

FEBRUARY 25, 2002

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2002 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
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary
 Ruben Perez, City Attorney
 Victor Salas, Director of Finance
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing
 Sam Granato, Chief of Police
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager / Fire Chief
 Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent
 Coeta Montgomery, Director of Personnel
 Stanley Fees, City Engineer

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, a group of local veterans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – REQUIRED BY LAW.

The Commission was presented with the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, November 26, 2001. There being no corrections, a motion was made by Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal and seconded by Commissioner Arturo Pecos to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – (REQUIRED BY LAW).

1. None.

III. PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES, AND PRESENTATIONS.

1. QUARTERLY REPORT BY KINGSVILLE / KLEBERG COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT. (PARKS DIRECTOR).

Mrs. Susan Ivy, Director of the Kleberg County Parks Department addressed the Commission regarding different projects her department has been working on. She stated that they were preparing for Spring Break activities and asked for volunteers to contact her.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

1. COMMENTS ON ALL AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

There were no comments made at this time.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. CONSIDER REMOVING FROM THE TABLE THE PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE. (CITY COMMISSION).

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

1.1 CONSIDER DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE. (COMMISSIONER LASKOWSKI).

Commissioner Laskowski stated that changes to the proposed Mission Statement were made as requested at the last City Commission meeting.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Arturo Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Villarreal to approve the Mission Statement along with the Core Values as drafted and proposed by Commissioner Laskowski. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Mission Statement and Core Values of the City of Kingsville are as follows:

Mission of the City of Kingsville City Commission

On behalf of the citizens of Kingsville, a unique community and home of the renowned King Ranch, Texas A & M University-Kingsville and Naval Air Station Kingsville, the City Commission will promote the safety, health and general well-being of the community within the bounds of fiscal responsibility while preserving and advancing the quality of life resulting in exceptional civic pride.

VISION STATEMENT

As a result of our efforts, citizens will

1. Access the highest quality of customer focused city services available at a reasonable cost.
 - ❖ Customer Service
 - ❖ Value of Cost
 - ❖ Effectiveness/efficiency
 - ❖ Convenience, accessibility
 - ❖ Professional, competent staff
 - ❖ Communication
 - ❖ Use of technology and media in all areas possible

2. Live in a safe, secure and healthy environment
 - ❖ Effective, efficient fire and police protection
 - ❖ Adequate water and services, drainage
 - ❖ Sanitation
 - ❖ Adequate lighting
 - ❖ Community policing
 - ❖ Public health services
 - ❖ Emergency Management

3. Live in a clean environment that enhances and protects the quality of their lives.
 - ❖ Air Quality
 - ❖ Water Quality
 - ❖ Open Space
 - ❖ Litter control/sanitation
 - ❖ Recycling

4. Be enriched by a range of cultural arts and recreational opportunities provided through citywide initiatives and supported by the collaborative efforts and agreements with other governmental entities, charitable and nonprofit organizations, and private entities.
 - ❖ Libraries
 - ❖ Performing arts
 - ❖ Teen center
 - ❖ Parks
 - ❖ Athletic activities
 - ❖ Recreation
 - ❖ Public Art
 - ❖ Festivals
 - ❖ Museums

5. Participate and contribute to the health and future of our community.
 - ❖ Efficient access to information and services via technology and media
 - ❖ Volunteer programs
 - ❖ Community education programs
 - ❖ Advisory boards and committees
 - ❖ Focus groups

6. Easily travel to, within and from the community
 - ❖ Well maintained and clean streets, sidewalks and pedestrian paths
 - ❖ Thoroughfare plan
 - ❖ Traffic flow

7. Contribute to and benefit from living in a strong diverse economic environment
 - ❖ Economic development compatible with community values
 - ❖ Protection of property values
 - ❖ Tourism, conventions
 - ❖ Strong retail environment
 - ❖ Job opportunities
 - ❖ Reasonable cost of living

8. Live in well-planned neighborhoods suited to community interests and lifestyles.
 - ❖ Gentrification of older neighborhoods
 - ❖ Planning/zoning
 - ❖ Neighborhood parks for multi-generational use
 - ❖ Traffic management
 - ❖ Pedestrian mobility

9. Be enriched by fostering quality and long-term relationships with local, statewide, national, and international interests in the City of Kingsville
- ❖ Preserve and support the U.S. Naval Air Station Kingsville
 - ❖ Community support of Military Members and Dependents; Veterans
 - ❖ Quality of living for Senior Citizens, Winter Texans
 - ❖ Enhance development opportunities for Texas A & M University Kingsville
 - ❖ Promote Athletic Competitions & Events, Wildlife & Heritage Events

The Core Values are as follows:

The City Commission of Kingsville also recognizes that how we go about the delivery of services and programs is important to achieving our vision. We must therefore, foster an organizational culture that is built on the following Core Values.

CORE VALUES:

❖ **Integrity**

We will safeguard public trust by ensuring that our actions are consistent with our vision, mission and core values. We are dedicated to a standard of values that promotes honesty and ethical behavior. We will treat our customers, as we would want to be treated and deliver the highest level of customer service possible.

❖ **Leadership**

We will build a team of highly qualified individuals to advance our leadership role in the community. We are dedicated to quality-focused principles and performance excellence in everything we do. Each of us will set high individual standards to ensure that our customers are provided quality service in a timely and cost efficient manner.

❖ **Innovation**

We will continue a tradition of creativity and innovation in the delivery of municipal services. We will seek out and apply innovative approaches in providing the best service to our customers. We will openly share our successes and areas needing improvement with others to affect continuous improvement to the standards of excellence in Kingsville.

❖ **Commitment**

We will foster an organizational culture that promotes commitment from all employees to the vision, mission and core values established in this plan. We recognize that our success is dependent on our ability to meet our service commitments in an effective and caring manner. Our dedication and professionalism will be evident as we follow-up on our promises to ensure that our commitments have been met in a customer friendly and quality manner.

❖ **Sensitivity**

We are committed to promote a workforce that respects and values diversity in our community. We must also be respectful and tolerant of the many ideas, emotions and circumstances of those living and visiting our community. We will promote the highest possible service for all customers while being sensitive to the differences among ourselves and the customers we serve.

❖ **Teamwork**

We recognize the strength in teamwork and that our success is dependent on our ability to perform as a highly effective team. Through effective teamwork we are able to harness our energy, creativity and resources to design and implement programs and services that are the best that they can be. We will work cooperatively within all levels of our organization and with our partners to achieve our common vision.

2. CONSIDER REMOVING FROM THE TABLE THE REPLAT OF LOT 1A, BLOCK 5, CLYDE ADDITION. (CITY COMMISSION).

A motion was made by Commissioner Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to remove from the table the following agenda item. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2.1 CONSIDER FINAL RE-PLAT OF LOT 1A, BLOCK 5, CLYDE ADDITION. (CITY ENGINEER).

Mr. Stanley Fees, City Engineer stated that the owner proposes to re-plat this property to continue improvements to the existing Whataburger business. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the replat.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Villarreal and seconded by Commissioner Laskowski, the Commission unanimously approved the re-plat of Lot 1A, Block 5, Clyde Addition.

3. CONSIDER REMOVING FROM THE TABLE THE CITY PARTICIPATION IN ASSISTING KLEBERG COUNTY IN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR LOCAL VETERANS. (CITY COMMISSION).

A motion was made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Laskowski to remove from the table the following agenda item. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3.1 CONSIDER CITY PARTICIPATION IN ASSISTING KLEBERG COUNTY IN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR LOCAL VETERANS. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FROM LOCAL VETERANS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VAN. (COMMISSIONER PECOS).

Commissioner Pecos stated that there were some discussions at the last meeting regarding the purchase of a van for local veterans. He stated that Kleberg County Commissioner's Court approved a contribution in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the purchase of this van.

There was a discussion regarding the ownership of the van as well as insurance costs. Mr. Pecos stated that the four local veterans groups in Kingsville would all contribute to the cost of the insurance.

Mr. Tom Sanchez, Veterans Officer, thanked the Commission for considering this item. He stated that the van was much needed and urged the Commission to approve this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Al Garcia to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 to assist in the purchase of a van for transportation services for local veterans.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Laskowski, Mr. Victor Salas, Director of Finance, responded that the money to cover this expenditure would most likely come from the unpaid salaries of vacant positions that have occurred throughout the year.

The Commission proceeded to vote on the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager, stated that he has a scheduled meeting with representatives from Texas A & M University Kingsville regarding the internship program.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: UNDER SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION AFFECTING PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAXATION OF CITY PROPERTY.

The Executive Session began at 7:15 p.m. and ended at 7:56 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting then adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary