

JULY 31, 2006

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006 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 E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem
Al Garcia, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
Jaime Garza, Task Force Commander
J R Ibarra, Asst Commander
Mark Rushing, Finance Director
Al Lopez, Fire Chief
Frank Garcia, Interim Wastewater Supervisor
Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
Y I Hinojosa, Street Field Supervisor
Bill Donnell, Interim Street Supt
Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers at 6:02 P.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

Mayor Fugate called for consideration of the minutes from the Special Joint Meeting with Kleberg County Commissioners' Court of July 24, 2006; the regular meeting of July 24, 2006; the Special Meeting of July 26, 2006 and July 27, 2006. **Commissioner Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of July 24th, and the special meetings of July 26th and July 27th, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pecos, Wilson voting "FOR". Laskowski "ABSENT".**

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with Kleberg County Commissioners' Court of July 24th, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pecos voting "FOR". Wilson "ABSTAINED". Laskowski "ABSENT".

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 congratulated and thanked Staff for a successful "TRASH-OFF Day" event; he reminded everyone about "National Night Out"; and reported on the I-100 Training session that was held for Department Heads.

Mayor Fugate stated he was overwhelmed by the response by City employees at the TRASH-OFF Day event.

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

Mayor Fugate announced the City Attorney is on vacation.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's reports. Commissioner Wilson echoed Mayor Fugate's comments on the TRASH-OFF Day.

4. Department presentations for the proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget.

- a. Library
- b. Health
- c. Parks
- d. Recycling
- e. Sanitation Collection
- f. Landfill
- g. Street
- h. Volunteer Fire Fighters
- i. Municipal Building
- j. Engineering

Mr. Robert Rodriguez, Library Director presented the Library's budget. Mr. Rodriguez stated this year's budget is basically the same as last year's; the Library Board is requesting approval of the budget. He stated that he would like to have only one master, Kleberg County.

Ms Yolanda Cadena, Health Director presented the Health department's budget. Ms Cadena stated she is asking for three (3) pickups; two animal transporters; three (3) computers with software; upgrading telephone system; and medical treatment for vaccinations for animal control officers. Upon a question from Commissioner Wilson, Ms Cadena replied the line item amount for Motor Gas & Oil was incorrect. Ms Cadena stated that Account 511 was for a 10 x 12 building to be used to store chemicals. The amount of \$274,000 is half the budget for this department.

There was discussion regarding cost for financing the Library and Health departments. Staff will study further.

Ms Susan Ivy, Parks Director had previously requested her presentation be rescheduled until Thursday's meeting.

Ms Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent presented the Recycling department budget. She stated she would like to add monies to line item – Computers, for a printer. There was discussion in reference to an error on Account #324. She pointed out the increase in Account #411 for repairs to the balers.

Ms Leubert presented the Sanitation Collection budget. She stated the major increase is in line item #215 – Motor Gas & Oil; and line item #411 – Vehicle Maintenance was increased by the Finance Director, which she agrees.

There was discussion regarding one-sided garbage pickups and the cost for implementing.

Ms Leubert presented the Landfill department budget. She stated the Finance Director changed the amounts for Account #215 – Motor Gas & Oil and #314 – Professional Services, which she agrees. She stated the amount for Account #321 – State Fees might change. At the request from Mayor Fugate, Ms Leubert provided further information regarding Professional Services.

Mr. Bill Donnell, Interim Street Superintendent presented the Street department budget. Mr. Donnell stated the Finance Director recommended an increase to \$65,000 for Motor Gas & Oil and also an increase for Utilities, \$284,400. He stated there is an increase in Professional Services, Building Maintenance, and Streets & Bridges.

Mayor Fugate instructed Staff to research the problem of the Street Department being used for every project in the City.

There was lengthy discussion on separating the Street department by putting one group to do only streets and another group to clean & mow entrances to the City and City property.

Mr. Donnell presented the Engineering department budget. He stated the major increases for this department are in Motor Gas & Oil, Computer & Associates, Professional Services, Training & Travel, Printing & Publishing, and Vehicle Maintenance. He added that there is a rate change for the Drafting Technician.

Mr. Donnell presented the Municipal Building budget. He stated the building needs a lot of work on the walls. Mayor Fugate suggested painting the second floor offices.

Mr. Rick Salinas, Volunteer presented the Volunteer Fire Department budget. Mr. Salinas stated the budget is basically the same as last year's. The numbers of Volunteers fluctuate depending on the time of year. He stated the department is up-to-date on gear.

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. There were no comments.

V. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴


1. Consider out-of-state travel for Special Agent Richard Kirkpatrick to Orlando, Florida from August 13th – 15th, 2006 to attend training on the HazMatID system. (City Manager).

City Manager Yerena stated Commander Garza was available for questions. The City will incur no cost for this travel.

Mayor Fugate called for a motion. **Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel for Special Agent Kirkpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Wilson, Pecos, Garcia voting "FOR". Laskowski "ABSENT".**

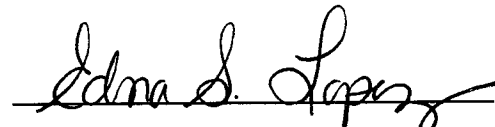
VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, City Secretary