

MAY 05, 2000

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD FRIDAY, MAY 05, 2000 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE.

**CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**CITY COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Al Garcia, City Commissioner

**CITY STAF PRESENT:**

Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager  
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary  
 Ruben Perez, City Attorney  
 Stanley Fees, Director of Planning  
 Juan Bosquez, Finance Director  
 Corando Garza, Fire Chief  
 Guadalupe Garcia, Fire Marshal  
 Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager

**I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

**OPEN MEETING:**

Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Stanley Fees, Director of Planning, 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, AND PRESENTATIONS.**

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

- A. None.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.**

No comments were made at this time.

**V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.**

1. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE IN THE SOUTH TEXAS SPACEPORT CONSORTIUM THROUGH THE KINGSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS AND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE REGION AND COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES. (CITY MANAGER).

Mayor Esquivel stated that he requested this item be placed on the agenda for consideration. He stated that recently a meeting was held in Sarita, Texas to present all the facts regarding the proposed Spaceport Project in Kenedy County. Mayor Esquivel said that a group has been formed known as the South Texas Spaceport Consortium being comprised of representatives from Cities and Counties in the surrounding South Texas area. He said that the Consortium needs funds for the development of a business and strategic plan for the region and completion of environmental studies associated with the project. Mayor Esquivel stated that the Attorney for the Consortium has begun preparing paperwork to file a 501C(6) Nonprofit Organization with the State of Texas. He stated that this City Commission has been a very proactive Commission and has always supported projects that will benefit the City. Mayor Esquivel stated that the spaceport project is definitely needed in the South Texas area and this project will create approximately 6,000 jobs.

Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal stated that he feels the Spaceport Project will benefit the City of Kingsville, however does not feel that this Commission should commit a City Commission being elected tomorrow, to pay out any funds.

Commissioner Charlie Wilson stated that he agrees with the proposed resolution and totally supports the Spaceport Project. He recommended that several changes be made to the proposed resolution. He stated that a dollar amount should not be specified as a contribution to the Economic Development Council.

**A motion was then made by Commissioner Wilson and was seconded by Commissioner Villarreal to approve the resolution with the proposed amendments as follows: Section 1. The City of Kingsville will hereby designate an additional contribution, subject to annual budget appropriations, to the EDC for the furtherance of promoting the establishment of a Spaceport and its associated industries in the South Texas region, not to be funded until the Consortium is established as a nonprofit corporation specifically for the purpose of promoting a Spaceport in South Texas. Section 2. The City hereby designates the Mayor or his designee, as its representative for the proposed regional association or consortium for the development and planning of a Spaceport and its associated industries in the South Texas region.**

There was a discussion regarding the motion proposed by Commissioner Wilson. Mayor Esquivel stated that the Commission needs to approve an amount so that the EDC would know the amount the City is committing to this project. Commissioner Villarreal stated that this City Commission should not commit a future Commission to budget any funds. There was also a discussion on how long it would take to establish the non profit organization.

The Commission then proceeded to vote on the motion. The motion failed by a 2/2 vote. Commissioner's Wilson and Villarreal voted for the motion and Mayor Esquivel and Commissioner Arturo Pecos voted against the motion. Commissioner Garcia was not present at this meeting.

Mayor Esquivel again stated that the proposed resolution was needed in order for the EDC to proceed with the environmental studies associated with Spaceport.

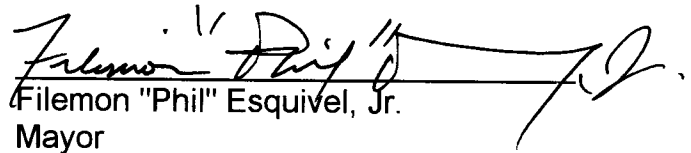
After this item continued with some additional discussion, Mayor Esquivel then made the same motion previously made by Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Pecos seconded the motion. Mayor Esquivel stated that he made the same motion because he felt the project was important that the EDC needed to know that there would be some support from the City Commission. This motion passed by a unanimous vote. Resolution #200016 was approved.

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


Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager, reminded everyone about the City Election on Saturday, May 06, 2000. He urged everyone to go out and vote.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting then adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

  
Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary