

JANUARY 10, 2000

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2000 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL, 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie Wilson, City Commissioner
 Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal, City Commissioner
 Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor
 Arturo Pecos, City Commissioner
 Al Garcia, City Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary
 Ruben Perez, Special Counsel
 Stanley Fees, Director of Planning
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing
 Juan M. Bosquez, Finance Director
 Dianne Leubert, Recycling Manager
 Jaime Garza, Task Force Commander
 Felipe Garza, Chief of Police
 Estella Garcia, Director of Collections
 Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager
 John Garcia, Garage Superintendent
 Oscar Montalvo, Fire Department Captain

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Commissioner Al Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) - REQUIRED BY LAW.

There were no minutes available for approval.

II. PUBLIC HEARING - (REQUIRED BY LAW).

1. None.

III. PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES, REMONSTRANCES.

1. UPDATE FROM STAFF ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

- A. None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mrs. Mary Jane Cortez Reeder, 429 East Avenue C, informed the Commission that she is very concerned with two areas in the city that have not been cleaned. She said that the 300 Block of East Warren and the 400 Block of East Avenue C need special attention. Mrs. Reeder

stated that both alleys are impassable. In another matter stated that a many citizens have voted early for the City Special Election. She expressed some concern that it was difficult for handicapped people to vote. Mrs. Reeder requested that ballot be taken to individuals that were handicapped.

City Secretary Diana F. Valadez, explained the different ways that a handicapped person can actually vote and cast a ballot.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS

1. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR SEVEN PICK-UP TRUCKS. (BID #20-35). (DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING).

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, stated this item authorizes the purchase of seven pick-up trucks for various divisions under the Public Works Department. She stated this action will expend \$108,211 for the trucks, and the purchase is contingent upon the City being able to get the necessary funding. Mrs. Byington recommended the bid be awarded to Quality Chrysler from Kingsville.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Arturo Pecos and second by Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal, the Commission voted unanimously to award the bid for pick up trucks as recommended by staff.

2. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE OF TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING FUNDING FOR GRANT YEAR 2000-2001 FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS SPECIALIZED CRIMES & NARCOTICS TASK FORCE. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager, informed the Commission that the Task Force is submitting an application for funds for the grant period of June 01, 2000 to May 31, 2001. He stated that the City of Kingsville will match the grant in the amount of \$217,254.25, and those proceeds are generated from confiscated monies.

Commissioner Garcia expressed some concern with the salaries paid to the task force agents. He stated that the salaries were low and should probably be increased.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that Police Chief Felipe Garza would conduct a salary survey with other task forces in the State to compare salaries.

Mr. Jaime Garza, Commander of the Task Force, thanked the Commission for their support. He also thanked Chief Garza for his time involved with the Task Force.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Villarreal and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to approve Resolution #20001, authorizing the submission of an application to the Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of requesting funds for grant year 2000-2001 for the South Texas Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR SHREDDING SERVICES WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY KINGSVILLE. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that a shredding machine was purchased last year for the Recycling Center. He stated that the University requested that an agreement be signed to allow the University to shred materials at a rate of ten cents per pound. Mr. Hinojosa recommended that the proposed agreement be approved.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Garcia and second by Commissioner Pecos, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreement for shredding services between the City of Kingsville and Texas A & M University Kingsville as recommended by the City Manager.

4. CONSIDER AWARDING PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT GRANT. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that a proposal needs to be awarded to an engineer for the water system improvements grant. Thirteen requests for proposals were mailed to engineering firms in the area. Mr. Hinojosa stated that the grant allows an amount of \$40,000 for engineering services. He recommended the engineering contract for this project be awarded to Castillo Engineering from Kingsville.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Villarreal and second by Commissioner Pecos, the Commission voted unanimously to award the proposal for engineering services to Castillo Engineering.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (CITY MANAGER).

In his report, Mr. Hinojosa urged all registered voters to go out and vote on Saturday's Special Election regarding the overpass issue.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, City Commission shall convene in executive session to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding pending litigation involving Ernesto Castaneda vs. Gonzalez et al concerning the manner of setting bail bonds. (City Manager).

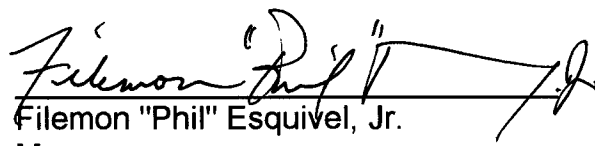
Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, City Commission shall convene in executive session to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding pending litigation in Brenda Broadwater vs. City of Kingsville, et al (City Manager).

Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, City Commission shall convene in executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, or evaluation of applicants for the position of City Attorney. (City Manager).

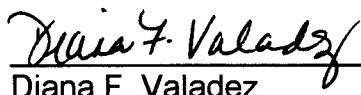
The Commission went into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. and concluded the session at 7:29 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Diana F. Valadez,
City Secretary