

April 5, 2004

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE WAS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 6:00 P.M.

City Commission Present:

Charles E. Wilson, Commissioner
Al Garcia, Commissioner

City Staff Present:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Edna S. Lopez, Interim City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police
Dora Byington, Director of Purchasing
George Bejarano, Finance Director
Macario Mayorga, Utility Supervisor
Stanley Fees, City Engineer
Jennifer Detloff, Director of Development Services
Joe Casillas, Water Production Field Supervisor

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened at 6:00 P.M. by Presiding Officer Wilson.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Presiding Officer)

Dora Byington led everyone in prayer, followed the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Garcia the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

None

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

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

City Manager Yerena updated the commission, stating that City workers continue to work diligently clearing debris from drainage and that yesterday an emergency meeting was held where all public works employees were out working during the storm.

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

Ms Courtney Alvarez reminded everyone that Friday was a City Holiday. She added that there was a regular commission meeting next Monday and agenda items are needed as soon as possible, tomorrow and no later than Wednesday. She also stated there had been some coverage in the media regarding a letter from Mr. Hanson, with the Secretary of States Office. She stated a copy of the letter was received today, from a citizen. She stated the City is in the process of reviewing the letter and has contacted TML's Director of Legal Services, and they are reviewing the letter as well. Ms Alvarez stated that she contacted Mr. Hanson, and briefly inquired some things with him. She stated that when he wrote his advisory letter, he was not aware of or familiar with the three cases from the Texas Courts of Appeal that were cited in the brief that the commission received in February.

2. City Commission's Reports. (City Commission).

Commissioner Garcia reported that he had also seen city crews working during the storm and said they are very dedicated, making sure drainage is flowing the way they should. He reminded the audience that hurricane season is coming soon. Commissioner Garcia reported that he had attended the PDAT walk and a meeting at commissioner's court. He advised that the URI – water contamination was on their agenda, that Representative Juan Escobar is pushing the issue to the legislature and is talking to agencies overseeing this issue, and Senator Lucio was also present. He mentioned he indicated the City would have a possible resolution to support their efforts.

Commissioner Wilson reported that he attended the International Young Performers performance on Saturday at Jones Auditorium. He stated they are a great group of young people, and that it is not publicized enough. He said that some of the performers win big prizes, and that one will be performing with the Corpus Christi Symphony, the runner-up will perform with the Victoria Symphony. He said that these young people come from as far away as Korea, Pakistan, and one performer was from Kingsville, Texas. Commissioner Wilson reported that the Kleberg County Extension Service held a job fair at J K Northway and that high school seniors from around the area attended.

V. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

1. Consider awarding bid for Paulson Falls sewer line extension project. (Bid No. 24-33). (Director of Purchasing).

Ms Dora Byington stated that this item will authorize the execution of a contract for approximately 2,650 linear feet of 12" SDR-26 sewer pips and six (6) manholes. She stated the job entails removing and replacing driveways and that the City advertised on March 7 and March 14, and bids were opened on March 23, 2004. Ms Byington stated that staff's recommendation is that the bid be awarded to DMB Construction from Corpus Christi, and this action will expend \$182,945.50.

City Manager Yerena stated staff could talk about technical aspects and added that this is originally as proposed and agreed to by the City to provide a gravity line that would open up an entire. He stated that the City has an Interlocal Agreement with the County and South Texas Water Authority to help with cost in this particular area. He mentioned that the pros as to what it will do for the community and the city is that: (1) it would open up the area; and (2) it would produce additional property tax revenue for the city in year to come. He stated that the proposed project is for 166 home developments. He added that this is a historical movement and that staff worked well to get this done.

Ms Carola Serrato stated that she supports what City Manager Yerena said. She added it is a good thing for the community to open up both sides of Hwy 77 and it is good example of different governmental entities working together.

Commissioner Garcia mentioned the various contributions that were committed: County up to \$70,000 and South Texas Water Authority up to \$50,000, and the City will take care of remainder.

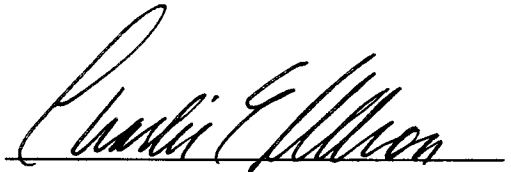
City Manager Yerena stated the City was happy with the bids which came in lower than anticipated.

Upon a question raised by Commissioner Garcia, Mr. Stanley Fees stated that the gravity flow line expansion would take care of expansion to the north.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to accept staff suggestion to go with DMB Construction, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed, 2/0.

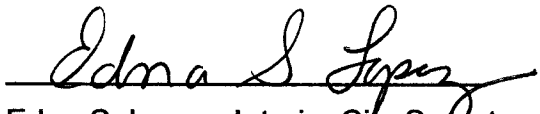
VI. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.



Charles E. Wilson, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Edna S. Lopez, Interim City Secretary