

AUGUST 30, 2006

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2006 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 11:30 A.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R Fugate, Mayor
Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem
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
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
Al Lopez, Fire Chief
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
David Pena, Plant Foreman
Frank Garcia, Interim Wastewater Supervisor
Rudy Mendez, Equipment Operator III
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Art Alvarez, Risk Manager
Macario Mayorga, Water Supervisor
Mark Rushing, Finance Director
George Crocker, Sergeant
Julian Cavazos, Lieutenant
Barry Blackstock, Lieutenant
Sherman Benys, Lieutenant
Felix Camarillo, Firefighter/Paramedic
Don Erebria, Captain
J R Ibarra, Task Force
Yolanda Vasquez, Municipal Court Supervisor
Jennifer Vela, Litter Abatement Officer
Bob Daehn, Building Official
John Garcia, Garage Superintendent
Jennifer Cantu, Director of Development Services
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
Vilma Castillo, Collections Manager
Caron Vela, Accounting Manager
Tamera Blackstock, Sergeant
Joe Casillas, Water Production
Bill Donnell, Interim Street Superintendent

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chamber at 11:30 A.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

Mayor Fugate announced there were no minutes to consider.

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 responded he had no report.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. Ms Alvarez was unavailable.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's reports. There were no reports.

4. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville.

Permits

There were no questions or comments to the Permit budget.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Mark Rushing, Finance Director stated there is a significant increase in the line item for Computer and Associated due to the request for some Code Enforcement software. He explained this software would also benefit the Permit Department. Ms Jennifer Vela, Litter Abatement Officer provided further information on the proposed software. She stated one of the advantages of this software is that it customizes letters. Mr. Rushing stated that the line item for Motor Oil & Gas had been increased to \$850.00.

Police

(Administration)

Mr. Rushing stated this department's budget is pretty much the same, except for an increase in Vehicle Maintenance, Medical Treatment, and Motor Oil & Gas.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments.

Uniform Division

Mr. Rushing stated salaries were cut over prior year's budget, \$141,887, also corresponding Healthcare, Retirement, and Workers' Comp. He stated there is an increase in Motor Oil & Gas. He stated those are the significant changes to this budget. He added there is a recommended reclassification for three employees over to Chapter 59. The objective is to get back to forty-seven (47) employees overall in accordance to the ordinance prior to the grant that added the four (4) people. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, City Manager Yerena replied the intent is that the Chief supplement the overtime from Chapter 59 and what has been allocated would be the limitation for this particular budget. Commissioner Pecos asked what would happen if Chapter 59 does not have monies. City Manager Yerena replied his directive has been to try to work within the City's budgetary constraints. Commissioner Pecos stated he would hate to see what happened to the Sheriff department happen to the Police department. Mayor Fugate stated there is a big difference between the Police and Sheriff department, especially salaries. He stated that within the last three years the Police department has received 7% increase in pay where other City employees have not enjoyed the same raises. He added that in Chapter 59, they cannot tell the Police Chief what to do with that money, and they are not. The Chief has asked that he wants these three positions and he is being allowed to have the three positions, and as long as there are Chapter 59 monies he can continue to have them. Commissioner Wilson stated that the City is obligating itself to \$27,000 of overtime, and it appears that Chapter 59 funds will be used to the tune of \$120,000. He added that

Commissioner Pecos' concern is somewhat similar to the Sheriff department if Chapter 59 funds, for some, unforeseen reason aren't there then the City would put themselves in a similar position. He added this is the same situation as to the commitment that was made for the SRO's. Chief Torres stated he doesn't want to have to tell three people they no longer have a job. He added that a lot of money has been spent to train employees.

Mayor Fugate called for questions.

Communication

Mr. Rushing stated there is a significant change to Professional Services that includes monies for a contract with Corpus Christi, which is a requirement for synchronizing.

Commissioner Wilson voiced his concern about not having a maintenance contract for portable radios. He stated this is an area that can't be overlooked. He asked to find some way to put the radios on a maintenance schedule. He stated that the City is in a cycle of training employees, and someone else buys them. He stated that other agencies are courting them (dispatchers) with higher pay and less stress. Commissioner Wilson added that the City needs to address this because the ones who choose to stay and don't take the next step will burn out or will leave, which will leave the City in a more stressed position. City Manager Yerena stated there are leftover monies in the CO 2002-2002A that were not spent on the radio tower, which would be available for the maintenance contract. Commissioner Wilson recommended finding a way to making communication officers more competitive with their peers.

Commissioner Garcia asked about no money allowed in line item #226 – Computer and Associated. Sergeant Crocker replied monies are needed in that line item or the laptops will be useless.

CID

Mr. Rushing stated that due to a key error last year's salaries were under budgeted. He provided information on the line items that were increased. There was discussion on the need for computers and printers. Commissioner Garcia suggested this be included. City Manager Yerena stated this would be included in the CO's.

CIS

Mr. Rushing explained the change in Salaries and provided information on the SRO's. He provided information on the line items that were increased. The line item for Motor Gas & Oil will be revisited.

Fire

Mr. Rushing stated there is an increase to base Salaries, Uniforms & Personal Wear, Supplies, Chemicals, Motor Oil & Gas, Computers and Associated, Professional Services, Travel & Training, Utilities, Laundry, and Building maintenance. Commissioner Laskowski asked about the increase in Professional Services. Chief Lopez explained this includes required testing of SCBA, which was not done last year and this item pays for maintenance agreements. Commissioner Laskowski asked about building maintenance. Chief Lopez replied this is for remodeling of the station. He added some areas have been remodeled and it is a big improvement. Commissioner Pecos asked about recommended overtime. Chief Lopez replied there is three categories budgeted for overtime, which this year balanced out.

Chief Lopez commented on medical supplies, which they have bottomed out. He added that they are borrowing drugs, and the department could use an increase. Mr. Felix Camarillo addressed the Commission and explained the duration of the medication. Commissioner Garcia

asked if medication is being ordered in abundance. Mr. Camarillo stated they only replace items as needed.

Mayor Fugate called for questions.

City Special

Mr. Rushing provided information on several line items. Mayor Fugate asked about the amount proposed for line item 314.06, BRAC, \$20,000. He suggested allowing only \$10,000. Commissioner Laskowski stated he would be discussing with the County about paying for half of the JLUS and the Call Center.

City Manager Yerena stated that line item 314.24, Economic Development is for future meetings and travel for the Bi-National Organization.

Mayor Fugate called for questions.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

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

Mayor Fugate called for comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

V. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

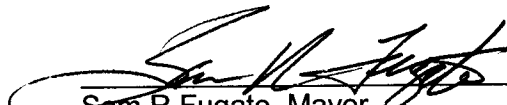
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

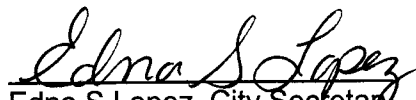
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VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.


Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edna S Lopez, City Secretary