

Staff Report

Monday, April 23, 2012

“You give 100 percent in the first half of the game, and if that isn’t enough, in the second half you give what’s left.” ... Yogi Berra from the booklet... 212° The Extra Degree, by S.L. Parker

“Trivial matters take up more time because we know more about them than important matters.”...Elected Official’s Revelation from the Little Budget Book, by Len Wood

CITY MANAGER (Courtesy of Vince Capell, City Manager)

Seems like there are always good employee performances to single out for recognition. The City Manager thanks Interim Fire Chief Roel Carrion and the Kingsville Firefighters for their initiative in mowing and improving the appearance of the National Guard Armory Building. Thanks to Public Works Director Naim Khan for making his crews, equipment and expertise available to assist other city departments in cleaning up private properties that are unhealthful and unattractive to the neighborhood. Thanks to Bob Trescott for his initiative in facilitating downtown merchant and “Touch the Truck” activities (see photos below courtesy of Bob Trescott) to complement the Wings Over Texas Air Show.



Vince was pleased to speak about City business to the Morning (7 a.m) Rotary Club at Linda’s Restaurant on Thursday. Vince also commented on the City’s private property cleanup efforts at the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting the previous week.

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COMMUNITY APPEARANCE (Courtesy of Mike Kellam, Yolanda Cadena & Ricardo Torres)

Community Appearance Division

Recent activity (March 30-April 12) by Community Appearance Inspectors is as follows:

Community Appearance monthly performance measurements to be met = minimum 73 notices/61 compliance cases per month

Activity:	Results:
Notices Sent- 52	Compliances- 82
Inspections- 53	Abatements- 0
Re-Inspections- 107	Court Cases- 5
Illegal Dumping Cases	Referral to other Department- 13
Obsolete Sign Violations	

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Below are photos of a recent example of success in our community appearance division efforts:

BEFORE



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Quotes are still being collected for the final work on the community appearance building including the bay roof repair, sidewalk replacement, signage and window replacement. Other work continues to progress. A design has been completed for the new employee and visitor parking.

Jennifer Bernal continues to reach out to community and service organizations. Recently she met with members from the Kappa Sigma Fraternity to come up with proposals to beautify our community. This organization is looking to serve the community and is looking to partner with the City on upcoming identified beautification projects. Additionally, Ms. Bernal is also working to arrange for 50 seniors from the Pan Am high school to become annually involved in community improvement projects as part of their senior class service requirements. Staff is excited about the real and potential partnerships that are continuing to be cultivated by Ms. Bernal.

As shown in the inspection report above, Code enforcement officers are beginning to enforce our recently added ordinance on obsolete and unsafe signs. The removal of approximately 20+ obsolete and unsafe signs will represent another significant improvement to the appearance of our community.

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City-County Health Unit

Recent activity (March 29-April 12) by Health Inspectors is as follows:

<i>Activity:</i>	<i>Results:</i>
Notices Sent- 39	Compliances- 47
Inspections- 101	Abatements- 14
Re-Inspections- 89	Court Cases- 0
Sewer Inspections- 0	

Within the next several days, staff from Community Appearance/Code Enforcement, Health and Public Works will continue with the abatement of junk and debris on private. Owners or occupants of properties have failed to abate with the cleaning of these nuisances. Following the abatement of these nuisances on these ten properties, city staff will identify another ten properties for clean up and continue in this fashion until we have achieve our goals for a more attractive and livable Kingsville. The current ten properties are listed as followed:

Property Address:	Tentative Date of Abatement:
919 West Ave I	Abated (See Photo Below)
1218 East Huisache	Abated (See Photo Below)
1600 Young Drive	Abated (See Photo Below)
800 West Kleberg	April 17, 2012
1229 East Lee	April 18, 2012
1233 East Lee	April 18, 2012
1030 East Henrietta	April 19, 2012
523 East Henrietta	April 20, 2012
512 West Fordyce	April 23, 2012
1111 East Kleberg	April 24, 2012

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919 West Ave I



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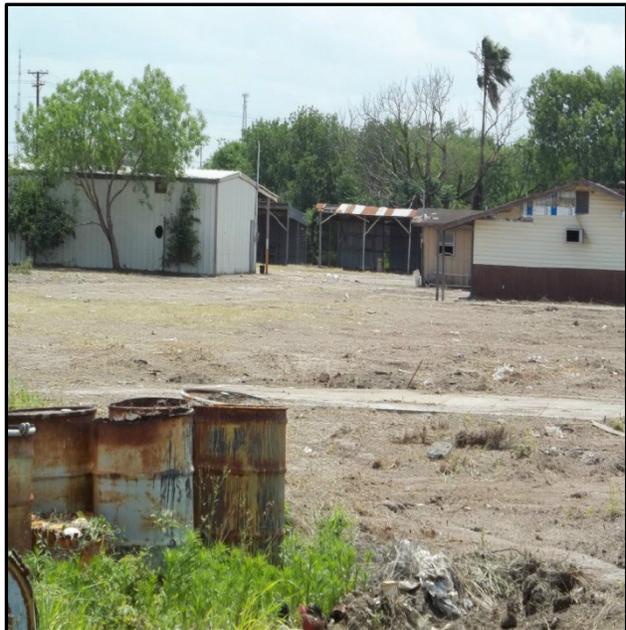
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1218 East Huisache



1600 Young Drive



Police Department

Junk/Abandoned Vehicle progress for March 29, 2012 to April 12, 2012 is as follows:

Activity:	Results:
Junk Vehicle Citations- 5	Junk Vehicle Compliances- 0
Inspections- 8	Abandoned Vehicle Compliances- 1
Junk Vehicle Warning/ Re-Inspections- 3	Court Case Totals- 2
Abandoned Vehicle Tagged/Contacts- 3	Abatements- 0

The Police Department's strategic goals are to attempt 10 contacts per dayshift officers and 5 contacts for evening shift officers monthly for Junk/Abandoned vehicles.

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Courtesy of Mike Kellam, Director of Development Services)

Mike Kellam continues to have significant interest from the regional development community. Mike will be meeting with two new development groups pertaining to single family housing and senior assisted living housing. Staff anticipates this continued dialogue to be fruitful in the coming year as developers perform their due diligence and land acquisition. Currently, two development projects are in design for construction in the next year, with the land acquisition completed.

Planning staff is finalizing the landscape corridor TXDOT approval process. The design is finalized and the specifications have been drawn up for quotes. Once we receive final approval from TXDOT, we will request quotes for the work to be performed. Staff anticipates this project to be fully underway in the coming months.

Development Services staff has been attending training sessions regarding International Code Council training and training regarding substandard structure abatements. This training has provided a valuable understanding of how we precede in our enforcement of our minimum code requirements and how we create a record of our inspections and abatement processes.

Mike Kellam provided a presentation to the Realtors Association on April 12th. The presentation covered the Housing Market Study and the Comprehensive Housing Study with a full run down of the City's efforts to date toward residential growth & development.

Permitting

The following permits were recently issued:

Remodel- 5, Gas Inspections- 7, Electric- 13, Fire Inspections- 9, Mechanical- 1, Plumbing- 7, New Residential- 4, Roofing- 7, Residential Meter- 1, Curb Break- 0, Commercial Meter- 1, Sign- 1, Sprinkler- 3. *Total Permits: 73*

Plan Submittals:

Plans were submitted for the new construction of the Coastal Plains MHMR Facility on Corral.

Plans were re-submitted with required revisions for a 6 unit apartment building to be located at 126 W. Corral

Forms of city planning have been identified in early civilization dating back to 407 B.C.

Upcoming Plans

As previously mentioned, Mike Kellam will be meeting with potential development groups regarding development of housing within the City. This is a progression from the numerous phone conversations staff has had to date with the development groups. Staff looks forward to seeing the conceptual development layouts and proposals.

Mike Kellam and Bob Trescott will be accompanying City Manager Vince Capell at the 2012 Annual Engineering Student Design Conference. Several of the student design projects are municipal projects in which staff has been involved or has a significant interest.

Mike Kellam will be attending the H.M. King High School Career and Technology Education Advisory Committee meeting on April 18th. This committee has been created to assist in the

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workforce development of the community beginning in high school and transitioning into higher education, whether is university learning or trade school education.

DOWNTOWN (Courtesy of Bob Trescott, Downtown Manager)

Bob Trescott attended the Main Street National Town Meeting on March 31- April 4 in Baltimore MD. He reports that the hundreds of Main Street programs from around the country, the presenters and the exhibitors share their *Best Practices* and new products.

Bob reports that he got good information on windows for the Old HM King School and other historic buildings, visitors' centers and regional cooperation, community gardens, and wayfinding. But that the most interest shown and information provided was about various aspects of online communities and social media.

Mike Kellam, Naim Khan and Bob Trescott continue to work with the university, the college and the ranch on developing a community wayfinding system.

Bob and Finance staff continues to work with Texas Tropical Trails and the university on developing the scope and contractual arrangements for our \$50,000 historical preservation survey and inventory that will update all of the information about the historic buildings in the Kingsville Historic District.

The Downtown merchants are hoping to have a successful grassroots effort for a street event after the Air Show on both April 14th and April 15th.

Bob is producing a plan for downtown that can be a vision and working document for the efforts of Kingsville Main Street, Kingsville Historic Downtown District Association, and the others working on downtown revitalization.

Police, Fire, Public Works and other (if not all) departments are supporting, in many ways, the various activities related to the Air Show over April 13-15.

April 21 will see our first (that we know of) wedding in the Xeriscape Park. We have already had graduation and quinceanera photo shoots in the park that is getting the reputation for being the prettiest spot in town.

April 28 will see the Drug Free Walk in the downtown.

The Texas Historical Commission will have a Regional Workshop, *Telling the Story of your Place*, at the Henrietta Memorial Center from 9 AM – 4 PM on May 1.



Kingsville has ten properties designated as Local Historical Landmarks including the former H.M. King High School.... AND

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Nine More Local Historical Landmarks.....



221 N 2nd



729 W Henrietta



330 W Henrietta



501 E Johnston



630 W Henrietta



715 W Richard



Austin School



Butch's



Saddle Shop

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Mark Rushing, Director of Finance)

Finance Administration Division

The Accounting Manager, Assistant Account II's for GL and Special Revenue attended the Tyler Incode Connect 2012 conference in Grapevine, Texas, April 10-13, 2012.

The Finance Director met with staff from the City's investment advisor, First Southwest, to discuss the calculations and fees owed to the IRS due to arbitrage. The final outcome was presented to the City Commission at the March 8, 2012, commission meeting with a positive response from everyone. The IRS review and approval process normally takes from 2 to 3 months.

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The Finance staff and the external auditors are wrapping up the audit and reviewing the various audit schedules necessary for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, CAFR. They anticipate having a preliminary product by mid-April and the final product by the end of April or the beginning of May. This will ensure that the GFOA extended deadline of May 31, 2012, is met.

The Finance Director, the Accounting Manager and the Assistant Accountant II – General Ledger, the Purchasing Director along with the City Manager, are meeting on Friday, March 30, 2012, to discuss the City's Fixed Assets and the accounting for such in the Incode system. They are continuing to update the current tracking system and revising the Fixed Assets module to assist in this process. The Assistant Accountant II – Special Revenues/Projects has made progress in the Fixed Assets module with regards to the Police Department vehicles. The Fixed Assets system is getting updated for all vehicles listed within the departments. The next step will be to update and verify all assets on the City's insurance.

John Grisham, Novelist; Bob Newhart, Comedian; and Kenny G., Jazz Artist were accountants or aspiring accounting graduates before they became famous in these other pursuits. Source www.want22bcpa.com

Accounting staff and Purchasing Director opened Request for Proposals for the Time and Attendance System (RFP) on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. The review committee consists of the three employees mentioned and the Finance Director and the Human Resources Director. They met on Thursday, March 29, 2012, to discuss and rank the three proposals that were received. Their recommendation for Time Clock Plus was presented at the City Commission meeting on April 9, 2012. The budget amendment allocating the funds for the project was presented on April 9, 2012, and April 26, 2012. The Commission approved the chosen vendor. The plans are to have the programming and implantation of the system to begin in May 2012, and going live with the new system in June 2012, if all goes well.

Various staff has worked together to ensure that payroll was processed and other daily functions are current. The Assistant Accountant II – Special Revenues/Projects is assisting various departments in grant reporting and updating the Fixed Assets system. The Finance Director and the Collections Manager have been working on the EMS Billing Rate Study which involves reviewing and analyzing EMS rates to ensure the rates cover the EMS expenses. The Finance Director has continued meeting and working with First Southwest, the City of Kingsville's financial advisor, to discuss various continuing disclosure and compliance requirements, bond refinancing alternatives and market condition, which is an on-going process.

Municipal Court Division

The Municipal Court operation includes cases filed by the Kingsville Police Department, State Law Enforcement Agencies, along with City of Kingsville Code Enforcement and Health Department Staff.

A total of 161 cases were filed from March 29 through April 11, 2012. Of these 161 cases filed, there were City Ordinance-7, State law-29, Parking-2 and Traffic citations-123.

Cases processed from March 29 through April 11, 2012 were 131 cases in total. Of that 131: City Ordinance-0, State law-7, Parking-0, Traffic-9 cases and before Judge Krueger were 60 cases. Of the 60 cases before Judge Kruger: City Ordinance-4, State law-11, Parking-1, Traffic-44 cases.

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There were 5 traffic cases dismissed under the driving safety course program, 2 cases adjudicated, 48 cases by compliance, 60 cases before the judge and 16 disposed by full payment, a total of 131 cases. There were 0 warrants issued and 76 were cleared and with the additional 72 payments processed from the payment plan orders, generated a total of \$22,371.00 collected from March 29 until April 11, 2012.

The Municipal Court continues to process at an elevated pace. Kingsville Police Department has stepped up the WARRANT Executions effort. Municipal Court dockets are full and the Water Department staff members, Mrs. Longoria and Joel Ramirez are assisting with answering phone calls and helping defendants at the window and organizing the Municipal Court office. Many of our Finance Office staff are cross-trained and fill-in when additional labor resources are needed. Warrant Officer Thomas Davis #86 continues with the execution of Municipal Court warrants.

The Municipal Court would like to welcome our new staff member, Ms. Victoria Butler who will start her duties on April 23, 2012.

April 12th Court

Originally 400 cases were on the April 12, 2012 docket. Then the number set for the docket was reduced to 150 cases. Of the 150 cases on the docket, Judge Kruger had 59 people appear before him. Of the 59 people before the Judge there were about 100 cases adjudicated.

There were 3 Junk Vehicle Cases. Of these cases, 1 case was dismissed due to bring the vehicle into compliance with City Ordinances, 1 case was dismissed due to bring the vehicle into compliance with City Ordinances but had to appear before the Judge and paid a \$20 fee, and 1 was a “No Show” which now becomes a warrant as a result of the “No Show”.

There were 2 High Weed Cases. Of these cases, 1 case was dismissed due to bring the high grass into compliance with City Ordinances but had to appear before the Judge and paid a \$50 fee, and one was a “No Show” which now becomes a warrant.

There were 3 Trials scheduled. One of the Trials ended up being rescheduled, another was placed on a Payment Plan, and the third one ended up as a “No Show” which now becomes a warrant as a result of the “No Show”. On an average, Trials take about 20 to 30 minutes in Court time depending on the details of the case.

The specific outcome of the other Court Cases for April 12, 2012 will be incorporated in in the next Municipal Court Department Update.

Citizens are encouraged to contact the City of Kingsville Municipal Court by calling 592-8566 or in person at 200 E. Kleberg regarding any outstanding warrants.

Utility Billing Division

The Utility Billing Department has completed sending out the new Brush schedules in last week’s billing on April 4, 2012, for April 2012 through August 2012.

The billing statements were changed back to have the following comment:

ONLINE PAY AT WWW.CITYOFKINGSVILLE.COM

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ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR ROLL OUT (TRASH BIN) PLEASE CONTACT SANITATION AT 361-595-8094.

From April 10-13, 2012, the Collections Manager attended the Tyler Incode Connect 2012 conference and classes in Grapevine, Texas.

The Finance Director, the Accounting Manager, the Municipal Court Supervisor, and the Collections Manager are continuing to meet on a weekly basis to discuss each division's projects and keep the Finance Director informed of any updates.

The Collections Manager is working with HDR, engineering consultants, in gathering additional required information needed for the Storm Water Study. An HDR representative set up a meeting with the Billing Specialist on April 13, 2012, to discuss 65 utility accounts that were unable to be located. Also, a draft for the proposed Utility Creation and Utility Rate Ordinances was sent for review. HDR provided a list of Frequently Asked Questions to the Utility Billing Division employees to allow them to get familiar with the Storm Drainage Project and to further educate the public as questions arise.

The Collections Manager continues to work on Storm Water Drainage Rate Study and the EMS Billing Rate Study. Along with addressing any additional issues/items that arise, the Collections Manager is also making sure all monthly Collections Reports are completed in a timely manner.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Roel Carrion, Interim Fire Chief)

Fire Marshal Cavazos, Lieutenant J. Cabrera, and Engineer O. Mendiola attended the 57th Annual Texas Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar held from March 26th – March 30th, 2012 in Austin, Texas. The seminar consisted of various training in the following; Explosion Dynamics, Evidence Collection, Fire Gas Analysis and Investigator Safety, Effective report Writing and Case Preparation, Computer Aided Fire Modeling, Arc Mapping, Religion and Drug Cartels in Texas, and Juvenile Fire Setters and the Arson Problem.

On Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Interim Fire Chief Carrion, Purchasing Director David Mason, and Captain D. Erebia met with Mike Evans with Municipal Emergency Services (MES) to discuss the specs on the new bunker gear the Department is waiting to receive.

On Friday, April 13, 2012, Fire/EMS personnel participated in the Air Show Rally held at TAMUK

stadium. The rally was held for area schools to attend and have a chance to meet the Blue Angel Pilots. Tower 1 and the Rescue units were both displayed.



On Tuesday, April 10, 2012, Engineer Mendiola noticed the yard at the National Guard Armory was high and that it had not been mowed in quite some time. Engineer Mendiola motivated the rest of his fellow firefighters who consisted of Ron Lee, Daniel Pickard, Ruben Basaldu and Daniel Velasquez to assist him in cutting the yard that afternoon. They were only able to mow the outside perimeter of the building due to not having access to inside the Armory grounds. Job well done Guys!!!!

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Fire/EMS crews responded to One-hundred two (102) emergency calls from Friday, March 30th thru Thursday, April 12, 2012.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Yolanda Cadena, Health Director)

Mosquitoes

Staff will commence to setup mosquito traps in different locations in City of Kingsville and Kleberg County beginning the month of May. The traps are designed to collect mosquitoes for testing detecting the presence of arbovirus in mosquitoes prior to the development of human diseases. Routine surveillance is conducted on mosquitoes from the months of May through November every year. The traps are set during the evening and collected early in the morning. After the mosquitoes are collected, they are submitted for testing at Department of State Health Service Laboratory in Austin. If anyone in the community would like for us to set up a trap at their residences contact the City County Health Unit office at 592-3324.

Fleas

Many calls have been received at the office that home and pet owners are experiencing an increase of the flea population. Warm and dry weather has created an ideal environment for fleas. Flea control can be a very difficult task. To combat fleas, homeowners must treat the entire infested area-indoors, outdoors and any pets that they have. If you have a heavy infestation it is probably best to call pest control services, which often have access to products that are not available to homeowners.

*The City/County Health Dept.
Interlocal Agreement was
established on December 11, 1978*

Homeowners can purchase flea control products at department stores, hardware and farm and ranch supply stores that carry flea control products. Only use products

specifically for fleas. Read the label and use only as directed, remembering that more is not always better.

For indoor treatment of fleas, clean the entire house. Mop and vacuum all floors and cushions, and throw away any used vacuum bags. Make sure to get under all furniture and to wash or replace any pet bedding. Home owners can use an aerosol fogger or a liquid spray. The fogger must contain an insect growth regulator (IGR) such as methoprene or pyriproxyfen, and an insecticide such as chlorpyrifos or propetamphos. If you use a liquid spray, use one containing an IGR methoprene or pyriproxyfen, and any of the following insecticides: allethrin, bendiocard, chlorpyrifos permethrin, propxoxur, propetamphos or resmethrin. Remember to read the ingredients, the label and use only as directed.

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For outdoor treatment use a liquid or a powder (dust) insecticide. If your lawn is not fully sodded it is best to use a dust. Make sure to treat areas where pets spend a lot of time, and under bushes. Wash or replace any bedding that is used by pets. Some products that can be used are bendiocarb, diazinon, malathion, propoxur, chlorpyrifos, fluvalinate or the IGR pyriproxyfen. Remember to read the label and use only as directed.

Pet owners need to treat their pets too. Contact your veterinarian who can provide you with different products to protect your pets against fleas. If your pet has a light infestation a good bath and a flea comb may solve the problem.

Homeowners must treat their property and pets in order to cut down on fleas. The City-County Health Unit does not provide any flea control services. For the homeowner with a flea problem, it is probably best to have a professional pest service take care of the problem. If you do decide to take care of the problem yourself, use products specifically for fleas and read the label and use only as directed.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT *(Courtesy of Diana Gonzales, HR Director)*

Announcements

Congratulations to Police Officer Benito Figueroa on completing his Master Peace Officer Certification.

Civil Service Commission – 1 vacancy currently exists. Individuals interested in serving on the Commission please contact the City Secretary's Office at 361-595-8002.

Status of Vacancy Announcements

Equipment Operator I (Street)
Equipment Operator II (Landfill)
Equipment Operator II – Temporary (Sanitation) – pending hire
Equipment Operator II (Street) – 3 positions
Firefighter – 2 positions
Inspector I (Health) – Internal posting Maintenance
Technician (Garage) – Pending hire Municipal Court
Deputy Clerk (Finance) – pending hire Plant Helper (Wastewater)
Police Officer – Pending backgrounds and interviews
Technical Services Assistant – Pending interviews
Utility Worker (Wastewater)

Milestone Anniversaries - 5, 10, 15 and 20+ years

20+ years: Edna Lopez (City Secretary) Larry Lewis (Sanitation); 10 Years: Hector Polanco (Water Production); 5 Years: Beth Greenwell (Human Resources)

2,342 is the combined years of City experience for all City employees.

New Employees

April 9, 2012 – Rolando Barrientos – Sanitation Equipment Operator II

Promotions - 0 / Temporary Assignments – 0 / Retirements - 0

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Separations

March 30, 2012 – Hector Cruz – Equipment Operator I
April 12, 2012 – Juan Marines – Health Inspector I
April 12, 2012 – David Cerda – Police Officer

Employee Evaluation Update – Monthly Breakdown

May – December 2011 employee evaluations completed
27 January evaluations distributed: Outstanding – 2 Public Works, 1 Fire, 2 Police
20 February evaluations distributed: Outstanding – 1 Public Works, 2 Fire, 2 Police
20 March evaluations distributed: Due April 30, 2012
31 April evaluations distributed: Due May 31, 2012
Note: Police Department is conducting more extensive evaluations which delays the process.

General

HR personnel address employee issues daily in person, phone and by email. Department continues monthly review of insurance summaries for Finance.

ROBERT J. KLEBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY (Courtesy of Robert Rodriguez, Library Director)

Technology Outreach Program

March was a busy month for the Information and Technology Librarian, Joey Garcia, as he wrapped up a month long tour across area schools. The main purpose of the technology tour was to educate and inform students about the library's electronic resources. The focus for the month was Teen Tech Week held March 4-12, where Mr. Garcia was able to reach over 200 students. The events were presented in a single week at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kaufer High School in Riviera, and the Santa Gertrudis School District. This was by far the most successful technology outreach program provided by the library! Students, teachers, and school administrators were extremely impressed by the presentation and praised the library for educating the students on the library's latest electronic services. Following Teen Tech Week, Garcia remained very active with visits to Harvey Elementary School to speak to parents about library resources, a presentation to the Woman's Club of Kingsville about identity theft, and a return visit to the Santa Gertrudis School main campus to do an encore Teen Tech Week presentation entitled Teen Geek 2.0. Garcia was pleased with the attendance of his March outreach programs and feels that all attendees are now more informed, educated and aware of the ever-changing technology world.

National Library Week, April 8 – 14

The Kleberg Public Library, in conjunction with the FLAIR Department of the Woman' Club of Kingsville, kicked off the month of April with several events celebrating National Library Week during April 8-14. The first event, held annually on April 12th, is called "Drop Everything and Read" Day, or D.E.A.R Day, and honors children's author, Beverly Cleary's birthday. On this day, libraries nationwide challenge readers to take time and read for at least thirty minutes. FLAIR takes the challenge a step further by asking participants to fill out a registration card for a drawing to win one of five gift certificates at Young's Pizza. Participants have until noon, April 19, to return their completed cards for the drawing. Also, on April 14, at 10:00 a.m., the library will have Saturday Story Time, with the theme of rabbits and

Texans make over 100 million visits to libraries each year. That's enough attendance to fill to capacity the ballpark in Arlington, Texas for the next 2,100 games.

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spring. The Children's Librarian will read several stories and also lead the children in several simple songs. Children of all ages are invited to attend this fun-filled event.

Technical Services...March Statistics

Total Registered Patrons...28,908 / Total # of Items Circulated...20,529 / Total # of items in Collection...56,440 / Total # of Patron Visits 4,619 / Total # of Internet and Wi-Fi Users 2,536

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police)

APRIL 3rd, 2012

NUECES COUNTY - A jury has found Corina Lopez guilty of capital murder for the 2005 death of Kingsville resident Susan Rousseau.



The victim was beaten to death with a baseball bat inside her home. Lopez was not arrested until August 2010 based on information provided after the arrest of another defendant, George Garza.

The death penalty was not an option in this case. Lopez was sentenced to life in prison shortly after the verdict was read.

George Garza has not gone to trial yet for the murder

CORPUS CHRISTI - The jury in Corina Lopez' capital murder trial heard from the defendant today. Prosecutors played a videotape of her interview following the murder of Susan Rousseau way back in 2005.

The tape had sound from Lopez as a police investigator questioned her the day after Susan Rousseau was found beaten to death with a baseball bat. Lopez said, "You can't take somebody's life, it's not your place. It's the Lord's place to take somebody's life not another human being. That goes against everything."

Just a few weeks before the brutal beating, Rousseau had complained about Lopez harassing her, stopping by her trailer, and even delivering threatening letters. But Lopez told her interrogator she never stopped by Rousseau's trailer, "I have passed by there looking for my husband, but I have never stopped."

Investigators have hinted that her husband was having an affair with Rousseau.

Lopez did admit to police that she sent one letter to Rousseau, but claims it was not threatening. She says it was a letter to try and find out the truth about what was going on between Rousseau and Lopez's common law husband, Oscar Pena.

The jury also heard from Virginia Rowley, a former Kingsville police secretary. At the time of the murder, she would take calls from the crime stoppers tip-line and recalled several calls coming in right after the murder accusing a man by the name Ricky Zangora.

She said the strange thing about those calls is they all seemed to be coming from the same person.

Prosecutor Wesley Mau asked if she felt like she recognized the voice of the January 4th 2006 call, and if it seemed like it was the same voice from a call back on December 12th 2005. Rowley responded by saying, "yes sir."

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Rowley testified detectives traced the caller and discovered Corina Lopez making the call from a pay phone in the area.

After the incident no one ever brought up the name Ricky Zangora again.

Chief Ricardo Torres wants to insure that the public recognize the great investigative work performed by all of the members of the Kingsville Police Department on this case. From the initial responding officers to the investigators that combed the neighborhood and subsequently followed every lead until the eventual conclusion of this case more than six (6) years later. Chief Torres received a phone call from District Attorney John Hubert to inform him of the great testimony provided by all of the members of the department. GREAT JOB BY ALL! Of course we still have to follow up and insure that the other person accused in this case is convicted for his crimes.

Wednesday, April 11th, 2012 Currency Seizure

Criminal Interdiction Officer Mike Tamez initiated a routine traffic stop and a gray SUV displaying Texas tags on US 77 near Caesar for a traffic violation. The investigation by CI Tamez led to the seizure of \$100,100.00 in the front frame rails of the vehicle. Investigators have charges pending for Money Laundering against the driver. A female and male child were released.

KPD Stats

Kingsville PD officers made over 42 arrests during this 2 week period, approximately 300 new case numbers where offense reports/incident reports were required were handled at this time as well.

Beautification Projects

The landscaper for the beautification project at the Kingsville PD has started work during the last few days. The soil is being prepared as well as flower beds being created for the “new look” City of Kingsville Law Enforcement Building.

Border Star Meeting Thursday, April 12, 2012

Chief Ricardo Torres and Lt. Julian Cavazos attended a border star briefing at the Solomon Ortiz International Center in Corpus Christi. The purpose of the meeting was for law enforcement agencies in the region to discuss enforcement strategies in the region with regards to Homeland Security, Drug Trafficking Organizations, Human Trafficking Organization as well as develop a Strategic Plan to attack those issues.

Sgt. Eliseo Cuellar was the Field Training Officer of Chief Ricardo Torres when Chief Torres came into law enforcement in 1983.

JAG Local Solicitation

Chief Ricardo Torres and CI/SWAT Team Leader Mike Tamez will be making a presentation at the Coastal Bend Council of governments with regard to equipment to assist KPD SWAT in responding to Regional Tactical issues.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of Naim Khan, Public Works Director/City Engineer)

Capital Improvement Projects

Armstrong Repaving Project

Street Division of the Public Works Department commenced with improvements on Armstrong Street on April 12, 2012 as part of a larger 2.4 mile Street improvement project along Ailsie Street (1.3 miles) and Armstrong Avenue (1.1 miles). The total cost of the project is \$507, 147 paid from the City's FY 2011 budget surplus. The entire 2.4 mile project should be



completed on or before the end of August 2012. The current phase of work on Armstrong Huisache remain closed

extends from King Avenue to Avenue. This section of the street will until April 20th. Once this section of the Armstrong is completed, crews will start working from Huisache to Caesar Avenue.

12" Water line under US 77 on Caesar Avenue - This project was started on April 09. Water Division crews with the help Wastewater Division crews hydro excavated several critical areas to locate the existing franchise utilities. Contractor is assigned to do the 400 feet of Bore job under US 77. Rest of the job including the welding of the steel encasement pipes and installation of the steel encasement, 12" PVC water line, valves and connection to the existing water line will be done by Water Construction Division. Due to the severe complexity of this project, Assistant Public Works Director William Donnell is working with the crews at the site and directly overseeing overall project including but not limited to the traffic control and safety of the employees.



South Waste Water Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier – Bid tabulation and consultant's recommendation for the contractor selection was presented and approved by the City Commission on March 26. Consultant is working on the contract and this project will start on last week of April 2012.

3000 feet of Sanitary Sewer Line on Young Drive - Installation of 3000 feet sewer line (12" and 8"



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PVC) and manholes on on Young Drive is underway. Expected date of completion of this project is May, 2012.

Corral/ Santa Rosa Drainage Project – Contractor has submitted all the papers necessary to start the project on March 30, 2012. Staff has issued Order to proceed on April 02. There was a preconstruction meeting with the contractor on April 10 and he will start the project on April 06.

Rehabilitation of Well #20 - City commission approved Alsay Inc. to start emergency repair work of this well on March 26. Driller will start the project on April 19.

TAMUK Water line Project - TxDOT permit for the installation of 8” water line along Sage road from Armstrong to 2500 feet west is approved. Water crews will start the project after finishing Caesar Project.

9000 feet 12” PVC water line along County Road 1030 from Escondido Road to FM 772 - County Commissioners Court approved this waterline installation within County Right-of-way on November 02. Staff has sent the “20 feet Temporary Easement” documents to the property owners. The City has received the signed copy of the easement document from about 75% of the property owners and working on receiving from the rest of the citizens. TxDOT has reviewed the permit application and asked for more information. Staff already provided the information to TxDOT. Crews are ready to install the pipe as soon as temporary construction easement and TxDOT permit are ready.

New Water Well – Staff initially selected a property for new water well construction at the North west corner of Farm Lot 3 Section 7, South of Sage Road, about 1864’ west of Sage and Young intersection and east of existing 30’ Utility Easement. There is an existing 20” waterline on the north and west side of this property. One resident of the selected area opposed the construction of water well and elevated tower in his neighborhood. Staff is now looking for a piece of property on the North central part of the town.

18” Water line on Kenedy Street connecting East and West Elevated Water Tanks – Field Survey is done. Design work is in-progress

Public Works and Engineering

Supervisors and the crews from Sanitation, Brush, Street, and Landfill are actively working with Community Appearance and Health Department to clean several worst illegal dumping sites as part of the beautification effort of the City.

In the past, City’s burned out Street lights were not replaced until those were noticed by the citizen or the staff. From November 2011, staff started doing the inventory for the burned out street light



throughout the City. One Street Division crew drives for several hours at night and collect the data every month and the information is sent to AEP for necessary action. The number of burned out street lights is going down (November 2011-81, December 2011 – 61, February 2012 – 41 and March 2012 – 33) because of immediate action by the staff. AEP is installing street light at the intersection of Sage.

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Road and Young Drive. This area used to be very dark and this neighborhood was a safe haven for illegal dumping. Since there was no secondary source, City had to pay to AEP for this street light installation.

Sanitation Division delivered 50 roll outs/Trash Can to NASK for Air show on April 14 and 15. These cans will be picked up by the City crews on April 16. Sanitation crews also deliver 8 roll out at downtown for "Touch the Truck" event in the downtown area.

Staff attended the bi-weekly meeting with TAMUK official and developer of Newman Connection and Diocese Joint project on April 12.

Staff reviewed the engineering plans on April 10 for two new projects- Coastal Plains Community Center on Corral and the Franklin Welding building Expansion on Young Drive.

Staff is attending TAMUK – 2012 Annual Engineering Student Design Conference on April 18.

GIS Technicians have finished the Street Light Inventory in the City which includes the Street light and transformer. Staff is working with AEP to fill up some missing data. GIS crews finished the water and sanitary sewer map and now they are working on updating the Storm Sewer map throughout the City.

Contract is executed with Network Fleet for the installation of GPS System in the City vehicles and the GPS units will be installed soon.

Street Division (April 02 through April 06, 2012)

Paving - Working at Armstrong from King to Huisache; finished 1105 E. Avenue A repair work.

Crews working at street repair work at 1105 E. Avenue A



Sweeping - Kleberg and Yoakum from 8th Street to Armstrong, finished all of the downtown areas, currently working at Zone 13. Sanitation Division is helping Street Division for street sweeping to expedite the street cleaning process.

Mowing - 6th Street from north Y to Avenue A; Carlos Truan from 14th to bypass; 6th Street from Alexander to General Cavazos; General

Cavazos; Escondido Road; Brahma Blvd. from General Cavazos to Kleberg Park, Ailsie from 6th to Franklin Adams, 6th Street from Alexander to Dick Kleberg Park, Armstrong from 1335 to Ave I, Young Drive from Corral to 1355; Sage Road from Young Drive to Armstrong, Ditch between King and Kenedy on West King, Shelly Street from Ailsie to General Cavazos, Ailsie from Jerome to bypass.

Patching - All around the town as needed.

Curb and gutter - South Creek subdivision, cleaned curbs and hauled 2 loads of grass to landfill then swept the neighborhood area.

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Miscellaneous - raked the rocks and piles of dirt left behind and hauled everything off; trimmed a tree at Frances and Avenue I, 10th and Lott, and 10th and Henrietta; installed STOP sign at Nettie; set mourning sign on 10th and Nettie; fixed road work signs, cleaned drain on Yoakum and Wells.

Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treatment North Plant - Operators and Helpers cleaned clarifier troughs and weirs; operators shoveled sludge from sand drying bed; helpers cleaned UV lights, wasted in wedge wire drying beds; plant helpers cleaned effluent troughs; plant operators repaired Sludge discharge on wedge wire drying beds; staff met with TAMUK Environmental students on Bio-filter project. Staff is going to meet with Purchasing Department regarding the UV light project on April 16. Plant helpers worked on mowing grass around Treatment Plant and Lift Station.

Wastewater Treatment South Plant - Operator cleaned clarifier troughs; operator shoveling sludge from sand drying beds; plant helpers cleaned fence line for repairs; wasted in wedge wires. Staff is trying to set up a meeting with TCEQ regarding effluent reuse.

Wastewater Collection - Working at Young Drive Sanitary Sewer line installation; helped Water Division for the hydro excavation for Caesar Project.

Water Production

Water Well 20 - City commission approved Alsay Inc. to start emergency repair work of this well on March 26. Driller started the project on April 13; Well #23 has pump issue and is not working now but will be fixed on the week of 16; Well #24 has electrical issue, staff already contacted AEP and they are currently working to resolve the issue.

Routine job - Collected 6 routine Bacteriological Samples – all samples were good; daily water system monitoring; delivered Ammonia five sites; delivered Chlorine to five sites. Disinfection Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR) was sent to TCEQ on April 04.

Water Pumped to Distribution (4/2/12 – 4/8/12) - Wells – 22,513,000 gal; surface- 1,403,000 gal Total-23,916,000 gal, Average – 3,416,571 gal/day

Annual TCEQ Tank Inspection Scheduled for May 21, 2012

Intruder alarm system installation at well 23 and 24 will begin on April 16. The City will provide trenching and conduit.

Pump at STWA is operational.

Water Distribution (4/02/2012 to 4/08/2012)

Water Department crews repaired 1 Main Breaks; answered approximately 38 Service Calls (meter leaks, cutoffs and backfills); finished hauling off concrete from Douglas Center; helped Street Division to cut and remove trees from windstorm; currently working at Caesar Water line project.

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City Garage (4/03 to 4/10)

2 Oil change on preventive maintenance; 20 Scheduled work order; 17 Non schedule work; 5 service calls; 1 call out; 5 New tires on heavy equipment and truck; 3 Flat repairs and balance; 16 pending work order.

Welder - 6 received work order, 6 pending work order, 4 Non schedule work order; 5 schedule work order, and 0 service call, working with the Water Division for the welding of steel casing pipe for Caesar water line project.

Solid Waste

Landfill

Brush burner is in operation as winds and personnel allow.

The City received final report for the recent landfill inspection; staff contacted Phyllis Cunningham of TCEQ Region 14, Corpus Christi regarding the "Additional Comments". Although it was not necessary, staff responded with a follow up email detailing corrective actions.

Samples from 1600 Young Drive private property clean up was collected and sent to a lab for analysis.

Staff is waiting on receiving the signed copy of the agreement letter between Kleberg County & COK for use of County ROW.

Alternate Source Demonstration (ASD) has been completed and sent to TCEQ. Rail Road Commission clean-up standards were used in the report. All constituents are below R. R. Commission standards; Since TCEQ has accepted conclusions in this report as final, so no further clean-up will be required. However TCEQ requested monitoring well MW-28 stays in assessment monitoring for the next event (June 12). If Benzene and methylbenzene are not detected in this next event, this issue will be satisfied. At this time the RFP for brush chipping is not viable as no one has a market for the chips. Trans Global Energy has expressed an interest, but until Trans Global is able to secure a site, still will not be viable. TGE has secured the site at "Cuddyhy" Airport on FM 665 west of Corpus Christi. Staff will have some sort of answer by April 18.

Constraints Analysis for Landfill Amendment is on track, model is 60% completed. So far Naismith as not found any issues that would need to be changed from the original plan.

Staff is working with Holt cat concerning unacceptable wear on D6-T dozer undercarriage. Also starter has failed again on the D6-T this is the second starter in 13 months, still under warranty. There was a transmission leak. Blown Transmission cooler line covered under warranty.

Received letter from TCEQ stating that if anybody operate a Type I and Type IV facility, in addition to an "A" license, he/she also need to complete the "B" course. The "B" course will count for CEU's for renewal for the "A" license. TETC has set the date of Oct 15-18 for the "A" course and exam. TETC will set another class date TBD for "B" course (no exam required). At least 10 people will be need in each class. Gary Fuselier, Landfill supervisor is calling and sending e-mail to the people who he thinks might be interested.

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Residential waste collected from April 02 to April 07: **289,340** pounds; Commercial waste collected **35,020** pounds; Brush collected **20700** pounds, construction debris collected **94,820** pounds, and 1 tire trip from an abatement project totaled 3,000 pounds.

Brush Crews

The Brush crews started working at Zone 2 on April 09 and will be working in this Zone until April 20. White goods will be collected from this zone on April 20. Brush crews will start working at Zone 3 from April 23.



Valerie Fanning - recycling technician talked to Sarita Middle School 5th & 6th graders about the importance of recycling and also played games with them on Recycling Day. These students then unloaded boxes and bags of recyclables such as plastics, cardboard & paper. It was so much fun to watch the kids do their part. The City staff would love to see more of this at our recycling center! Valerie Fanning is always teaching recycling to those who come by. On Saturday, April

7, she is teaching Anna and Maria Stevens the finer points of plastic recycling at the new compactor!

PURCHASING/ TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (Courtesy of David Mason, Purchasing Director)

Tony worked on Asset Data Base & Server Monitoring this month.

For the month of March we processed 271 purchases from 65 employees for a total of 27,686.86 on City Procurement Cards. Total dollar amount was down from the previous month, but it appears the purchasing card is catching on.

Order was placed for 12 pickup trucks of various configurations for multiple departments within Public Works and an order was placed for 4 Chevy Tahoes for the Police Department.

Issued a Notice-to-Proceed on Santa Rosa & Corral Drainage Project, which should begin shortly.

RFP for 12-34 Ultra Violet (IV) Lighting (disinfection) & RFP for 12-35 Manhole Improvement were opened and the review committee will meet on Monday April 16, 2012.

SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT (Courtesy of John Garcia, Safety and Risk Manager)

Risk & Emergency Manager, John Garcia traveled to San Antonio to attend the 2012 Emergency Managers Conference April 2 – 5, 2012. This was one of the best attended and informative conferences yet. The Conference was held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. Each day started with regional meetings of emergency managers in our area to discuss and meet with State first responders assigned to our area. Several workshops and session were scheduled in preparedness, response, recovery, health care and mitigation. A large exhibit hall was filled with equipment from several state, local, and federal agencies.

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Mr. Garcia, Roel Carrion, Interim Fire Chief and Captain Felix Camarillo met with Naval Air Station Kingsville Fire Department personnel to discuss the 2012 Air Show emergency action plan. Kleberg County Emergency Management Coordinator, Tomas Sanchez also attended this meeting. NAS Kingsville had an impressive program in place for this event and discussed past events and areas of concerns. Thank you NAS Kingsville for allowing us to assist in this event.

Naim Khan, P.E. and Mr. Garcia recently made joint safety inspections of several city projects. Although it is difficult to create a hazard-free work environment, City management is committed to safety and involves their employees in an effective safety program that can work to provide an accident-free workplace. Informal inspections are the best method of identifying and correcting hazards on the spot.

The City of Kingsville insures 202 vehicles and pieces of equipment as well as 5 law enforcement K-9 dogs

Management commitment is the driving force for organizing and controlling activities within our organization. Management views a safe and healthy work environment as fundamental and applies its commitment to protect employees as vigorously as its commitment to all organizational goals and strategies.

TASK FORCE (Courtesy of Guillermo "Willie" Vera, Task Force Commander)

Asset Seizure



On Thursday April 5th, 2012, a 2 year narcotic conspiracy investigation that began with information attained by Task Force



Agents came to fruition with the arrest of a 52 year old Kingsville resident. The Task Force teamed

up with ICE Agents as the conspiracy spread to the Rio Grande Valley area. On Friday April 6th, Kingsville Task Force Agents and ICE Agents ran a federal search warrant at the RIO Shallow Boat Shop in Weslaco, TX. The warrant led to the seizure of the property, the confiscation of evidence, and the elimination of a major narcotics supplier in both the Kingsville area and several points north.

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Destruction of Contraband

During the week of April 9th, Task Force Agents continued the court ordered destruction of contraband using Kenedy County's incinerator. Another 350 pounds of contraband was destroyed dating back to 1992.

Vehicle Theft

On Wednesday April 11, 2012, Task Force Agent Richard Kirkpatrick responded to a vehicle theft alert from the Task Force's License Plate Reader and stopped the stolen vehicle in front of the Comfort Inn Hotel on U.S. Hwy 77 in Kingsville. The stop led to the arrest of a 39 year old Corpus Christi resident and the return of the vehicle to its rightful owner.

The Kingsville Task Force consists of twelve employees – eleven agents and one administrative assistant.

Air Show Assistance

On Saturday April 14th and Sunday April 15th Task Force Agents assisted with security for the NAS- Kingsville Wings over South Texas Air Show. Task Force Agents used a new ion scanner to assist with checking packages that were carried into the base by attendees.

MEETINGS, EVENTS AND REMINDERS (Courtesy of Edna S Lopez, City Secretary)

Regular Commission Meetings	Monday, April 23 rd	6:00 p.m.
	Monday, May 14 th	6:00 p.m.
Board Meetings (Commission Chambers)		
Planning and Zoning Board	Wednesday, April 26 th (Special)	7:00 p.m.
Historic Development Board	Wednesday, May 16 th	2:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustments	n/a	7:00 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	n/a	
Board Meetings (Respective Location)		
Kingsville Convention & Visitors Bureau	Tuesday, April 24 th	4:30 p.m.
Kingsville Housing Authority Board	Tuesday, April 24 th	12:00 p.m.
Community Events & Dates		
Palmer Drug Abuse Program Drug Free Walk	Saturday, April 28 th	9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
Texas Historical Commission Regional Workshop Henrietta Memorial Center 405 N 6 th	Tuesday, May 1 st	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
2012 CB Hurricane Conference Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds Robstown, TX	May 14 th - 16 th	8:00 a.m.

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City Commission Swearing-In Ceremony
 City Commission Chambers
 200 East Kleberg

Thursday, May 24th 7:00 p.m.

General Election

Early Voting April 30th – May 4th
 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

City Hall Commission Chambers May 7th – May 8th
 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Election Day Saturday, May 12th
 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

At Assigned Polling Place

Reminders

City Secretary requests Commission Member Nominations for the Following Vacant Board Positions:

<u>Board Name</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Zoning Board of Adjustments	1	0
Joint Airport Zoning Board	1	0
Civil Service Commission	1	0
Historic Development Board	0	0
Planning & Zoning Commission	1	0

From and after the regular City election held in April 1952, the municipal government of the City of Kingsville, shall consist of the City Commission, which shall be composed of five (5) commissioners, one of whom shall be Mayor the City