

NOVEMBER 27, 2000

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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, City Commissioner  
 Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor  
 Arturo Pecos, City Commissioner  
 Al Garcia, City Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager  
 Mary Valenzuela, Executive Secretary  
 Ruben Perez, City Attorney  
 Isabel Valdez, Personnel Director  
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager / Fire Chief  
 Victor Salas, Finance Director  
 Joel Saenz, Code Enforcement Officer  
 Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager  
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing  
 Stanley Fees, Director of Planning  
 Estella Garcia, Director of Collections  
 Dianne Leubert, Sanitation Superintendent

**I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

**OPEN MEETING:**

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mrs. Kay Harper Loftis, a member of the audience, 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. UPDATE ON STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.  
 (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mr. Stanley Fees, Director of Planning, informed the Commission on the streets that have been seal coated. He discussed the construction plans and the status of the Ailsie Street reconstruction project. Mr. Fees stated that the project is scheduled for the middle of next year.

There was a discussion regarding Ailsie Street and the cost associated with this project.

**B. PRESENTATION BY THE LEPC GROUP FROM CORPUS CHRISTI, REGARDING THE INTEGRATED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. (CITY MANAGER).**

Mr. Christopher W. Lawrence and Mr. Juan Ortiz from the LEPC Group from Corpus Christi made the presentation to the Commission. They provided information about the emergency notification system and all the special features.

There was a discussion regarding the public alert sirens that were installed and the importance of the sirens being activated during emergency situations. There was also a discussion regarding the cost associated with the emergency notification system and possible ways of funding the system.

Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., requested that staff prepare a resolution to be considered by the Commission supporting this notification system.

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

Mr. Tomas Sanchez, 2009 Rettye, requested that the Commission consider naming the street inside of Dick Kleberg Park in memory of Ronchester Santiago.

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

**1. CONSIDER REMOVAL FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM. (CITY COMMISSION).**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal and seconded by Commissioner Stanley Laskowski to remove from the table the following agenda item. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

**1A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CALLING SOLUTIONS, INC. AS A QUALIFIED BUSINESS IN THE KINGSVILLE ENTERPRISE ZONE (#EZ291-122299-K). (CITY MANAGER).**

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager explained that information was received regarding the value of the equipment and the property.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Laskowski, Mr. Tim Hall, representing Calling Solutions responded that it is difficult to get the exact number of full time employees because of the number of hours worked by each employee. He explained a break down of their pay periods.

Commissioner Laskowski thanked Mr. Hall for being present and available to answer the Commissions' questions.

Mayor Esquivel stated that the enterprise zones were established to encourage businesses to come to Kingsville. He said that there were plenty of opportunities for business growth in Kingsville.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Laskowski to approve the tax abatement agreement granting an abatement of 100% for the first two years, an abatement of 75% for the third year, 50% for the fourth year, and 25% for the fifth year. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Another motion was made by Commissioner Arturo Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Al Garcia to approve the tax abatement agreement as presented. The motion passed by a 4/1 vote and Resolution #200050. Commissioner Laskowski cast the dissenting vote.

2. CONSIDER REMOVAL FROM THE TABLE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM. (CITY COMMISSION).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Villarreal and second by Commissioner Laskowski, the Commission voted unanimously to remove from the table the following agenda item.

2A. CONSIDER FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES SETTING FEES FOR INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS; LICENSES FOR CONTRACTORS, ELECTRICIANS, AND HOUSE MOVERS; NEW CONSTRUCTION FEES; FEES FOR REMODELING, REPAIR AND ALTERATIONS TO BUILDINGS; PLAN REVIEW FEES; CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY; FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS AND SERVICES; AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES INCLUDING JUNK YARDS, TAXICABS, FORTUNE TELLERS, AND TIRE STORAGE BUSINESSES. (CITY ENGINEER).

Mr. Fees explained the different ordinances and fees to the Commission. He recommended approval of the proposed ordinances as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to approve Ordinance #200022, amending fees for inspections, licenses, permits, plan review, certificate of occupancy, food services establishments, and other miscellaneous fees. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. CONSIDER OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR MAYOR ESQUIVEL TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS WINTER MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

A motion was made by Commissioner Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to approve the out-of-state travel for Mayor Esquivel. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

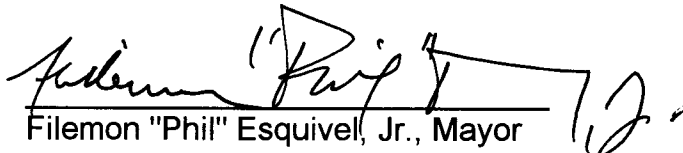
Mr. Hinojosa introduced Mrs. Isabel Valdez as the new Personnel Director for the City of Kingsville. He stated that she officially began her duties today.

There was a brief discussion regarding the liability insurance required from contractors that demolish homes.


5. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: NONE.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary