurbished it would need to be built up, but plans would have to be researched. Chief Lopez stated that another location is on West Mesquite the location of the training facility, but the idea is to head south. Upon a question from Mayor Fugate, Chief Lopez replied land needed is approximately four to five acres. He mentioned that information was received that someone is interested in donating some land. Upon a question from Commissioner Pecos, Chief Lopez replied the property located at 6th Street and General Cavazos was too small. Commissioner Pecos suggested including the training site at the location of Ailsie and Brahma Blvd and a small sub-station for the Police Department.

Upon a question from Commissioner Garcia, Mr. Rushing replied the approximate cost for three additional fire fighters would be \$150,000.

City Manager Yerena stated this provides an opportunity and according to Master Plan the City has to look for a station in the Southside. He stated he is concerned with additional staffing. Upon a question from Commissioner Garcia, Mr. Clark replied that this is the area of growth and eventually this will be needed. City Manager Yerena reminded the Commission that the debt service would be falling off in the year 2012. Chief Lopez stated that a couple of locations for a new station will be submitted with the grant, but at a later date they may be able to change locations.

Commissioner Wilson stated this Commission has been aggressive in trying to service the entire community in a way that they deserve and now is the time to move forward and put some type of Fire Station on the south side of town. He added that it would be beneficial to incorporate a small sub-station for the Police Department. He suggested the Police Chief look to see if there is some funding available on his side of the house. He added it is time to move forward and somehow deal with staffing. Mayor Fugate agreed with Commissioner Wilson's comments.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pecos and Commissioner Wilson. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Wilson, Pecos, Garcia voting "FOR". Laskowski "ABSENT".

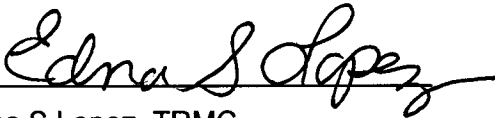
VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, TRMC
City Secretary