

JUNE 24, 2010

A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010 HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL/200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 11:30 A.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam Fugate, Mayor – arrived at 12:25 P.M.
 Al Garcia, Commissioner
 Charles E Wilson, Commissioner – left at 12:00 noon
 Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
 Arturo Pecos, Commissioner – arrived at 11:37 A.M.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
 Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
 Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
 Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
 Macario Mayorga, Water Supervisor
 Rudy Najera, Information Systems Technician
 Al Lopez, Fire Chief
 Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
 Frank Garcia, Wastewater Supervisor
 Linda Gerd, Volunteer Fire Fighter
 Ron Gerd, Volunteer Fire Fighter
 Naim Khan, City Engineer
 Y I Hinojosa, Street Field Supervisor
 Arturo Perez, Garage Superintendent
 Terry Vasquez, Assistant Accountant II
 Joel Ramirez, Temp Assistant Accountant
 Jennifer Vela, Code Enforcement Officer
 Mark Rushing, Finance Director
 Diana Medina, Collections Supervisor
 Gary Fuselier, Landfill Supervisor
 Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
 Anita Stewart, Secretary
 Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
 Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor
 Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
 Ken Clark, Director of Development Services
 Caron Vela, Accounting Manager

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Pro-tem Garcia called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers at 11:35 A.M., and announced quorum as present.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by Ms 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

There were no public hearings to be heard.

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, Keep Kingsville Beautiful, 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, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Chapter 59 project. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.”

Ms Alvarez announced she is working on agenda items for Monday's meeting.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

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

Mayor Pro-tem Garcia called for comments on all agenda and non-agenda items. There were no comments made.

V. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

1. **Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2010-2011 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville. (City Manager).**

City Manager stated that this year, Staff has met and has come to an understanding with the department head. He stated the revenues numbers are not in. He called for the Fire Department to proceed.

FIRE

Fire Chief Lopez stated this year's request is pretty much like last year's budget. There is a small increase for maintaining the equipment. He stated there is an agreement with the City Manager and Finance Director as to what is before them.

Commissioner Laskowski asked that the revisions be identified by the Finance Department.

Mr. Rushing provided an overview on the increases for the Fire Department, overall increase is \$34,500, he stated they chose not to put forth any Form 6 requests, and did not increase overtime. The largest change was for professional services. Fire Chief Lopez stated that item entails all the mandated testing on fire equipment.

Upon a question from Mayor Pro-tem Garcia, Chief Lopez stated that a grant will be submitted for a new fire station next fiscal year. Upon a question from Commissioner Pecos, Chief Lopez stated the line item for professional services increased by \$13,616. He stated that all fire trucks have in place a maintenance agreement, increase for chemicals is for the purchase of foam for firefighting, and the increase for personal wear is for purchasing carbon monoxide monitors to be worn by firefighters. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Chief Lopez stated the remodeling of the fire station is 99% complete. He explained the success of the Explorers. Chief Lopez explained that medical supplies are plenty because some expire. He stated that the Fire Department is waiting on new portables radio. Upon a question from Mayor Pro-tem Garcia, Chief Lopez stated that regarding equipment the City's needs are being kept up. He added that the City is not complying with the NFPA Standard, they are in need of a total of ninety (90) fire fighters, and currently they have thirty (30) on staff. Total budget increase for this year is \$34,500.

POLICE

Chief Torres stated he met with the City Manager Yerena and Finance department to discuss his department's budget and the total increase for his budget from last year is, \$29,400, the increase is for supplies, training & travel, vehicle maintenance, and uniforms. He stated that his federal budget is not ready, but the budget will be for \$432,950. He stated he will be purchasing more vehicles, and he will fund for overtime.

Mr. Rushing stated that the Chief did not put forth any Form 6, he will reimburse overtime, and there were twenty-one (21) changes and none exceeded \$1,000. The total budget is \$636,142. Upon a question from Mayor Pro-tem Garcia, Chief Torres replied salary surveys are a collective bargaining issue but the City is compatible to Alice, Texas and other cities our size. Chief Torres stated the department is at a 100% of employees.

Chief Torres stated that by the year 2015, all the radios must be replaced at a cost of \$400,000 in order to be Project 25 compliance. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Chief Torres explained the state mandated request for Project 25. If not Project 25 compliant, the City will not be eligible for any federal grants. Project 25 will make the cities interoperable with all entities.

VOLUNTEER FIRE

Mr. Ron Gerd stated their budget is the same as last year. They plan to build on membership; approximate membership is twenty-one (21). The long range goal is to build up to thirty (30). Mr. Gerd stated their productivity has gone up.

PURCHASING

Ms Byington stated everything remained the same. Her budget was discussed with the City Manager and Finance Director. Total increase \$1,928, excluding salaries but including computers.

Mayor Fugate called for a recess at 12:34 P.M., and then reconvened at 12:50 P.M.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Naim Khan addressed the Commission. He stated the total increase for the department is \$338.

Municipal Building

Mr. Khan stated there is a decrease because the air conditioning in the building has been replaced and the maintenance is down. He stated the light bulbs throughout the building will be replaced with grant monies. Current budget has been reduced to \$30,000 overall decrease was \$8,129.

TRAIN DEPOT

Mr. Khan stated there is an increase of \$600 for a door and decrease in professional services of \$100. Department total increase is \$583.

LANDFILL

Mr. Khan explained the increase for gas & oil of \$12,000 from last year. He explained that the increase for professional services was dropped to \$153,000 from \$200,000. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Mr. Gary Fuselier explained the plans for dealing with the methane issue. Mr. Rushing stated the overall increase is \$179,691.

STREET

Mr. Khan stated this department increased the line item for chemicals. There were questions on personnel having certification for purchasing and applying the round-up chemical. Mayor Fugate stated there was more monies budgeted last year for Street & Bridge. Upon a question from Commissioner Garcia, Mr. Khan replied that monies are included for signage. Total budget is \$232,000, overall increase is \$44,820. Mr. Rushing stated the objective is to fund \$400,000 each year.

WATER CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Khan stated there is an increase for water line improvements. He stated that when water lines are repaired, the streets will be repaired. The total increase for this department is, \$108,296.

WATER PRODUCTION

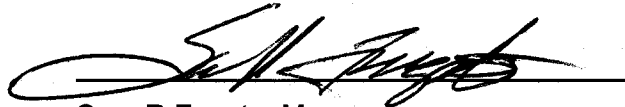
Mr. Khan stated there are increases for gas & oil by \$1,500, communication by \$500, and state fees by \$10,000. Mr. Donnell stated there is an increase in the chemicals account. He added that there is a Form 6 that was included. The overall increase is \$24,407.

WASTEWATER (NORTH PLANT)

Mr. Khan stated there is an increase of \$5,000 for chemicals. The total increase for this budget is \$6,696.

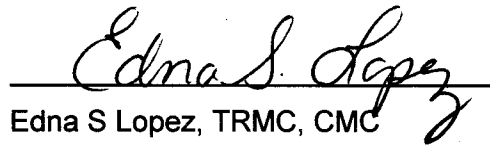
VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary