

SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

**AN EMERGENCY MEETING DUE TO REASONABLY UNFORSEEN SITUTATION WHICH IS REQUIRED BY AN EMERGENCY OR URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY OF THE KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION, WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 1:55 P.M.**

**CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Sam R Fugate, Mayor  
Charles E Wilson, Commissioner  
Al Garcia, Commissioner  
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner

**CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:**

Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Carlos Yerena, City Manager  
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney  
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary  
Al Lopez, Fire Chief  
Stanley Fees, City Engineer  
Art Alvarez, Risk Manager

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at 1:56 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).<sup>1</sup>**

1. None.

**III. Public Comment on Agenda Items.<sup>3</sup>**

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

NONE

**IV. Petitions, Grievances, and Presentations.<sup>2</sup>**

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Manager's report. City Manager Yerena responded he did not have anything to report.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. Ms Alvarez reported that during the action item she would provide information regarding a conversation with Ms Reba George, from the Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

3. Mayor and City Commissioner's Reports. (City Commission).

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commissioner's report. There were no comments.

**V. Items for consideration by Commissioners.<sup>4</sup>**

**1. Discuss and consider actions to be taken for disaster relief assistance for victims of Hurricane Katrina who will be arriving in the city today and all other actions required by the City for declaration of emergency and disaster relief assistance from local, state, and federal agencies and governments. (City Manager).**

City Manager Yerena stated this would basically allow the City to qualify for certain funding available through FEMA. He stated that this was a collaborative effort between the City, KISD, and the County to coordinate providing shelter services to the people from New Orleans. City Manager Yerena stated that the school district had transportation ready to bring the evacuees to Kingsville, eight buses will be available. The City will accommodate 250 people.

Ms Alvarez provided information on her conversation with Ms Reba George. She explained the intake process for evacuees and provided information of items needed.

KISD representatives (Ms Karen Weisman, Asst. Superintendent, Dr. Vita Canales, Asst. Superintendent, and Ms Leticia Garcia, Food Service Director) committed to providing one meal per day for the evacuees.

There was lengthy discussion on other locations for housing evacuees, food service, laundry situation, phone service, in-town transportation, job resources, children's education, funding issues and other needs for the evacuees.

City Manager Yerena advised the Commission that an account with Kleberg Bank has been set up under the name, The City of Kingsville/Kleberg County Evacuees Special Fund. Funds will be used for the evacuees residing at the J.K. Northway Coliseum.

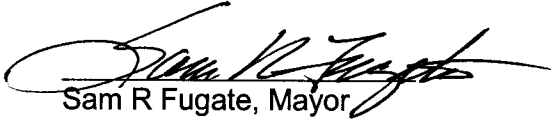
Mayor Fugate stressed the importance of telling citizens that monetary donations are needed.

Mayor Fugate read the Proclamation. He stated that he would like to word "Refugee" changed to "Evacuee".

**Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to approve the Proclamation and change the words Refugees to Evacuees, seconded by Commissioners Garcia and Wilson. Mayor Fugate called for roll-call vote. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Wilson, Garcia, Laskowski voting "FOR".**

**VI. Adjournment.**

There being on further business to come before the City Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 P.M. on September 4, 2005.

  
Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary