

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 6:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam Fugate, Mayor
Edna Lopez, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner
Noel Pena, Commissioner
Al Garcia, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Jesús Garza, City Manager
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Tom Ginter, Director of Planning & Development Services
Emilio Garcia, Health Director
Bill Donnell, Assistant Public Works Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
Susan Ivy, Parks Manager
David Solis, Risk Manager
Deborah Balli, Finance Director
Adrian Garcia, Fire Chief
Charlie Cardenas, Public Works Director/Engineer
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
Sharam Santanilla, Capital Improvement Manager
Leo Alarcon, Tourism Director
Pete Pina, Landfill Supervisor
Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
Jennifer Bernal, Community Appearance Supervisor
Charlie Sosa, Street Supervisor

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chamber at 6:00 P.M. and announced quorum with five Commission members present.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by Mrs. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

NONE

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

1. NONE

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.² (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, Tourism, 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, Historical Survey Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.”

Mr. Jesús Garza, City Manager announced that there will be a Community Meeting on Downtown Visioning Plan on September 21, 2016 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. to be held in the Community Room located inside City Hall, 400 W. King Ave. Shortly after this meeting, a Parks Master Plan Open House Meeting will be held on September 21, 2016

from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. to be held in the Community Room located inside City Hall, 400 W. King Ave.

Mrs. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney announced that the next regularly scheduled City Commission will be on Monday, September 12th at 6:00 P.M. On Saturday, September 24th, the City of Kingsville will be hosting Trash Off Day from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Mayor Fugate announced that on October 22, 2016, Mrs. Groves will be celebrating her birthday with a fundraiser event in the Community Room located inside City Hall (which is a private event). Mayor Fugate further announced that on Monday, September 12th he will be attending a breakfast in Brownsville for Tamaulipas Governor-Elect Francisco Garcia Cabeza de Vaca. Tamaulipas was once the sister city to the City of Kingsville.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

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

No public comments made.

V.

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commission Member in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ORDINANCES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(At this point the Commission will vote on all motions, resolutions and ordinances not removed for individual consideration)

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

1. Consider introduction of an ordinance adopting the City Manager's Budget, as amended, of the City of Kingsville, Texas, and appropriating funds for the fiscal year beginning October 01, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 in the particulars hereinafter stated. (Director of Finance).

Mrs. Deborah Balli, Finance Director reported that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is at \$46,900,740.00.

Mr. Garza commented that the proposed budget includes a couple of changes that have come up since the last budget workshop. The latest fund balance for the general fund was \$304,000.00 and now it's at \$300,000.00. At the direction of Mayor Fugate staff included a total of \$9,000 for salary increases for the City Manager, City Attorney, and Municipal Court Judge. There is no fund balance change for the Tourism Fund, but a project was cut by \$5,000 and added \$5,000 for a donation to the Conner Museum at the direction from the City Commission.

Mayor Fugate asked if this budget adds in for the Parks System the full amount that Kleberg County is supposed to pay the City of Kingsville.

Mrs. Balli responded "yes".

Mayor Fugate directed Mr. Garza to make contact with Kleberg County Judge and make him aware that the City of Kingsville is expecting full payment. Fugate commented that he believes that in order for Kleberg County to balance their budget they deducted \$50,000 from the payment, which will not be acceptable. Mayor Fugate thanked staff for all their hard work in preparation of this new budget.

Commissioner Lopez commented that it is her understanding that there will be challenges in several areas of the budget for next year according to the report. She would like it be known that it's her position that she is completely against creating the Parks & Recreations Director and the Facility Manager positions. However, with regards to the city's current employees, she is in full support of increasing their wages. Every effort should be made to maintain competitive wages in order to retain experienced employees. In addition, the

money being proposed for these two positions needs to be used to add personnel to Public Works. Our citizens will be better served in regards to their needs if we are able to increase positions in these areas.

Commissioner Pecos asked if anyone has received complaints about mosquitos. Commissioner Garcia responded "not yet". Commissioner Pecos commented that the Health Department will take care of the problem.

Introduction item.

2. Consider introduction of an ordinance establishing and adopting the ad valorem tax rate for all taxable property within the City of Kingsville, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 01, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017, distributing the tax levy among the various funds, and providing for a lien on real and personal property to secure the payment of taxes assessed. (Director of Finance).

Mrs. Balli reported that the budget was built upon adopting the current rate of \$.84220. This tax rate will raise more taxes for Maintenance & Operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 1.43% and will raise taxes for Maintenance & Operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$5.21.

Commissioner Garcia asked that on the sales tax, was there any consideration of perhaps lower expectations for the upcoming year on the sales tax end of it?

Mr. Garza responded that staff took a very conservative approach when it came to the sales tax revenue. Staff only increased the sales tax revenue by \$25,000.00. Staff estimates at our end that Hobby Lobby on its own can potentially bring in about \$70,000 to \$80,000 per year with them scheduled to open in February staff took a very conservative approach and only increased it by \$25,000.00.

Introduction item.

3. Consider authorizing repair of HVAC systems at the JK Northway building to Carrier Corporation via a BuyBoard contract, as per staff recommendation. (Director of Purchasing).

Mr. David Mason, Purchasing Director reported that the exterior air conditioner at the JK Northway were damaged during the tornados on May 30, 2016. Extensive damage occurred to every unit at the JK Northway Coliseum. Mooring Restoration received an estimate from Johnson Mechanical, a HVAC company from Brownwood, TX in the amount ranging from \$237,150 to \$248,150 depending on repair/replacement of Condenser 6. Their quote is for repair is \$186,830.00 and this includes replacement of Condenser 6. As hidden damage may appear, it is also recommended a ten (10%) contingency of \$18,683 be set aside for this project. It is recommended the City contracts with Carrier Corporation of Richardson, TX.

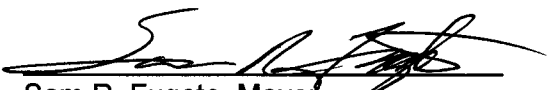
Commissioner Garcia asked if this will replace all air conditioning units. Mr. Mason responded that they will replace 4 smaller units and eight large units.

Mayor Fugate asked if the JK Northway will be ready in time for the Livestock Show next year. Mr. Mason responded that it should be ready for this event, but may not be ready for the events scheduled in two weeks.

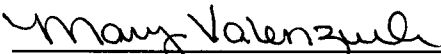
Motion made by Commissioner Pena to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The item was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Pena, Pecos, Garcia, Fugate voting "FOR".

VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 P.M.


Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary