

MARCH 04, 2002

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 04, 2002 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
 Ruben Perez, City Attorney
 Victor Salas, Director of Finance
 Sammy Maldonado, Utilities Superintendent
 Courtney Alvarez, Assistant City Attorney

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

City Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mrs. Carolla Serrato, Executive Director of the South Texas Water Authority, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – REQUIRED BY LAW

There were no minutes available.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – (REQUIRED BY LAW).

1. None.

III. PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES, AND PRESENTATIONS.

1. None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

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

Mrs. Serrato, Executive Director of the South Texas Water Authority, addressed the Commission regarding item number two on the agenda. She stated that the Water Authority has submitted a counter proposal to the Commission for their consideration. She requested that the Commission give consideration to the proposal.

Mr. Oscar Castillo, Board President of the South Texas Water Authority, also addressed the Commission regarding the same item. He stated that the counter proposal is an attempt to fulfill their current obligations. Mr. Castillo stated that they are relying on the City of Kingsville to purchase 40% of water.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. 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 REGARDING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CITY OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY SUPPLY CONTRACT. (CITY ATTORNEY).

The Executive Session began at 6:10 p.m. and ended at 7:50 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into open session.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE IN THE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY. (CITY MANAGER).

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanley Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Arturo Pecos to reject the South Texas Water Authority proposal because the proposal exceeds the amount the City of Kingsville budgeted for water purchase from South Texas Water Authority, and authorize the negotiating committee to continue discussing any counter proposal presented by the South Texas Water Authority Team. The motion passed by a 4/0/1 vote. Mayor Esquivel abstained from voting

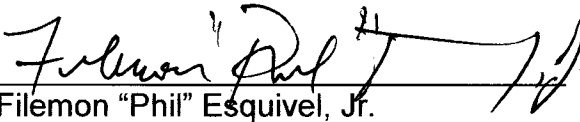
Another motion was made by Commissioner Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to authorize the City Manager to solicit proposals for professional services for establishing water rates for surface and ground water sources, and pass through costs for South Texas Water Authority. The motion passed by a 4/0/1 vote. Mayor Esquivel abstained from voting.

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

No report was given at this time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary