

MAY 17, 2013

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013 IN THE FRANK H. DOTTERWEICH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING BUILDING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE, 917 W. AVENUE B, ROOM 109 AT 8:00 A.M.

**CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Sam Fugate, Mayor  
Dianne Leubert, Commissioner  
Noel Pena, Commissioner  
Al Garcia, Commissioner

**CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:**

Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Vincent J. Capell, City Manager  
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary  
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney  
Mark Rushing, Finance Director  
Mike Kellam, Director of Planning & Development Services  
David Mason, Purchasing/IT Director  
Emilio Garcia, Health Director  
Charlie Cardenas, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Melissa Perez, Risk Manager  
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director  
Hector Vela, Technical Service Assistant  
Ruthie Valdez, Interim Library Director  
Willie Vera, Task Force Commander  
Bob Trescott, Tourism Director  
James Bryson, Accounting Manager  
Joey Reed, Fire Chief  
Bill Donnell, Assistant Public Works Director  
Rick Torres, Chief of Police  
Julian Cavazos, Lieutenant Commander  
Donald Lobaugh, Sergeant  
Johnny Campos, Sergeant  
Antonio Verdin, Information Systems Technician

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN WORKSHOP**

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order at 8:24 A.M. and announced quorum as present. Commissioner Pecos absent.

**II. Public Notice is hereby given that members of the City Commission of the City of Kingsville and its Staff shall be present and shall participate in a discussion of the goals for the City of Kingsville.**

Mayor Fugate asked for comments from the City Commission and Staff. Mayor Fugate stated that this workshop is for the City Commission to set goals for the next five to ten years for the City of Kingsville.

Mr. Capell stated that this workshop is a goal setting workshop and would like to hear from City Commission and staff as to what goals they would like to set out for the City of Kingsville.

Commissioner Leubert commented that the goals that this Commission set, should be tax payer related goals and not personal goals. She further commented that the goals she will set are from conversations she has had with citizens.

Mr. Capell stated that at the end of this workshop, he would like to walk away with at least five to ten goals if possible. He further stated that we need to follow Rebecca Pace slogan "Think Big", "Go Big".

Mr. Capell asked for comments from the City Commission and staff regarding book called "Rise of the Creative Class Revisited" by Richard Florida.

Mayor Fugate called for a break at 9:42 a.m.

Mayor Fugate called the meeting back to order at 10:00 a.m.

Bob Trescott, Tourism Director reported on tourism developments, governments, urban designs, strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

Mr. Mike Kellam, Director of Planning & Development Services made a brief report regarding the Master Plan which was adopted in 2008. He stated that the Master Plan is broad and speaks about small issues. It also speaks about future goals of the City and is used as a tool that ties into the city budget and should be reviewed annually. The Master Plan is written by the community and is a big part of capital improvements made within the City.

Mr. Capell asked Mr. Kellam to give examples of when the Master Plan is used.

Mr. Kellam stated that the Master Plan is used in special use permits, code amendments, budget, and for capital improvements.

Mayor Fugate stated that the Joint Land Use Study and Master Plan were both adopted within one month from each other back in 2008. Both instruments play a huge role in decision making for the City of Kingsville.

Mr. Kellam recommends that the Joint Land Use Study and Master Plan be reviewed at least every five years.

Mayor Fugate called for a lunch break at 11:25 a.m.

Mayor Fugate called the meeting back to order at 1:15 p.m.

Mr. Capell spoke regarding to goal settings and incorporating smart strategies which could be incorporated into the budget. He further called upon the City Commission to voice some of their goals for the City of Kingsville.

Commissioner Garcia stated that he would like to improve the appearance of the City as well as improve housing. Create an incubator office space for Texas A&M University-Kingsville Pharmacy School to start research for certain illnesses.

Commissioner Leubert stated that she would like to attract tourism with a clean industry. Improve communications with residents and make code enforcement a priority. She further stated that she would like to see a pet friendly park, hike trail, bike trail and walking trails as well as green space and more family oriented entertainment. Commissioner Leubert further stated that she would like to see a list of goals that are achievable with timelines. She further stated that she would like to see town hall meetings scheduled so that citizens can voice their concerns and give some of their ideas with regards to what they would like to see in their City.

Commissioner Garcia spoke on behalf of Commissioner Pecos stating that he would like to repair current infrastructure, oppose windfarm development especially if it affects the Naval Air Station-Kingsville. Improve housing development and would not approve tax increases.

Commissioner Pena stated that he would like to see improvements to our Library possibly build a new Library, see more handicap accessibilities around Texas A&M University-Kingsville as well as sidewalk improvements. He further stated that he would like to see competitive wages for all city employees.

Mayor Fugate stated that good government is the basis for good economic development. He further stated more support of local businesses in our community within our city as well as street improvements. He would also like to see improvements in our parks such as water paths for families to enjoy, provide Wi-Fi in park areas and in certain locations throughout the City. He further stated that the standard primary goal is public safety.

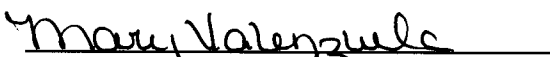
Mr. Capell stated that the City Commission has set out some really good goal ideas for our city and would like to schedule more goal setting workshops in the near future.

### III. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

  
Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

A list of goals taken during this special meeting is hereto attached to the minutes.

## GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

MARCH 17, 2013

1. Economic Development
  - Applied Research
  - Business Attraction
  - Retention Program
  - Tourism
  - Technology
  - Historic Preservation
  - NAS-Kingsville
  - Texas A&M University-Kingsville
  - King Ranch
2. Parks & Recreation
  - More Public Places
  - Water Paths
3. Competitive Wages for Municipal Employees
4. Housing
  - Diversity – Senior living
  - Infill
  - Neighborhoods
  - Redevelopment
  - Loans, abatements
5. Loop around Kingsville
6. Animal Friendly/Responsible Owner Community
7. Comprehensive Street Plan
  - Funding
  - Timeline
  - Alleys? (Selected Location)
8. Comprehensive Plan for Public Safety
  - Police/Fire/Task Force/Risk Management
  - Resilient
9. Creative Community
  - Sustainable
  - Arts/Music/Symphony
  - Theater
  - Education – Honoring our history

10. Quality Services – Youth & Seniors

- Assisted living

11. Education K-12 Grade

- Kingsville Independent School District

12. Community Appearance

13. Good Government

14. Image

- Self (Internal)
- External

15. Development

- 6<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor
- 14<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor