

FEBRUARY 3, 2003

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Hector Hinojosa, City Manager
 Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

OPEN MEETING

INVOCATION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - (Mayor Esquivel)

II. PUBLIC HEARING- (REQUIRED BY LAW).¹

None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.³

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

IV. PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND PRESENTATIONS.²

1. **MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS.
 (CITY COMMISSION).**

Commissioner Wilson read the Scout Vespers.

Commissioner Garcia stated he agreed with Commissioner Wilson's statement. He stated his concerns regarding the decision being made. He stated that he would continue to be a steward of the citizens' money.

Commissioner Castillo stated that he would not be suing the City, but he would be pursuing litigation of people who slandered his name.

Commissioner Pecos stated he was the first to item on agenda to dismiss the City Manager. He stated that he never imagine that putting an item on the agenda he would have gone through what he has gone through.

Mayor Esquivel stated he understand they all have equal power. He stated that Mr. Hector Hinojosa, City Manager is a good Finance Director. He stated he wanted to be honorable by offering him another position. He stated impact on community was a big black eye.

2. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (CITY MANAGER).**

None

3. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. (CITY ATTORNEY).**

None

V. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.⁴**

1. **Consider resolution for the suspension and removal of Hector Hinojosa as City Manager and stating reasons for his removal. (Commissioner Pecos).**

Commissioner Pecos stated that he had eight reasons for Mr. Hinojosa's removal. He stated: (1) inadequate communication with City Commissioners on going projects, jobs, issues and concerns; (2) lacks skills in communicating with the citizens in not responding to their problems, concerns or issues; (3) fails to complete or implement ideas suggested on numerous occasions by the city commission; (4) fails to anticipate problems, and does not develop effective plans on how to solve them; (5) reactive to situations instead of being proactive; (6) seldom represents the City in community activities; (7) fails to treat City employees with proper respect; and (8) loss of grant opportunities or monies for not submitting proper documentation.

Commissioner Castillo made motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pecos.

Commissioner Garcia requested a point of order, directed to the City Attorney. He stated that on situations where the commission is going to move on an item of personnel hiring or firing, is an executive session needed, as a courtesy.

Ms Courtney Alvarez stated that this has been a practice and it is not a requirement. She added it was suggested, but was declined by the person requesting the item be put on the agenda.

The motion carried, 3/2, with Commissioners Wilson and Garcia casting the dissenting votes.

2. **Consider appointment of an Interim City Manager. (Commissioner Pecos).**

Commissioner Pecos made a motion to appoint Corando Garza, Assistant City Manager as Interim City Manager, seconded by Commissioner Castillo.

Mayor Esquivel stated that it is custom that the Assistant City Manager is the next in charge.

The motion carried, 3/2, with Commissioners Wilson and Garcia casting the dissenting votes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary

PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the Kingsville City Commission on this 12th day of April, 2004.

Charles E Wilson, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, Interim City Secretary