

JULY 27, 2006

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 27, 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
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
Mark Rushing, Finance Director
Jennifer Cantu, Director of Development Services
Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
John Garcia, Garage Superintendent
Vilma Castillo, Collections Manager
Jason Torres, Health Inspector

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.
OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by Ms Dora Byington, 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 reminded the Commission about TRASH-OFF Day, on Saturday, July 29th.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. Ms Alvarez reported she received an e-mail from the Attorneys regarding a case dismissal; and she congratulated the City Manager and Staff on JLUS.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's reports. Commissioner Laskowski and Mayor Fugate commented on TRASH-OFF Day.

Mayor Fugate deviated from the agenda and called for Items for Consideration by Commissioners.

4. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville.
 - a. Purchasing
 - b. Planning
 - c. Legal
 - d. Service Center
 - e. Garage
 - f. Meter Readers
 - g. Collections

Ms Dora Byington, Purchasing Director presented the Purchasing Department budget. She stated that in Professional Fees, the expenditure for the on-line auction is no longer needed.

City Manager Yerena commended Ms Byington for her efforts in selling the old water meters.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments.

Ms Jennifer Cantu, Director of Development Services presented the Planning Department budget. She made a change to Training & Travel by reducing it down to \$3,000.

Upon a question from Commissioner Garcia, Mr. Mark Rushing, Finance Director stated that he would address salaries at a later date. City Manager Yerena stated the next round would bring salaries and a balanced budget. Commissioner Laskowski explained that employees from this department have been moved to other departments.

Mayor Fugate asked about the amount in supplies. Ms Cantu stated the different committees will involve a lot of public involvement.

In order to get budget booklets ready for the Commission, Mayor Fugate called for a lunch break at 11:55 A.M.

The Commission reconvened at 12:01 P.M.

Ms Alvarez presented the Legal Department budget. She explained some of the reductions which had been previously discussed with Staff and information on charges for pending litigation was discussed. She provided information on a Para-Legal course for the Legal Secretary. She stated that there is a reclassification of the Executive Secretary to the Para-legal position, hourly rate \$14.061.

Mr. John Garcia, Garage Superintendent presented the Service Center and the Garage Department budgets. He stated that everything is in line with this year's budget. The only line item increased was Minor Equipment to purchase a riding mower.

Mr. Garcia stated that the Garage Department is requesting a vehicle, and everything else is status quo.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Mr. Garcia replied schools are for mechanics to be trained at local schools.

Ms Vilma Castillo, Collections Manager presented the Meter Readers and Collections Departments budget. She stated that the Meter Readers budget has changed due to less employees, uniforms, and vehicles. She stated that the amount requested for water meters was lowered. Commissioner Laskowski suggested buying half the meters this budget year. Ms Castillo provided information on the new procedure for reading meters. Commissioner

Laskowski questioned the amount allocated for Motor, Gas & Oil because the new system requires a lot more driving.

Ms Castillo stated that the Collection Department budget did not change, except for Training and Travel. Staff did not travel this year due to the meter change out. She provided information on some new mail reader software.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

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

Mayor Fugate called for public comments on the agenda or off the agenda. No comments were made.

**V. Consent Agenda
Notice to the Public**

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

1. **Consider a resolution adopting the Coastal Bend Mitigation Action Plan. (City Manager).**

Mr. Tomas Sanchez, Emergency Management Coordinator provided information on the resolution. Notice of this resolution will be posted for public comments; the County has already passed this resolution.

Mayor Fugate called questions or comments. **Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Garcia, Wilson, Laskowski voting "FOR".**

2. **Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to Water Supply Contract between the City of Kingsville and South Texas Water Authority. (City Attorney).**

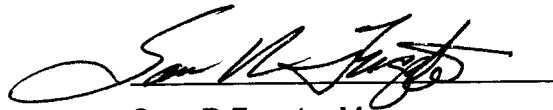
Ms Alvarez stated that the City received a request from South Texas Water Authority to adopt the First Amendment to the Water Supply Contract between the City of Kingsville and STWA, which would modify the contract entered into on October 1, 2005. She added that STWA Executive Director, Ms Carola Serrato advised that Agua Dulce, Banquette, Driscoll, and Nueces Water Supply Corporation have already adopted the amendment. STWA anticipates an increase of \$0.01 per thousand gallons being added to the Handling Charge for all customers in Fiscal Year 2007. Ms Serrato stated that Ricardo Water Supply Corporation had also adopted the amendment.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Ms Alvarez replied the City had already approved the Water Pass-Through agreement at a previous meeting.

Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to Water Supply Contract between the City of Kingsville and South Texas Water Authority, seconded by Commissioner Garcia. **The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Wilson, Garcia, Laskowski voting "FOR".**

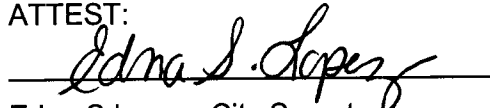
VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, City Secretary