

MAY 15, 2002

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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:

Charles E. Wilson, City Commissioner
 Horacio (Hoss) Castillo, 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
 Artemio Alvarez, Risk Manager
 Stanley Fees, City Engineer
 Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent
 Tina Galvan, Solid Waste Supervisor
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager / Fire Chief
 Joel Saenz, Code Enforcement Officer
 Bill Donnell, Engineering Technician
 John Garcia, Garage Superintendent
 Yolanda Cadena, Health Department Inspector
 Coeta Montgomery, Director of Personnel
 Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services
 Sammy Maldonado, Utilities Superintendent
 Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
 Sam Granato, Chief of Police
 Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor
 Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing, led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Oscar Castillo, South Texas Water Authority Board President 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. PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF CURRENT WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT AND FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY. (SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR).

Mrs. Carola Serrato, Executive Director of the South Texas Water Authority (STWA) addressed the Commission regarding this item. She discussed STWA's long-term transition plan as well as the monthly minimum rate. Mrs. Serrato stated that their proposed plan provides security for current and future residents, businesses, and industry; and it guarantees operations and maintenance expenses.

After Mrs. Serrato's presentation, members of the City Commission briefly discussed their views about the contract.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Charles E. Wilson, Mrs. Serrato responded that the five million gallon requirement was implemented in 1979, and the terms of the bonds were twenty years. Commissioner Wilson stated that it was in the best interest of all parties that the City and the Water Authority negotiate in good faith.

Commissioner Horacio (Hoss) Castillo stated that he has had an opportunity to serve on the Board of Director's of the Water Authority. He stated that he wants to work with this City Commission to approve a long term contract with the Water Authority.

Commissioner Arturo Pecos stated that water is a precious commodity. He stated that the City must budget all the payments that are made to the Water Authority, and the Commission is always looking at different ways to save money.

Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., stated that both the City and the Water Authority would soon start meeting again to negotiate a new contract. He also requested that the Water Authority negotiate in good faith.

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.

It was the consensus of the Commission to table this agenda item as well as all other items on the agenda. Mayor Esquivel stated that the Lady Brahmas Softball Team was playing in a play-off game in Corpus Christi. He stated that members of the Commission should attend the game and support the Lady Brahmas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and second by Commissioner Pecos to table all agenda items. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The following items are the items that were tabled.

1. CONSIDER ESTABLISHING SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM GOALS FOR THE CITY COMMISSION AND CITY STAFF. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: UNDER SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE CITY COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING THE POSITION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. (COMMISSIONER CASTILLO).

3. REVIEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS HELD BY THE CITY. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

3.1 CITY ATTORNEY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

3.2 FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT WITH FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY.

3.3 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH SECOR INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED

3.4 COURT FEES AND FINES COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LINEBARGER HEARD GOGGAN BLAIR GRAHAM PENA & SAMPSON, LLP

3.5 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COMPLIANCE COMPANY, L.L.C.

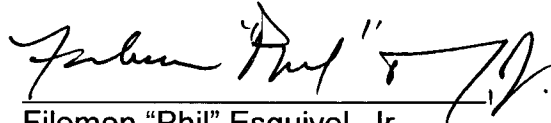
3.6 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH RJR ENGINEERING, LTD., LLP

4. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY AND ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO. (CITY MANAGER).

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


 Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr.
 Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary