

MARCH 9, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AT 5:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor
Edna Lopez, Commissioner
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner
Dianne Leubert, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Deborah Balli, Finance Director
Derek William, IT Department
Susan Ivy, Parks & Recreation Director
Emilio Garcia, Health Director
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager
Charlie Sosa, Purchasing Manager
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Ron Lee, Interim Fire Chief
Diana Gonzales, HR Director
Janine Reyes, Tourism Director
Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
David Solis, Risk Manager
Uchechukwu Echeozo, Director of Planning & Development Services

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with all 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)

Regular Meeting – February 24, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Hinojosa, Leubert, Pecos, Fugate voting "FOR".

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

1. None.

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, 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, Condemnation Update, Proposed Development Report; Accounting & Finance – Financial & Investment Information, Investment Report, Quarterly Budget Report, Monthly Financial Reports, Utilities Billing Update; Police & Fire Department – Grant Update, Police & Fire Reports; Streets Update; Public Works; Landfill Update, Building Maintenance, Construction Updates; Park Services - grant(s) update, miscellaneous park projects, Emergency Management, Administration –Workshop Schedule, Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, Health Department, Hotel Occupancy Report, Quiet Zone, SEP, Legislative Update, Proclamations, Employee Recognition, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Main Street Downtown, Chapter 59 project, Financial Advisor, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water And Wastewater Rate Study Presentation, Golf Course, Library Summer Programs, Grants Update. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

Mrs. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney announced that the next scheduled meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2020 with a deadline for staff to submit agenda items no later

than March 13th. She further announced that there is a schedule joint meeting with Kleber County Commissioners' Court for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Hall located inside Dick Kleberg Park. Also announced was the Trash Off event scheduled for March 28, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Fugate asked if staff had received information from the County regarding their proposals for the interlocal agreements. Mrs. Alvarez responded that she spoke with the City Manager last Thursday and neither one had not received anything as of yet. Fugate further asked if Mrs. Alvarez has had any communication from the attorney that was hired by the County. Mrs. Alvarez responded no. Fugate further commented that his thoughts are that if the City does not hear or receive anything from the County by Thursday, March 12, 2020 it would be best just to cancel the joint meeting scheduled for March 17th. He further asked if staff has provided copies to the County of everything that has been given to the Commission. Mrs. Alvarez responded that courtesy copies have been provided to the County Commissioners' Court at the meeting that took place on February 18, 2020. Alvarez further commented that she has already prepared a draft agenda that the City Manager reviewed prior to leaving for his vacation and the City Secretary has forwarded to the County Judge's office assistance. This will give them an idea of what the City is planning to post on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Fugate commented that if city staff does not hear anything from the County by Thursday, March 12th, he suggest that the joint meeting scheduled for March 17th he will ask the City Manager to cancel that meeting until staff gets the information that they need, particularly on the JK Northway as the City is still in the dark when it comes to the JK.

Mrs. Alvarez commented that no documents have been received with regards to the EDA Grant or the proposed use for that facility.

Commissioner Leubert commented that the meeting schedule for March 17th is to address the Library and Health Departments and not the EDA Grant. She further commented that would it be best to get the discussion on the Library and Health Departments out of the way or if they don't come up with anything, of what this meeting on March 17th is going to be about, then the city should just leave the items on the City's agenda and vote on what the city is talking about and not go to the meeting, but let them know that this is what is going to happen.

Mayor Fugate commented that if the City decides to divide the two departments, we will have to give them 6 months' notice and try to coordinate with the October 1st starting date, this will have to be done by April.

Mrs. Alvarez commented that on the draft agenda that is being prepared for the meeting, it has an item for the Commission to give direction to staff with regards to the interlocal's, so that staff will know what to place on the March 23rd agenda.

Commissioner Lopez announced that the Kingsville Police Department will be having an egg hunt on March 28th as well as the County Attorney's office.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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 a resolution authorizing participation in Local Border Security Program FY2021 with the Texas Public Safety Office for law enforcement personnel costs, fuel, and equipment; authorizing the Chief of Police to act on the City's behalf with such program. (Police Chief).

Mr. Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police commented that this is overtime and fuel for \$81,407.00 with cash match.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pecos to approve the resolution authorizing participation in Local Border Security Program FY2021 with the Texas Public Safety Office for law enforcement personnel costs, fuel, and equipment; authorizing the Chief of Police to act on the City's behalf with such program, seconded by Commissioner Leubert. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Leubert, Pecos, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

2. Consider a resolution authorizing participation in Homeland Security Grant Program with the Texas Public Safety Office for law enforcement equipment; authorizing the Chief of Police to act on the City's behalf with such program. (Police Chief).

Chief Torres stated that they will be getting SCVA's for the department for a cost of \$57,354.80. There may be a cash match, but not aware of the amount as the awards are not being split across multiple applications.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pecos to approve the resolution authorizing participation in Homeland Security Grant Program with the Texas Public Safety Office for law enforcement equipment; authorizing the Chief of Police to act on the City's behalf with such program, seconded by Commissioner Leubert. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Leubert, Pecos, Lopez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR".

3. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget to accept and expend LEOSE Grant funds for Police Department training expenditures. (Police Chief).

Introduction item.

4. Consider accepting a donation for K9 body armor and cooling vests. (Police Chief).

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pecos to approve the acceptance of donation for K9 body armor and cooling vests, seconded by Commissioner Leubert. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pecos, Lopez, Hinojosa, Leubert, Fugate voting "FOR".

5. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget to accept and expend donation received for bullet proof armor for Police K-9's. (Police Chief).

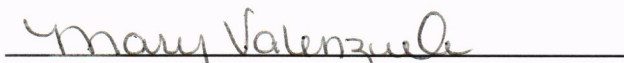
Introduction item.

VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.


Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary