

APRIL 26, 2001

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2001 AT 2:30 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 \*\*  
 Al Garcia, City Commissioner

**CITY COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT:**

Arturo Pecos, City Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager  
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary  
 Ruben Perez, City Attorney  
 Stanley Fees, Director of Planning  
 Victor Salas, Finance Director  
 Maria Robles, Accountant  
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager / Fire Chief

**I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

**OPEN MEETING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal, opened the meeting.

**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. None.

\*\* Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr. arrived at this time.

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

There were no comments made at this time.

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

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager requested that both resolutions be discussed together.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FROM THE FY-2001 FIRE GRANT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$207,000 FOR A HAWK WILDLAND RAPID RESPONSE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT, ALLOCATING UP TO \$20,700 IN LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, AND PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION OF SUCH FUNDS. (CITY ACCOUNTANT).

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FROM THE FY-2001 FIRE GRANT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$71,000 FOR FIRE RESCUE EQUIPMENT, ALLOCATING UP TO \$7,100 IN LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, AND PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION OF SUCH FUNDS. (CITY ACCOUNTANT).

Ms. Maria Robles, Accountant, informed the Commission that in the application process there were six different categories in which the Fire Department could have applied for. She stated that a committee comprised of City staff chose to apply under the equipment category and the vehicle category.

Fire Chief Corando Garza stated that the grants being submitted have a good chance of being awarded. He said that since Kingsville has federal property within it's jurisdiction, the chances of the grant being awarded increase.

Upon a question raised by Mayor Esquivel, Chief Garza responded that the response vehicle would be able to respond to a fire caused by a chemical spill.

Mayor Esquivel requested that a formal request be made to Kleberg County to assist with 1/2 of the City's cash match of \$20,700.00. He requested this item be placed on an agenda of the Kleberg County Commissioner's Court.

There was a discussion on whether or not a request should be made to Kleberg County. Commissioner Stanely Laskowski stated that Kleberg County should agree to pay for 1/2 of the cash match because it would benefit the citizens that live outside the City limits.

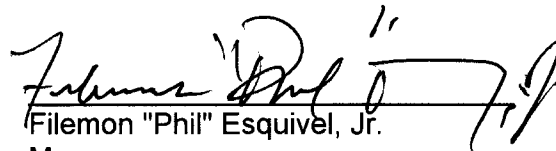
A motion was then made by Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal and seconded by Commissioner Al Garcia to approve Resolution #R-2001-11, funding from the FY-2001 Fire Grant Program in an amount up to \$207,000 for a Hawk Wildland Rapid Response Vehicle and Equipment; and allocating up to \$20,700 in local matching funds, and also to approve Resolution #R-2001-12 funding from the FY-2001 Fire Grant Program in an amount up to \$71,000 for Fire Rescue Equipment; allocating up to \$7,100 in local matching funds. The motion passed by a 4/0 vote. Commissioner Arturo Pecos was absent from the meeting.

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

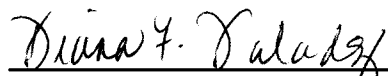
No report was given at this time.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting then adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary