

**AUGUST 18, 2011**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011 IN THE KINGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 635 E. KING, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AT 12:00 P.M.**

**CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Sam R Fugate, Mayor  
Al Garcia, Commissioner  
Charles Wilson, Commissioner  
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner – arrived at 12:07 P.M.  
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner – arrived at 12:07 P.M.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Vincent J Capell, City Manager  
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary  
Mark Kellam, Director of Development Services

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM at 635 E King with three (3) Commission members present, and announced quorum as present.

Mayor Fugate called to forego the preliminary proceedings. He then recessed the meeting at 12:06 P.M., until the guests could arrive.

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)**

**Mayor Fugate reconvened the meeting at 12:15 P.M.**

City Manager Capell provided the Commission a recap from the previous meeting held with the business prospects. The business prospects want to set up a sugar cane process which is stored in a pilo in the City of Kingsville. The next step is to find 200 – 400 acres as close to Kingsville as possible. This would be the first site in Texas. They will hold annual events and this will be their home base in Texas. This would create about 25 -30 jobs. City Manager Capell stated the business prospects had not presented a business plan at the previous meeting.

Commissioner Laskowski stated they don't use any fertilizers; everything that they use is organic. He stated he did some research. He stated the leaves have to be burned and this is a concern as to how this will affect NAS-Kingsville. He stated the State of Florida has this and they have some issues.

City Manager Capell stated the only incentives requested are assistance from the City to buy land, and assistance for locating land for their building. He stated that HEB Grocery is one of their customers.

Commissioner Laskowski stated this sugar is used in HEB soda and confectionary sugars. He stated one advantage of this is that it is great for people with diabetes.

City Manager Capell stated they are making upward of a \$3,000,000 investment. Mr. Messbarger stated it is his understanding the building is only a shed. Commissioner Laskowski stated his old building on Corral is available. City Manager Capell stated it would be ashamed to bring this business to the area and not be in the city limits.

There was discussion of possible sites to locate this business.

City Manager Capell stated the business needs 20,000 sq ft for the building, and 5 acres of land.

Commissioner Laskowski stated the area requires rainfall and the irrigation issue will be a big thing.

The guests arrived at 12:40 P.M.

**II. Public Comment on Agenda Items<sup>3</sup>**

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.

Mayor Fugate announced the Executive Session at 12:40 P.M. The Commission convened into Executive Session at 12:55 P.M.

**III. Items for consideration by Commissioners.<sup>4</sup>**

**1.Executive Session: Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Commission shall convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations. (City Manager).**

Mayor Fugate left the Executive Session at 1:20 P.M., and returned at 2:04 P.M. Commissioner Wilson left the Executive Session at 1:30 P.M.

The Commission reconvened to regular session at 2:43 P.M.

**2. Consider authorizing staff to move forward with continued economic development negotiations. (City Manager).**

Mayor Fugate called for a motion to continue economic development negotiations.


**Commissioner Pecos and Commissioner Garcia made a motion to have Staff continue working towards economic development negotiations with our friends, seconded by Commissioner Laskowski. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Garcia, Laskowski voting "FOR". Wilson "ABSENT".**

**VII. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

  
Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Edna S Lopez, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary