

DECEMBER 04, 2003

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2003 AT 5:05 P.M. 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:

Carlos R. Yerena, City Manager
 Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
 John A. Garcia, Garage Superintendent
 Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager/ Fire Chief
 Rick Torres, Chief of Police
 Stanley Fees, City Engineer
 Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services
 Caron Vela, Interim Finance Director
 Vilma Castillo, Utilities Supervisor
 Tina Galvan, Solid Waste Supervisor
 Avelino "Java" Valadez, Street Dept.

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened by Mayor Phil Esquivel at 5:05 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-(Mayor Esquivel)

Mayor Esquivel lead everyone in prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Commissioner Pecos, and the pledge to the Texas flag led by Commissioner Castillo.

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. Proclamation designating December 06, 2003 as Support the Javelinas Day in Kingsville, Texas. (Mayor Esquivel).

Mayor Esquivel presented Coach Fred Nuesch, Athletic Coordinator for External Affairs of Texas A&M University-Kingsville with a proclamation declaring December 06, 2003 as "Support the Javelinas Day in Kingsville" in their seventh year of national championship play-offs and urged all citizens to come out and support the Javelinas.

2. City Manager's Report.

Mr. Yerena stated he recently attended the TML conference in San Antonio stating it was very informative.

3. City Attorney's Report.

Ms Courtney Alvarez mentioned the Toys for Tots kick-off campaign that took place earlier today. She informed the Commission she plans to attend an Open Government Conference in Austin on December 15, 2003 as there is a pertinent session on open record requests, which continue to come in. She commented on the following: some new Regional Economic Development offices created by the governor in an effort to assist cities to recruit new businesses and jobs; recent legislation authorizing cities to use the state's contract travel services for reduced airfare, lodging to cut costs for cities; La Posada parade and the City's Christmas party for December 20, 2003.

4. Mayor and City Commissioner's Reports.

Mayor Esquivel briefed everyone on the upcoming National League of Cities travel to Nashville on December 9, 2003, the ground breaking of Paulson Falls scheduled for December 10, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., and commented on home-rule cities. He stated he is very excited with the new management team the city has in place. He also commended Jerry & Lisa Bockholt for their years of service in sponsoring the Toys for Tots campaign.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.⁴

1. WORKSHOP SESSION TO DISCUSS THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CITY COMMISSION. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mayor Esquivel stated he placed this workshop item on the agenda to record and present the City Commission's goals and objectives to the new city manager, as well as to keep the public informed on city government. The following list was discussed at length with input from the city manager and city staff:

- Hire a new city manager (completed)
- Finalize a master plan for the City of Kingsville (in process)
- Clean up the city (underway)
- Improve public communication (added to list)
- Street improvements and drainage improvements (changed)
- Improve employee moral
- Increase economic development projects (added to list)
- Increase residential development projects (added to list)

Mayor Esquivel stated he is looking forward to getting these goals and objectives met and thanked everyone for their teamwork.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to use Agenda Item #3 in place of Agenda Item #2 and proceed. Motion carried, 5/0.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CITY AND DISCUSS TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF SAME. (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

A motion was made Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Pecos to accept the 8 items outlined and discussed

in Agenda Item #1 and to task staff with a general timeline for their completion. Motion carried, 5/0.

City Manager Yerena stated he will provide the Commission with a timeline on the issues that require one, and there will be immediate participation on all others.

3. WORKSHOP SESSION TO DISCUSS INTEGRITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY. (CITY MANAGER).

(Proceed with original Agenda Item #2, now #3.)

City Manager Yerena stated he met with Integrity Development Group several weeks ago concerning the preliminary and final plat of Paulson Falls. The developer anticipates developing a 55-acre tract in two phases, with the first phase being residential development of 166 single-family homes ranging in value from \$90K to \$160K. The developer has asked for financial participation from the City, the County and the South Texas Water Authority.

Mr. Stanley Fees, City Engineer, presented the commission with cost estimate figures for a lift station provided by the developer's engineers. He provided the commission with the cost figures to install a gravity line and sewer to open up the entire area from General Cavazos to the lift station at Hawks Landing and west to U.S. Hwy. 77 for future development.

The cost difference between the proposed subdivision infrastructure and the gravity line is an approximately \$289K. The city manager stated staff is exploring different options and will meet with the developer to see how we can assist them, possibly through in-kind services.

Mrs. Alvarez, city attorney, stated she met with staff to discuss several important issues. Integrity is applying for a residential development agreement and an application is currently being filed. She stated although the city cannot provide public funds for private purposes, she spoke with the water authority director and the county attorney concerning an interlocal agreement between the three taxing entities to set up a fund in order to get the gravity line completed which would benefit everyone. Ms Serrato will be presenting this issue to her board at their next meeting.

City Manager Yerena stated the main goal is for staff to move forward to better the community and work with everyone in an expedited manner to make this a reality.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Castillo to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Filemon "Phil" Esquivel Jr., Mayor


ATTEST:

Irene Ramirez, City Secretary

PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the Kingsville City Commission on this 27th day of April, 2004.

Charles E Wilson, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Edna S Lopez, Interim City Secretary