

APRIL 01, 2002

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 01, 2002 AND TWELVE NOON 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 (arrived after the meeting was in session)
 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
 Courtney Alvarez, Assistant City Attorney
 Sammy Maldonado, Utilities Superintendent
 Coeta Montgomery, Director of Personnel
 Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

City Commissioner Rene "Mr. V" Villarreal led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Dick Messbarger, Executive Director of the Greater Kingsville Economic Development Council, 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. None.

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. 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: (CITY ATTORNEY).

1.1 EFFECTIVE PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAXATION OF CITY PROPERTY.

1.2 REGARDING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CITY OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY SUPPLY CONTRACT.

The Commission began the executive session at 12:04 p.m. and ended the session at 2:50 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into open session at this time.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MITIGATE LIABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO CITY PROPERTY AND SEEK OTHER LEGAL REMEDIES FOR REDRESS OF SUCH LIABILITIES.

Based on the recommendation of the City Attorney, no action was taken on this item.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL AND TO TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE'S RIGHTS UNDER THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY WATER SUPPLY CONTRACTS. (CITY ATTORNEY).

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanley Laskowski and seconded by Commissioner Arturo Pecos to authorize the City Attorney to interview legal counsel for possible future litigation regarding the South Texas Water Supply Contract. The motion passed by a 4/0/1 vote. Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., abstained from voting.

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

Mr. Hector M. Hinojosa, City Manager, stated that the Kingsville Police Department was awarded a grant under the COPS Grant Program in an amount of \$407,000. He stated that there was no cash match required by the City. Mr. Hinojosa stated that the Commission would be briefed as to the specifics of the grant at the meeting on April 8th.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary