

JANUARY 24, 2000

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 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
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing
 Juan M. Bosquez, Finance Director
 Stanley Fees, Director of Planning
 Cesar Garcia, Director of Personnel
 Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager
 Dianne Leubert, Recycling Manager
 Corando Garza, Fire Chief
 Felipe Garza, Chief of Police

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

Father Paul Hessey from Saint Gertrude's Catholic Church led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, newly reigned Queens representing the Kleberg - Kenedy Livestock Exhibition 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. UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER ON NON-PROFIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager informed the Commission that six different applications were received from non-profit organizations requesting funds. He said that the organizations submitting the applications were the Boys & Girls Club of Kingsville, Child Protective Services, Chamber of Commerce, Palmer Drug Abuse, Halo Flight, and the South Texas Youth Development Council.

Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr. stated that he also received a request from the Midnight Basketball Program.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that an item would be placed on an agenda to award the allocated monies to these organizations.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mayor Esquivel stated that he was disappointed with a recent letter to the editor that criticized the Commission for spending money in conducting the recent Special Election. He said the letter was written by Mr. Allen.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. CONSIDER SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION BY THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMERCIAL SPACE INDUSTRY BY ACTIVELY LOBBYING MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE U.S. SENATE. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mayor Esquivel requested that the Commission support the proposed resolution being submitted to the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He stated that the U.S. Conference of Mayors would be presented with the resolution to support commercial space industry by actively lobbying members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate for the inclusion of loan guarantees for the commercial space industry.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arturo Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Al Garcia to support the resolution being presented to the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE WITH THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE TEXAS RECREATION & PARKS ACCOUNT GRANT PROGRAM. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that the proposed resolution authorizes an application to be submitted to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for improvements to Flato Park, Kenedy Park, Thompson Park, and Flores Park. He stated that City Commission approval is necessary since the parks are inside the City limits.

Mrs. Susan Ivy, Kleberg County Parks Director explained different plans for the proposed improvements. The proposed improvements are as follows:

Flato Park	Restrooms - \$12,000 Walking Path - \$6,000 Skatepark (concrete) - \$40,000 ** Alternative #2
Flores Park	Restrooms - \$12,000 Water Fountain - \$2,000 Walking Path - \$6,000 Skatepark (wood) - \$10,000 ** Alternative #1
Thompson Park	Water Fountain - \$2,000 Playground Equipment - \$4,000 Walking path - \$6,000

Kenedy Park Water Fountain - \$2,000
 Basketball Court - \$4,000
 Playground Equipment - \$4,000

Mrs. Ivy stated that the City's local match could include in-kind services.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of the local concrete companies to donate concrete for the skate parks.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve Resolution #20003, authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, including alternate number two. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS MR. NICK HARREL, III, MRS. DIANA GUERRERO-PENA, AND DR. ALBERTO OLIVARES. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that Mr. Nick Harrel, Mrs. Diana Guerrero-Pena, and Dr. Alberto Olivares have all expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Civil Service Board / Commission. He said that all three members have undergone training for civil service and have proven to be good members. Mr. Hinojosa requested that the Commission confirm the re-appointments of all three members. He said that Mr. Harrel's term will be January 14, 2000 through January 14, 2002; Mrs. Guerrero-Pena's term will be January 14, 2000 through January 14, 2001; and Dr. Olivares' term will be January 14, 2000 through January 14, 2003.

A motion was by made by Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to confirm the appointments of the Civil Service Commissioners as recommended by the City Manager. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Hinojosa stated that he will be in Austin this week to attend a meeting of the Nueces River Authority.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, the 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 6:48 p.m. and concluded at 7:07 p.m.

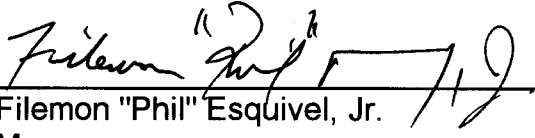
RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

6. CONSIDER PROCESS OF SETTING INTERVIEWS AND MEETINGS FOR SELECTION OF CITY ATTORNEY. (CITY MANAGER).


A motion was made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Charlie Wilson to interview one applicant, Mr. Ruben Perez. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Mayor Esquivel stated that the Commission would meet in a special session to conduct this interview on January 31, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting then adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Diana F. Valadez,
City Secretary