

OCTOBER 16, 2003

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE.

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor
 Horacio "Hoss" Castillo, City Commissioner
 Al Garcia, City Commissioner
 Arturo Pecos, City Commissioner
 Charles E. Wilson, City Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

John A. Garcia, Interim City Manager
 Irene Ramirez, City Secretary
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager / Fire Chief
 Stanley Fees, City Engineer
 Vilma Castillo, Collections Manager
 Caron Vela, Interim Finance Director
 Sammy Maldonado, Utilities Superintendent
 Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor
 Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services
 Dianne Leubert, Recycling Supervisor
 Art Alvarez, Risk Manager
 Julian Cavazos, Interim Chief of Police
 Yolanda Vasquez, Municipal Court Clerk Supervisor
 Robert Alvarez, Lieutenant
 Billy McCoy, Officer KPD
 Anita Stewart, Task Force Secretary
 JR Ibarra, Task Force
 A. L. Noyola, Health Director

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Esquivel at 12:02 p.m.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - (Mayor Esquivel)

Mayor Esquivel led everyone in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by JR Ibarra, and the Texas Pledge by Commissioner Pecos.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) - Required by Law

None available.

II. **Public Hearing - (Required by Law). 1**

None.

III. **Public Comment on Agenda Items. 3**

None.

IV. **Petitions, Grievances, and Presentations. 2**

1. Interim City Manager's Report. (Interim City Manager).

Mr. John Garcia asked the commission to check their calendars for a tentative meeting for Tuesday, October 21, 2003 for second interviews of the City Manager candidates.

2. City Attorney's Report. (City Attorney).

Interim City Manager John Garcia stated the City Attorney was not available tonight due to a sick child.

3. Mayor and City Commissioner's Reports. (City Commission).

Mayor Esquivel presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Coach Pete Peterson, Treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Kingsville. He stated if the club can sponsor a latch-key after-school program; the City will assist them with an additional \$5,000. Coach Peterson thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their generous support.

Mayor Esquivel stated he is committed to finding the most qualified person to lead the city in the position of City Manager to provide an efficient, productive and effective city government to unite the community and move forward.

Mayor Esquivel expressed his gratitude to the law enforcement selection committee members, stating this is a diversified group of law enforcement officers who participated in the application review process for the position of Chief of Police, thus providing their input to the Interim City Manager. He stated his vision is to have a chief of police who can implement community policing, who is willing to work with all law enforcement agencies, and who can find ways to consolidate services. He thanked Julian Cavazos for his work as Interim Chief of Police during the past few months. He stated it is up to the (Interim) City Manager to recommend the applicant that is most qualified for Chief of Police.

V. Items for consideration by Commissioners. 4

1. Discuss and approve Interim City Manager's recommendation for Chief of Police.

Mr. Garcia stated there were 26 applications for the position of Chief of Police. The law enforcement selection committee recommended four individuals to him and interviewed the top two candidates. Mr. Garcia stated he and Mr. Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager interviewed all four candidates and while all are uniquely qualified in their own way, he needs more time to review the finalists. He stated with a new city manager being hired in the next couple of weeks, there is also the option to wait and allow the new manager to hire the Police Chief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Al Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Charlie Wilson to delay hiring a Chief of Police until we hire a new city manager to make that selection.

Commissioner Hoss Castillo and Commissioner Arturo Pecos stated they disagreed and felt the Interim City Manager should make a recommendation on the chief of police.

Commissioner Al Garcia stated he appreciated the Interim City Manager's decision even though he has been critical of him in the past about Granato's firing, and

stated how it is important to follow the City Charter.

Mayor Esquivel stated it is important that we hire the best qualified person for the job and he recommended that prior to a recommendation being made, he would like to meet in executive session to meet the candidate. He stated the City Manager should continue the interview process.

Commissioner Wilson called for the question.

Motion failed 2/3 with Mayor Esquivel, Commissioner Castillo and Commissioner Pecos voting against the motion.

VI. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Al Garcia to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Irene Ramirez City Secretary