

JUNE 12, 2000

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE.

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stanley Laskowski, City Commissioner
Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal, Mayor Pro Tem
Arturo Pecos, City Commissioner
Al Garcia, City Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor ***

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager
Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary
Ruben Perez, City Attorney
Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing
Stanley Fees, Director of Planning
Roel Cavazos, Captain - Fire Department
Oscar Montalvo, Captain - Fire Department
Dianne Leubert, Recycling Manager
Jaime Garza, Task Force Commander
Ricardo Guzman, Director of Public Works
Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Kingsville Fire Department Fire Fighters 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. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1259 EAST YOAKUM. (DIRECTOR OF PLANNING).

Mayor Pro Tem Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Stanley Fees, Director of Planning, stated that Mr. Joe Zamora is requesting the rezoning for a Jehovah Witness Church. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the application by a unanimous vote and recommended approval.

*** Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr. was absent today because he was attending a meeting with the South Texas Military Task Force in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Seattle, Washington.

2. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 303 SOUTH 5TH STREET IS RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26, 2000. (DIRECTOR OF PLANNING).

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager stated that due to a publication error, this public hearing has been rescheduled for June 26, 2000. He stated that the applicant in this case is requesting the zoning change and a special use permit for cabinet and upholstery shop or similar light manufacturing process uses.

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.

Mr. Dick Messbarger, Executive Director of the Economic Development Council updated the Commission on recent developments regarding the Spaceport Project. He stated that a Board of Directors would soon be appointed to the South Texas Spaceport Consortium, and the Board will consist of seven board members.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOTS 19-21, BLOCK 3, PENNY SUBDIVISION, 1259 EAST YOAKUM FROM CLASS "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO CLASS "R-4" GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. (DIRECTOR OF PLANNING).

Mr. Fees stated that the rezoning would not cause a significant change in traffic patterns. He recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Villarreal stated this was an introductory item only and final passage will be considered at the next regular meeting.

2. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOTS 11-12, BLOCK 66, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION, 303 SOUTH 5TH STREET FROM CLASS "C-2" RETAIL DISTRICT TO CLASS "C-3" CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. (DIRECTOR OF PLANNING).

Mr. Fees stated that the applicant is proposing to rezone the property from Class "C-2" Retail District to Class "C-3" Central Business District with a Special Use Permit for cabinet and furniture upholstery shop or similar light manufacturing process uses. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the rezoning by a unanimous vote. Mr. Fees also recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Villarreal stated this was an introductory item only and final passage will be considered at the next regular meeting.

3. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. (DIRECTOR OF PLANNING).

Mr. Fees stated that five positions have expired on the board, and the following persons have indicated an interest in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. They are Dr. J. Browning Finley, Mr. Jose R. Loera, Mr. Tommie Trant, Mr. Steve Zamora, Mr. Bill Aldridge, Mr. John Howe, and Ms. Candace Jefferson.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanley Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Al Garcia to approve the appointments as recommended by staff.

Mr. Fees stated that besides the current members, only one new additional person needed to be appointed. He stated that the Commission needed to choose between Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Howe, or Ms. Jefferson.

Commissioner Laskowski expressed some concern with the attendance record of Mr. Jose Loera, present member. He stated that Mr. Loera has had too many absences.

Both Commissioner Laskowski and Garcia then withdrew their motions.

Another motion was then made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Arturo Pecos to appoint Dr. Finley, Mr. Loera, Mr. Trant, Mr. Zamora, and Ms. Jefferson. The motion passed by a 3/1 vote. Commissioner Laskowski cast the dissenting vote, and Mayor Esquivel was not present at this meeting.

4. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. (DIRECTOR OF PLANNING).

Mr. Fees stated that the terms of seven board members have expired on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He recommended that the following current members be reappointed: Mrs. Ricki Cunningham, Mrs. Idolina Cortez, Mr. Michael Foor, Mr. Rudy Galvan, Mr. Alton Remmers, Jr., and Mr. Julian Calzada. Mr. Fees stated that Mr. Robert Cantwell and Mr. Michael Boss have both expressed an interest in serving on this board. He recommended that either one of these two individuals be appointed as a new member.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Laskowski to reappoint the members as recommended by staff and also appoint Mr. Cantwell as a new member. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH KENEDY COUNTY IN THE SOUTH TEXAS SPECIALIZED CRIMES & NARCOTICS TASK FORCE. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

No action was taken at this time.

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KINGSVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INC. TO REFLECT THE PROPER OWNER OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING OF KINGSVILLE I, LTD. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that the Kleberg County Appraisal District has requested a modification to the tax abatement agreement granted to Kingsville Affordable Housing, Inc. He stated that the amendment corrects the name from Kingsville Affordable Housing, Inc. to Affordable Housing of Kingsville I., LTD. Mr. Hinojosa stated that the abatement agreement approved by the City allows for the abatement for Kingsville Affordable Housing Inc., and not the joint venture. This technicality would require the Appraisal District to deny the current abatement application due to the discrepancies of ownership/parties mentioned in the agreement. Mr. Hinojosa recommended approval of the proposed resolution.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laskowski and second by Commissioner Pecos, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution #200022, approving the amendment of the Tax Abatement Agreement with Kingsville Affordable Housing, Inc. to reflect the title holder of the property, Affordable Housing of Kingsville I, Ltd.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (CITY MANAGER).
 A. APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING TEAM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that he has named Mr. Ruben Perez, City Attorney, Mr. Cesar Garcia, Director of Personnel, and Mr. Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager, to the City Collective Bargaining team to negotiate with the Police Department team. He stated that negotiations would begin soon between the City and the Association.

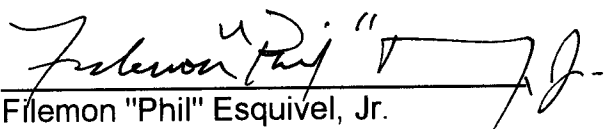
B. UPDATE ON TEXAS CAPITAL FUND / CALLING SOLUTIONS, AND SETTING DATE FOR SPECIAL MEETING. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that a Special City Commission meeting is needed to approve certain matters regarding the Texas Capital Fund benefiting Calling Solutions. He requested authorization from the Commission to call a Special Meeting for June 19, 2000.

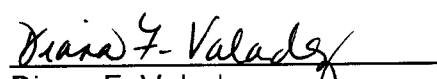
There was a discussion regarding a youth group needing funds to attend a National track meet. Mrs. Nina Cortez addressed the Commission and requested financial assistance from the City to help fund part of the expenses associated with the youth attending this track meet.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


 Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Diana F. Valadez,
 City Secretary