

AUGUST 2, 2006

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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
 Al Garcia, Commissioner
 Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
 Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
 Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
 Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
 Orlando Torres, Information System Technician
 Yolanda Vasquez, Municipal Court Supervisor
 Jaime Garza, Task Force Commander
 Anita Stewart, Secretary
 Bob Daehn, Building Official
 Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
 J R Ibarra, Asst Commander
 Jennifer Vela, Litter Abatement Officer

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers at 6:00 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 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 reported on a presentation by Staff for members of the Noon's Lions Club; he also reported on a scheduled site visit for the proposed Holiday Inn and IHOP from Mr. Young with the Texas Capital Fund.

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

Mayor Fugate announced the City Attorney was out on vacation.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's report. Commissioner Laskowski thanked all City employees for their efforts at the TRASH-OFF day event. Commissioner Garcia congratulated law enforcement members on a successful National Night Out event. Mayor

Fugate reported on the possibility of bringing in another call center which will be privately done and reported on making a trip to Reynosa.

4. Department presentations for the proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget.
 - a. Human Resource
 - b. Municipal Court
 - c. Computer Operations
 - d. Litter Abatement
 - e. Permits
 - f. Commission
 - g. City Manager
 - h. City Special - Election
 - i. Catering
 - j. Finance Administration
 - k. City Special
 - l. Task Force

Ms Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director presented the Human Resource department budget. Increased line items were discussed.

Mayor Fugate called for questions. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, Mr. Rushing replied they are still working on wages and salaries.

Ms Yolanda Vasquez, Municipal Court Supervisor presented the Municipal Court budget. She stated this is basically the same as last year's budget. She stated technology upgrades within her department is mandatory.

Mr. Orlando Torres, Information System Technician presented the Computer department budget. He stated that the contractual obligation for the accounting software has been satisfied. He stated that an upgrade for the server is needed.

Ms Jennifer Vela, Litter Abatement Officer presented the Code Enforcement department budget. She stated every line item has been increased. She provided information on new code enforcement software which will cut clerical time. She stated she will be processing liens so a new line item has been added. City Manager Yerena stated a new line item has been added for demolition of homes. Commissioner Garcia suggested using Excess to set up a database for this department.

Mr. Bob Daehn, Building Official presented the Permit department budget. He went over the requested amounts. In order to cross train inspectors, he explained that Training & Travel was increased.

The entire City Commission participated in the City Commission budget. Upon a question from Commissioner Laskowski, City Manager Yerena replied that Professional Services is for any legal expenses. Commissioner Laskowski stated he would be making further cuts.

City Manager Yerena presented the City Manager's department budget. He explained the proposed increases to the line items. He further explained the importance for purchasing fire proof filing cabinets and the Training & Travel requested amount which includes certifications for both the City Manager and the City Secretary. Commissioner Garcia recommended decreasing the requested amount.

Ms Lopez, City Secretary presented the Election and the Catering budget. She stated an election is not scheduled for this year but \$7,800 is being requested and the requested amount for Catering will remain the same, \$5,500.

Mr. Rushing, Finance Director presented the City Special budget. He provided information for each line item. Mayor Fugate stated that he did not know if monies are still needed for BRAC. Commissioner Laskowski commented that the City should not keep letting the County off the hook by not allowing them to pay for certain things. Mayor Fugate commented on lagging behind on economic development. Finally, Mayor Fugate recommended leaving the monies in Account #103-314.06, \$20,000.

Ms Caron Vela, Accounting Manager presented the Finance department budget. She stated there was an error in all salaries. Upon a question from Mayor Fugate, Ms Vela replied the requested amount in Professional Services is primarily for services paid to Mr. Luke Womack. She stated that Training & Travel has increased due to certification courses required by Staff.

Mr. Jaime Garza, Task Force Commander and Mr. J.R. Ibarra, Asst. Commander presented the Task Force budget. Mr. Ibarra stated that the department is almost up-to-par with computers and the department has enough monies to budget themselves. Regarding vehicles, the department would like to purchase a patrol unit, seized vehicles are utilized. Mayor Fugate thanked them for their service.

Upon a question from Mayor Fugate, City Manager Yerena replied that tomorrow will be the last of the departments and Staff will follow up with the final budget. City Manager Yerena stated that alternatives for a raise will be presented. Mayor Fugate suggested compensating certain positions for extra work.

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 made.

V. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

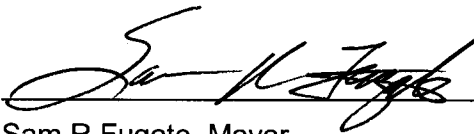
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

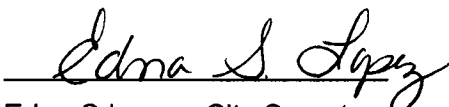
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VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.


Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edna S Lopez, City Secretary