#### **JULY 23, 2012**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012 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 Al Garcia, Commissioner Noel Pena, Commissioner Dianne Leubert, Commissioner

#### **CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:**

Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Vincent J Capell, City Manager Edna S Lopez, City Secretary Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney David Mason, Purchasing Director Roel Carrion, Interim Fire Chief Ricardo Torres, Police Chief Naim Khan, City Engineer/Public Works Director Mark Rushing, Finance Director Tony Verdin, Computer System Technician Mike Kellam, Director of Development Services Willie Vera, Task Force Commander Bob Trescott, Downtown/Special Projects Manager Bill Donnell, Asst Public Works Director Caron Vela, Accounting Manager Yolanda Cadena, Health Director Diana Medina, Collections Director Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor

#### I. Preliminary Proceedings.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at 5:08 P.M. and announced quorum as present with Commissioner Pecos absent.

CONVENE INTO PUBLIC HEARING — (REQUIRED BY LAW) - ITEM II- PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 39.03 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE CITY'S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION TO-WIT: KT&I SUBDIVISION, LOT 9, SECTION 22. (Director of Development Services).

Mayor Fugate opened the public hearing at 5:09 P.M. and announced if anyone wanted to speak on this subject this was the time, they can come up to the podium announce their name and address before speaking.

Ms Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney stated at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, the City Commission by Resolution approved a Municipal Service Plan for the proposed, Lot 9, Section 22 of the KT&I Subdivision; on May 14<sup>th,</sup> 2012, the City Commission approved Resolution #2012-25 that established the dates and time, and location for the two public hearings on the proposed annexation. Public Hearings were set to be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. in the Alcorn Commission Chambers located in City Hall, 200 East Kleberg Ave. The notice of the two public hearings was duly published in the local newspaper, letters were sent out to the property owners, taxing entities and local school districts. To the best of her knowledge, Ms Alvarez stated that Mr. Kellam hasn't received any feedback. There is only three to four property owners, corporation and the county in the area proposed for annexation. The annexation service plan was adopted at the prior meeting which noted there's existing fire services, and police service currently are through the Kleberg County Sheriff Department. There's no need for additional staffing to encompass this area by the Police department. Ms Alvarez stated the City would start doing building inspections, and the Health department already covers the area. The City would work on streets which are in fine shape. With regard to the rest of the service plan, everything is already set out. The area is already on City water and sewer. There's an agreement for trash collection with the initial developer of Hawks Landing

property. The City will not have to expand any additional services for those basic infrastructures. Ms Alvarez announced this is the time for the public to present questions or comments for the proposed annexation of that area.

Mayor Fugate stated this is a long time coming. When Hawks Landing was developed and built there was a five year moratorium and this should have been done since 2002.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments. Ms Alvarez advised there's nothing in the Statute that requires that the hearing be held opened for any particular time.

Mayor Fugate closed the public hearing at 5:14 P.M.

The meeting was recessed at 5:14 P.M.

Mayor Fugate reconvened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

#### 6:00 P.M. - Regular Session of the Agenda continues

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

The invocation was delivered by Mr. Mark Rushing, 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, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Leubert. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pena, Leubert, Garcia voting "FOR". Pecos "ABSENT".

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

**NONE** 

#### III. Reports from Commission & Staff.<sup>2</sup> (City Manager's Staff Report Attached).

"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, Main Street Downtown, Chapter 59 project, Financial Advisor. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

Mayor Fugate called for Task Commander Willie Vera's presentation. Commander Vera presented the nonexistent Task Force Explorer Post #700 funds to the existing Kingsville Border Patrol Post #531.

Mayor Fugate presented retired employee, Ms Irene Ramirez with a Certificate of Appreciation and a City watch for her twenty-five years of service.

Ms Alvarez reported the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline for agenda items is on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a special meeting on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. to do the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for the annexation of the Hawks Landing area.

#### IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items .3

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 called for consideration of the items in the Consent Agenda, Items 1-8. Commissioner Leubert made a motion to accept the consent agenda, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pena. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pena, Leubert voting "FOR". Pecos "ABSENT".

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#### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-34 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter V Public Works, Article 1 Garbage, Amending the number of days for corrective action after notice of violation to seven. (Director of Development Services).
- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-35 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Fund Budget for the City of Kingsville to accept donations for Keep Kingsville Beautiful for various beautification projects. (Finance Director).
- 3. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-36 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances Chapter VII, Article 6, Traffic Control Devices; Providing for the restriction of parking on the west side of Wilson Street from Ella Ave to Avenue A. (City Engineer/Public Works Director).
- 4. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-37 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget for the Solid Waste Capital Projects Fund to purchase commercial dumpsters. (City Engineer/Public Works Director).
- 5. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-38 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget for the General Fund Capital Projects Fund for the Finance Department Accounts Receivable module to utilize Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Surplus Funds. (Finance Director).
- 6. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-39 Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending Chapter III, Article 7, Personnel Policies, Section 1 Classification and Compensation Plan to add the position of Tourism Services Director and the position of Downtown & Volunteer Manager to the Kingsville Classification and Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (Human Resource Director).
- 7. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-35 Motion to approve resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for the State of Texas requesting grant funding for Law Enforcement equipment on behalf of the Kingsville Police Department with no anticipated cash match. (Police Chief).
- 8. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-36 Motion to approve resolution authorizing the City to submit a joint application to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant requesting grant funding for lead cardiac monitor/defibrillators with telemetry capability on behalf of the Kingsville Fire Department with an anticipated \$6,600 cash match. (Interim Fire Chief).

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:**

- VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.4
  - 9. Consider appointing Mr. Ken Moses and Mr. Raymond Perez to the Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) to serve a two year term. (Director of Development Services).

Mr. Kellam stated both gentlemen have expressed an interest on serving and currently two vacancies exist. Both have good backgrounds and will serve the board well.

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 37 Consider resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Consultant Contract for the Certified Local Government Historical Survey & Inventory of the Historic District of Kingsville, Texas. (Downtown/Special Projects Manager).

Mr. Bob Trescott stated a grant was received from the Texas Historical Commission to conduct a survey and inventory of our historic resources. The City entered into a contract with the University with services from students and faculty. This item is to hire a consultant with the requisite of training and skills to supervise that process. Ms Martin is a Kingsville resident and serves on the Historical Board. She is the Executive Director of the Texas Tropical Trail and she's agreed to lead the process.

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

### 11. <u>Consider resolution establishing a Kingsville Main Street Downtown Plan for the City of Kingsville, Texas. (Downtown/Special Projects Manager).</u>

Mayor Fugate stated there are a couple of members that would like to look at the plan before approving and asked if this was time sensitive. Mr. Trescott responded it was not time sensitive.

#### **PASSED**

## 12. Consider authorizing Staff to proceed with emergency rehabilitation project at Water Well #20 as per staff recommendation. (City Engineer/Public Works Director).

Mr. Naim Khan stated a few months ago the production at Water Well #20 went down tremendously. Immediately, the Water Production Supervisor, Mr. Joe Casillas spoke to the contractors and dealers to get an estimate. An estimate for the well cleaning and pump repairs was received and approved by the Commission on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Everything was done but there was a problem with the pump testing. The amount spent was \$100,000 for the well cleaning and liner installation. An additional \$31,926 is needed to finish the project which would come from Utility Fund Capital Outlay fund.

Commissioner Leubert made a motion to authorize Staff to proceed with emergency rehabilitation project at Water Well #20, seconded by Commissioner Pena. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pena, Leubert voting "FOR". Pecos "ABSENT".

13. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget for the Utility Fund Capital Projects Fund 054 for the Water Production Department Water Well #20 to Fund 062 CO 2005. (Finance Director).

Mr. Rushing stated this is an introduction to the previous item just passed. There will be an adjustment in the amount of \$8.00 difference, which the true amount is \$35,119.

#### INTRODUCTION ONLY

## 14. Consider authorizing the Water Extension Agreement between the City of Kingsville and Mr. Steve Childers and Mr. Jimmy Yarborough. (Director of Development Services).

Mr. Kellam stated back in February, Mr. Childers contacted staff about problems with his existing water well. Staff has worked out details with Mr. Childers on a cost sharing agreement as authorized to pursue by the Commission. The City will pay for 50% of the installation and Mr. Yarborough & Mr. Childers have agreed to pay for the remaining 50%, at 25% each. Both have entered into the agreement and are ready to move forward. They are in dire need. There's an easement that will used on the south side of Private Road 2006. Two hydrants will be installed which was figured into the cost estimate and the line is an 8 inch main. The project will begin this week; the amount will be billed and will be due in 30 days. The amount owed is \$5,826.52 each.

City Manager Capell stated the City will probably see more and more requests as wells fail and the drought continues.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the water extension agreement, seconded by Commissioner Leubert. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pena, Leubert, Garcia voting "FOR". Pecos "ABSENT".

# 15. Consider authorizing the building repairs and replacement of the sidewalks in front of the Recycling/Community Appearance building as per staff recommendation. (Director of Development Services).

Mr. Kellam stated this would continue repairs to the Recycling Center. Sidewalks are in bad shape and landscaping will be done after the sidewalks are fixed. The cost for replacing the sidewalks is \$6,221.05. Complete Custom offered the lowest bid.

Commissioner Leubert made a motion to replace and repair the sidewalks in front of the Recycling/Community Appearance building, seconded by Commissioner

Pena. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pena, Leubert voting "FOR". Pecos "ABSENT".

16. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Budget for the General Fund Capital Projects Fund for the Recycling

Center/Community Appearance Building repairs and the replacement of the sidewalks to utilize Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Surplus Funds. (Finance Director).

Mr. Rushing stated this for the item that was just passed.

#### INTRODUCTION ONLY

17. Consider authorizing for purchase of emergency generators and all associated installation for Water Production facilities from Division 16 Construction

Corporation, at a cost of \$419,901 as per staff recommendation. (Bid No.12-38) (Purchasing Director).

Mr. David Mason stated this was done by sealed bid. Four vendors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visitation. Two responded to the bid. The monies, \$419,901 will come from the CO 2011 funds. The warranty is for one year.

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

18. Consider determination on whether or not to exclude certain property types from the storm water utility fee as allowed by State Statute. (Finance Director).

Mr. Rushing stated this is one critical element in the storm water study, whether or not the City will exempt different entities. The University by Statue is exempt. He presented HDR Representative, Mr. Grady Reed information regarding calculation on property class and billing units. Mr. Rushing further explained the calculations.

Property Class	Billing Units	Month SW Bill	Annual SW Bill	Revised SW Rate if Exempt	Increase Over** Base Rate
Religious	563	\$703.75	\$8,445.00	\$1.30	\$0.05
City	378	\$472.50	\$5,670.00	\$1.28	\$0.03
County	623	\$778.75	\$9,345.00	\$1.30	\$0.05
ISD	955	\$1,193.75	\$14,325.00	\$1.33	\$0.08

<sup>\*\*</sup> Base Rate is \$1.25/ERU/Month

Mr. Rushing explained when a segment is exempt; the balance to stay within the cost of the projects needed to be funded from this revenue that would be generated is spread over a smaller group of people. So in term, that shows the impacting. He stated those are the numbers for their consideration whether the City is to include or exclude a class. In the model right now, they are all included. Mr. Rushing stated it would be logical, if the Commission excludes the City to also exclude the County, as well.

City Manager Capell stated he hopes the City Commission would not want any exemptions. If you compare the fee to any other utility fee it is very minor.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments. Commissioner Leubert stated she agrees with the City Manager.

Mr. Rushing stated each group contributes to the run-off and if excluded the others in the group have to pick up the balance of that.

City Manager Capell stated the less money you have, the less money you can spend on storm water improvements.

Commissioner Garcia asked if this could change at any time or after a bond issue. Ms Alvarez replied it would depend on the bond covenant. The bond covenant when Certificates of Obligation are approved is a contractual obligation. It would be dependent on whether or not this was a funding force.

Mr. Rushing commented that Staff needs direction on this to move forward.

Commissioner Pena asked the question, if someone were to appeal the assessment, Ms Alvarez replied the Consultant has drafted with Staff a model storm water utility creation ordinance and a model storm water utility fee ordinance. Under State Statue, you are supposed to take the creation ordinance first; the draft of that ordinance is required by State Statue to be published in its entirety three times with first publication being thirty days prior the Commission voting. So there's plenty of time for everybody to review. There's a public hearing notice that's required to be published three times along with that. The draft ordinance has a process for appealing.

Commissioner Pena made a motion to NOT exclude any property, seconded by Commissioner Leubert. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Leubert, Pena voting "FOR". Pecos "ABSENT".

19. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-38 Consider resolution supporting the efforts to preserve the Old H.M. King High School building located at Kleberg Avenue and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and convert it into a new City Hall and making certain commitments regarding same. (Mayor Fugate).

Mayor Fugate stated he asked for this to be placed on the agenda because the Foundation who owns the building has accumulated about \$1.6 million. They put a new roof and have done some mold remediation. The old extension that was built in the 1950's was demolished. They are a little short of money in order to finish the windows and doors, about \$450,000. We are getting to a point where the City is going to have to commit, Mayor Fugate said. In the past, the City has passed resolutions supporting this project expressing a desire to make this into a new city hall. In the City's 2011 Certificates of Obligation, the City set aside \$1.1 million for that project. The City was going to set aside \$2 million but there was a financing situation to where the City had to cap the obligation at \$10 million, so \$1.1 million was set aside. It was decided that in the future the City would come back for the other \$900,000. What the Foundation is looking for is that the City will have \$2 million available to finish the project. They understand that this is at the end of the project, and that the City will agree to a long term lease, 50-90 years with the understanding that the City will maintain the property.

City Manager Capell stated with could come from future CO or fund balance.

Mayor Fugate stated the City can take pride in our community by fixing this building. This is an expensive project, but it is vital.

Commissioner Leubert made a motion to support the efforts to preserve the Old H.M. King High School at Kleberg Ave and North 3<sup>rd</sup> convert it into the new City Hall and making certain commitments regarding same, seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pena, Garcia, Leubert voting "FOR". Pecos "ABSENT".

### 20. <u>Consider requested budget amendment from KCVB for employee</u> compensation. (Downtown/Special Projects Manager).

Mr. Trescott stated some Staff at the KCVB is getting ready to retire but have delayed their retirement to help out. He stated his interaction with KCVB Staff during this period has been professional, helpful and cordial. There are issues that are compassionate and loyalty, and some that are policy and statue issues. He stated he reviewed the ordinance that the KCVB is operating under which mentions a judiciary responsibility considering the funds being used as tax revenue. It also talks about administrative costs can fund only those services and promotions incurred during the period. A policy action was taken within the last month that will affect performance over eighty-four months which seems to conflict with that Statue that they operate under. As for leave balances, that is a normal and common practice to pay people for their leave balances.

Ms Alvarez stated that Mr. Trescott attend the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting where the KCVB Board approved the amendment to their Policies and Procedures Handbook, 3-01-07 — Employee Service Recognition Award. A copy of this section was provided to the Commission. Ms Alvarez stated this is the only information that was provided. City Staff has not received financials other than the ones presented at the prior meeting. If they are attempting to address this section in the by-laws, with regard to the State Constitution, Article 3, Section 53, that section states you cannot compensate for prior performance. The Board would be attempting to modify the policy to compensate the employees that remain with them from the time the policy was adopted.

Commissioner Leubert asked Ms Alvarez if the City was satisfied with the employee section award as written. Ms Alvarez replied that the Board is within their right to approve a policy change regarding employee compensation. Commissioner Leubert asked if the KCVB Board would need to come back again. Ms Alvarez replied the City Commission doesn't have to approve this policy that the board has adopted, the Commission would only need to approve the money that the Board would be awarding based on the policy at the end of the contract period.

Commissioner Leubert stated that nothing is attached to the agenda and asked if they should assume the amount and money to be the same. Mr. Trescott stated the Board talked about resubmitting but nothing was received.

Commissioner Leubert commented that at this point, she's at a loss and is assuming it is the same from the previous meeting but nothing is attached, so the Commission has no amount. City Manager Capell stated it is their obligation to provide the information.

Commissioner Leubert stated they did make amendment and they did follow through with what should have been in place at the beginning before it all started. The problem she is having is that there's nothing to go with the agenda item.

City Manager Capell stated it is not so much the money issue it's the way it occurred. It's a legal issue, and if ever contested, it is not generally done this way.

Commissioner Leubert stated we all know there are a lot of things that aren't generally done certain ways in order to get things done. She asked Ms Alvarez if the Commission was within their legal means now with policy in place. Ms Alvarez replied no information was provided. She added the Board is within their right to approve a policy change regarding employee compensation. With regard to their contract with the city, they just need to come back to the City Commission to get approval for changes to the previously budgeted and approved compensation plan.

Mayor Fugate stated there's no provision for awarding this money in their by-laws up to July 13<sup>th</sup>. The Texas Constitution doesn't allow the City to consider anything that happened before July 13<sup>th</sup> in giving the KCVB employees an award. Ms Alvarez provided an example: the City couldn't give a \$2000 bonus to the employees at the end of the year but could set something at the beginning not at the end. Mayor Fugate stated you can award a bonus for 3 ½ weeks under the present scenario.

Mayor Fugate asked if figures were turned in on their vacation pay. Mr. Trescott replied he has a total of \$5,974 based on computing their leave based on the policy that was in effect.

Mayor Fugate called for Human Resource Director Diana Gonzales to address the Commission and provide information on employee benefits at the time an employee leaves the City. Commissioner Leubert stated KCVB employees can't be compared to City employees because they don't get retirement, they get vacation and they don't have health insurance.

Ms Gonzales stated an employee who leaves the City's employment can receive up to 120 hours on vacation for non-civil service; sick leave for hourly employees they get half of their balance up to 700 hours, and management employees get no sick leave. Mayor Fugate asked if bonus monies were given. Ms Gonzales replied the only other benefit is that employees are eligible to keep health insurance for a certain dollar amount.

Mayor Fugate called for further questions or comments. Mr. Trescott stated one of the compensation is based on 160 hours.

To get Commissioner Garcia up to speed, Mayor Fugate stated at a previous Commission meeting Ms Alvarez determined they did not have anything on their by-laws that would allow them to give these bonuses so consequently this item was tabled because there was nothing for the Commission to act on. Their Board has called an emergency meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>; they enacted some by-laws that would cover bonuses. In his opinion, this validates what the City Manager is going to do with this department. The City needs to have more control. They have about \$500,000 tax dollars that they are in control of and with this happening the City needs to have more control. There's no question that these ladies gave good service to the citizens. But the City has a lot of City employees, for example, recent retirees Ms Yolanda Vasquez and Ms Dora Byington, between these two employees they had about 90 years of employment and they got a certificate and a watch. Tonight, Ms Irene Ramirez gave twenty-five years to the City. The City would be setting a dangerous precedence giving tax payer monies. He stated he had no objections to paying them for their vacation pay up to 120 hours. The way this has come about and orchestrated it validates what the City Manager wants to do.

Commissioner Pena made a motion to NOT consider the budget amendment, seconded Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pena voting "FOR" Leubert "AGAINST". Pecos "ABSENT".

### VII.Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Edna S Lopez, TRMC, CMC

**City Secretary**