

MAY 07, 2001

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, MAY 07, 2001 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 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
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary
 Ruben Perez, City Attorney
 Victor Salas, Finance Director
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager / Fire Chief
 Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent
 Isabel Valdez, Personnel Director
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Commissioner Al Garcia 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 COST ANALYSIS BETWEEN PURSUING SIX-MONTH OVERFILL VERSUS TRANSPORTING SOLID WASTE TO PRIVATE LANDFILL AND STATUS OF CURRENT CLASS 1 PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST BEFORE THE TNRCC. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mr. Hector Hinojosa, City Manager, stated that staff has once again studied all the options available regarding the transportation of solid waste. It was determined that by using the overfill method and taking solid waste to our landfill benefited the City.

Commissioner Stanley Laskowski asked if consideration had been taken to transport only one load of solid waste to El Centro Landfill perhaps only in the morning, then in the afternoon take 1/2 a load to our overfill section at our City landfill. He stated that after reviewing the history of the monthly billing provided by El Centro Landfill, it is evident that the larger loads are always in the morning rather than the afternoon.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the options available and whether or not the City would accept daily garbage from Kleberg County and NAS in the overfill section.

B. PRESENTATION BY DONALD J. GONZALES, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, REGARDING PROPOSED SALE OF BONDS BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING, PRIVATE PLACEMENT, OR NEGOTIATED SALE OF FUNDING OF LANDFILL EXPANSION PROJECT. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mr. Donald Gonzales, CPA, Financial Advisor with Southwest Securities addressed the Commission. He explained the types of financing available and the importance of a good bond rating. Mr. Gonzales stated that one new tool they have been using is electronic bidding through computer.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of borrowing additional money for capital improvements such as street repairs and whether or not it would be feasible to conduct a bond election for these needed improvements.

Mr. Gonzales cautioned the Commission in borrowing a large amount of money for several projects that would take time to complete. He stated that the City borrows the money at a tax-exempt rate, and by placing invested funds at risk, you have the ability to earn a higher interest rate than the tax-exempt rate.

The Commission took a short break at this time, 7:56 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Deral Meadows, a citizen of Kingsville, addressed the Commission. He stated that he did not receive a response to a letter he recently sent to the City Commissioner's and City Staff. The letter was in regards to infrastructure improvements to the property adjacent to his storage business on General Cavazos.

Mr. David Rosse, Kleberg County Commissioner of Precinct 1 addressed the Commission and offered the assistance of his staff and equipment for street seal coating and the landfill expansion project.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

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

1.1 STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH STWA REGARDING TAKE OR PAY REQUIREMENTS OF CURRENT WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT.

Mrs. Carolla Serrato addressed the Commission regarding the scheduled tax election on August 11, 2001 for maintenance and operation of the South Texas Water Authority to begin in the year 2005. She stated that the Water Authority would be conducting public hearings to promote the passage of the election.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CITY COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION. (CITY ATTORNEY).

2.1 CONCERNING LT. ARTHUR ROGERS, EEOC CHARGE #360A001444.

2.2 CONCERNING NORMA CASTRO, EEOC CHARGE #36BA10064.

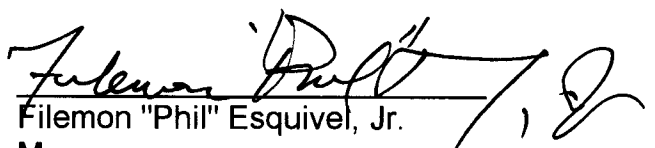
2.3 CONCERNING ESTELLA GARCIA, EEOC CHARGE #36BA10030.

2.4 CONCERNING DERAL MEADOWS, CAUSE #00-170-D IN THE 105TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, KLEBERG COUNTY, TEXAS.

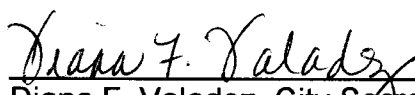
The Commission began the Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and concluded the session at 9:10 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting then adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary