

AUGUST 1, 2005

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 6:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor
Charles Wilson, Commissioner
Al Garcia, Commissioner
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Edna S. Lopez, City Secretary
Vilma Castillo, Interim Finance Director
Caron Vela, Accounts Manager
Al Lopez, Fire Chief
Felix Camarillo, Firefighter/Paramedic
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
George Crocker, Sergeant
Julian Cavazos, Lieutenant
Jose Casillas, Water Production
Jennifer Cantu, Director of Development Services
Stanley Fees, City Engineer
Sherman Benys, Lieutenant
Barry Blackstock, Lieutenant
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall at 6:04 P.M.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by City Manager Yerena, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

NONE

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

NONE

III. Petitions, Grievances, and Presentations.²

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Manager's report. City Manager Yerena reported on KWOP Media Day on Wednesday, at 1705 E Ave F.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. Ms Alvarez reported on meeting with Mr. Benadum regarding the water contract; the Gillett

School Open House; budget workshops; and the next Charter Review meeting.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's reports. Mayor Fugate reported on his pitching experience at the Aviator Game.

4. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2005-2006 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville.

a. Police Department

City Manager Yerena commented that the focus of the previous meeting was on the overtime, staff has recalculated the minimum required for holiday buyback, which totaled \$76,000. In talking with the Chief, a scenario was discussed to utilize the Chapter 59 State Forfeiture monies in the amount of \$50,000; \$50,000 will be budgeted for overtime which includes part of the holiday buyback and the Chief will utilize the additional \$50,000 for the remaining \$26,000 for the minimum required holiday buyback with \$24,000 for regular overtime. This was the only to present a balanced budget and this is what is being proposed.

Chief Ricardo Torres voiced his concern regarding overtime and staffing. The use of the State Forfeiture fund is allowable to be used with City Commission approval, Federal Forfeiture fund is no allowable.

Chief Torres provided different scenarios for the use of overtime.

Each division supervisor addressed the Commission and voiced their concerns regarding their division's proposed overtime budget and several proposed line items.

There was discussion on salary totals. Commissioners Wilson and Laskowski voiced their concern about everyone being covered; covered in the right way and budgeted right. Adding that it would be a benefit to have the personnel lined up with the right budget numbers.

Mr. Luke Womack, Auditor stated a transfer in from the special revenue which is the State Forfeiture fund can be shown. City Manager Yerena stated the City did not want to give the impression of supplementing.

Chief Torres stated \$22,000 would be funded from the State Forfeiture fund for the maintenance of the radio system.

Chief Torres stated there is a mandate to do more community policing which occurs after hours and on weekends which must be addressed. Mayor Fugate commented that management skills must be used and that working people during the week must be done.

b. Fire Department

Chief Al Lopez provided a brief overview regarding how the department's overtime is created. He stated the amount being recommended would be used up in about three months. He explained how the City is losing money by not having enough staffing for ambulance service. He stated

800 ambulance calls were passed off to private ambulance services due to shortage of staff.

Mr. Womack provided information on the ambulance collection rates about \$200,000 per year is collected; 35% collection rate and gave example of an ambulance bill for \$1,000 usually \$350 is collected. He stated the ambulance service is paying for itself and this is a valid subject to discuss.

Mayor Fugate suggested doing a ninety day trial for staffing the next ambulance. City Manager Yerena stated a pilot program would be implemented on staffing the ambulances plus other programs that are being looked at to increase revenue.

Chief Lopez also provided information on implementing a fire call billing for extra revenue. This would affect the insurance companies.

Commissioner Wilson voiced his concerns regarding the amount budgeted for bunker gear and the amount budgeted for training and travel for the Volunteer Fire Department. He stated he is not trying to under train them because that would not be safe for anyone involved. Chief Lopez stated in had acquired some scholarships for the Texas A&M School. Chief Lopez stated that he would be meeting with staff to go over the Volunteers budget.

Mayor Fugate stated he appreciated the recommendation to create revenue.

Mr. Felix Camarillo, Paramedic voiced his concern regarding the amount budgeted for medical supplies and provided a brief explanation of what is occurring at this time.

Mayor Fugate stated there is enough money there to get this department into the year, and with what is generated money will be put into the department.

City Manager Yerena stated it would be much safer to rely on what we have, then relying on the proposed revenue.

Commissioner Laskowski voiced his concern regarding amounts budgeted for salaries.

Commissioner Garcia requested an audit of the Volunteer Fire Department's records.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

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

NONE

V. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

NONE

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, City Secretary