

JANUARY 08, 2001

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 08, 2001 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  
Mary Valenzuela, Executive Secretary  
Ruben Perez, City Attorney  
Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing  
Isabel Valdez, Personnel Director  
Victor Salas, Finance Director  
Dianne Leubert, Sanitation Superintendent  
Corando Garza, Asst. City Manager / Fire Chief  
Sam Granato, Chief of Police  
Maria Robles, Accountant  
John Garcia, Garage Superintendent  
Joel Saenz, Litter Abatement Officer  
Stanley Fees, Director of Planning  
Sammy Maldonado, Utilities Superintendent  
Estella Garcia, Director of Collections  
Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager  
Bill Quellhorst, Asst. Task Force Commander

**I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

**OPEN MEETING:**

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager, 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. DISCUSSION AND REPORT ON SOUTH TEXAS SPECIALIZED CRIMES & NARCOTICS TASK FORCE GRANT APPLICATION AND BUDGET FOR THE 2001-02 GRANT YEAR. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager informed the Commission that the Task Force grant application was complete, however lacks the signature of the Sheriff. He stated that whether or not the Sheriff decides to sign, the application would be submitted anyway.

Chief of Police Sam Granato stated that he is still trying to get other counties to also sign the grant application prior to the January 15, 2001 deadline.

B. DISCUSS MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL CODE ORDINANCES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION; DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE ORDINANCES AND SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Due to Mayor Esquivel's absence, this item was tabled at this time.

C. UPDATE ON STATUS OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mr. Hinojosa informed the Commission that he and Mayor Esquivel recently met with the District Engineer regarding the overpass issue as well as the widening of Brahma Boulevard by the new Navy Housing. He stated that Mr. Parks granted a three-month extension until April, to find the revenues needed for the City's share to construct the overpass.

Commissioner's Al Garcia and Stanley Laskowski and Mayor Pro Tem Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal all agreed that the voters had already voted down the construction of the overpass, and that issue should be left alone.

D. DISCUSS SHORT AND LONG TERM PLANNING FOR THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE AND DISCUSS GOALS FOR FUTURE PROSPERITY OF KINGSVILLE. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Due to Mayor Esquivel's absence, this item was also tabled at this time.

E. DISCUSSION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS ON U.S. 77 BYPASS. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that he is concerned about the cost being charged by the consultant. He stated that at this time there has been no money received from the private sector, funding the payment of \$10,000 Mr. Rubio requested at the last meeting.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager, invited the Commission and the community to the Annual Livestock Show on January 25-28, 2001. He asked for the community to support the show and all the participants.

Mr. Leslie Adams, 1900 Martin, stated that he would like to see the Commission amend the ordinance regarding bicycling in the City limits. He requested that the Commission also consider designating bicycle-riding lanes.

Mr. Sabas Perez, 1918 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that the license fees for contractors recently adopted by the Commission are too high. He stated that he is willing to meet with City staff to evaluate the ordinances and make a recommendation to the Commission.

## V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. CONSIDER APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL CODE ORDINANCES AND SUBMIT AN EVALUATION TO THE COMMISSION. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

A motion was made by Commissioner Arturo Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Laskowski to table this item at this time. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE 10, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION 9-10-5(d), PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICABILITY TO PERSONS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER. (COMMISSIONER LASKOWSKI).

Commissioner Laskowski stated that he received several complaints about skateboarders in the downtown area. He just simply wants to modify the ordinance so that the police officers can enforce the ordinance for individuals that skateboard of all ages.

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

3. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT FOR USE IN SUPPORT OF THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY SUBSTANCE TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that each year the Governor's Criminal Justice Division awards Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants to local units of government. This year the award to the City of Kingsville is \$8,267.00. The use of these funds requires the creation of a Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition. In the past the City of Kingsville has waived the right to apply for such funds and have allocated the funds to support the application of San Patricio County Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition.

Mr. Hinojosa recommended approval of the proposed resolution.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laskowski and second by Commissioner Pecos, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution #R-2001-01, authorizing the allocation of juvenile accountability incentive block grant for use in support of the San Patricio County Substance Treatment Services for juvenile offenders.

4. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR THE DEMOLITION OF ELEVEN STRUCTURES. (BID #21-24). (DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING).

Mrs. Byington stated this item authorizes the demolition of several structures throughout various locations inside the City limits. She recommended the bid be awarded to Joe Garcia from Kingsville.

Mr. Ruben Perez, City Attorney stated that only the structures specified should be condemned. He stated that he is working with certain property owners to allow them to demolish the structures themselves. The properties that should be condemned are 1115 East Henrietta, 928 East Avenue B, 614 West Huisache, 1201 East Alice, 709 East Lee, 630 West Ragland, 409 East Ella, and 714 East Richard.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Laskowski, Mrs. Byington responded that Mr. Garcia's bid price does include landfill fees.

**A motion was then made by Commissioner Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to award the bid for the demolition of eight structures as recommended by staff. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

5. CONSIDER MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS FROM THE TAX NOTES SERIES 2000 (CAP 2000) TO PURCHASE TWO GARBAGE TRUCKS. (SANITATION SUPERINTENDENT).

Ms. Dianne Leubert, Sanitation Superintendent stated that the CAP 2000 authorized two garbage trucks to be purchased at a cost of \$100,000 each. The total cost for a commercial truck was \$107,712 and the cost for a residential truck was \$104,151. This left a shortage of \$11,863.

Mr. Hinojosa recommended that the remainder of the landfill CAP 2000 funds be transferred in the amount of \$3,390.28 to cover the remaining amount for payoff.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Laskowski and second by Commissioner Garcia, the Commission unanimously approved the reprogramming of funds from the tax notes series 2000 (CAP 2000) to purchase the two garbage trucks as recommended by staff.**

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING FRONTERA CONSULTING SERVICE TO SUBMIT A GRANT FOR HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROGRAM. (CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Hinojosa stated that he was contacted by Mr. Bill Dixon that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has a grant program designed to provide infrastructure improvements in support of new single family home subdivisions and multi family rental projects. He stated that Mr. Dixon was present in the audience and would address the Commission at this time.

Mr. Bill Dixon, representing Frontera Consulting Services, stated that the program is called the Housing Infrastructure Fund Program and grant funds are awarded up to \$400,000. These grant funds may be used for the construction of streets, water and sewer lines, drainage improvements, and gas/electric utilities.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that at least 51% of the new single family homes must be sold to families with household incomes at or below 80% of the area median income. Mr. Hinojosa expressed some concern with the proposed administrative fees Mr. Dixon is charging for his services.

Mr. Dixon stated that he is requesting authorization from the Commission to submit the grant on behalf of the City of Kingsville. He stated that his administrative fees include 10% of the grant amount.

There was a discussion regarding a location for the new homes and the references submitted by Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Hinojosa recommended this item be tabled to allow him additional time to contact the references submitted by Mr. Dixon or to authorize him to submit the grant after reviewing the references.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Laskowski to authorize the City Manager to submit the grant application pending the verification of references submitted by Mr. Dixon. The motion passed by a 3/1 vote. Commissioner Pecos cast the dissenting vote.**

**7. CONSIDER AWARDING INSURANCE CONTRACT FOR WINDSTORM, HURRICANE AND HAIL COVERAGE FOR ALL CITY OWNED PROPERTY. (CITY MANAGER).**

Mr. Hinojosa recommended that the contract for windstorm, hurricane and hail coverage insurance be granted to Clarendon Insurance Company with an annual premium of \$18,566.

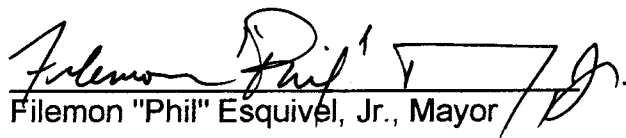
**Upon a motion by Commissioner Laskowski and second by Commissioner Garcia, the Commission voted unanimously to award the insurance contract as recommended by staff.**

**8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (CITY MANAGER).**

Mr. Hinojosa reminded everyone about the Cactus Bowl Pro Football Game at Javelina Stadium on Friday, January 12, 2001. He asked everyone to attend the game.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting then adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

  
Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary