

MARCH 31, 2003

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS WAS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2003 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:

Corando Garza, Interim City Manager
 Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary
 Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
 John Garcia, Garage Superintendent/Interim Assistant City Manager
 Sammy Maldonado, Utilities Superintendent
 Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services
 Diana Gonzales, Director of Personnel
 Caron Vela, Accountant
 Chito Hinojosa, Street Supervisor
 Stanley Fees, City Engineer / Interim Assistant City Manager
 Joel Saenz, Code Enforcement Officer
 Vilma Castillo, Director of Collections
 Ralph Cuellar, Health Inspector

I. PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.**OPEN MEETING:**

Mayor Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (MAYOR ESQUIVEL).

Mayor Esquivel led the Commission and members of the audience in an invocation. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Ralph Cuellar, Health Inspector, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

There were no minutes for approval.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – (REQUIRED BY LAW).

1. None.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Corando Garza, Interim City Manager thanked the Commission for allowing him the opportunity to serve as an Interim City Manager. He thanked City Staff for all of their help.

IV. PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES, AND PRESENTATIONS.

1. INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. (INTERIM CITY MANAGER).

Mr. Garza stated that at the present time, seven (7) applications have been received for the position of City Manager.

2. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. (CITY ATTORNEY).

No report was given at this time.

3. MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS. (CITY COMMISSION).

Commissioner Horacio (Hoss) Castillo made reference to the circulators obtaining signatures for a recall election. He stated that false statements were made to citizens.

Mayor Esquivel stated that he has received many calls from family and friends regarding the same issue.

In another matter, Mayor Esquivel thanked Mr. Corando Garza for a job well done. He also commended Mrs. Caron Vela, Accountant and Mr. Luke Womack, CPA for their work with all of the City's financial issues; he thanked Ms. Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services for her work with the residential incentive guidelines.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSIONERS.

1. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER. (INTERIM CITY MANAGER).

A motion was made by Commissioner Arturo Pecos and seconded by Commissioner Castillo to appoint Mr. John Garcia as Interim City Manager.

Mr. Garcia explained to the Commission his experience with the City of Kingsville and further stated that he would accept the position of Interim City Manager, and was prepared for the challenge.

The Commission proceeded to vote on the motion. The motion passed by a 3/2 vote. Commissioner's Wilson and Garcia cast the dissenting votes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

The special meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Filemon "Phil" Esquivel, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana F. Valadez, City Secretary