

MARCH 26, 2007

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007 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 arrived at 6:04 P.M.
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Ruben Perez, Interim City Attorney
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Jaime Garza, Task Force Commander
Mark Rushing, Finance Director
Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
Frank Garcia, Wastewater Supervisor
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
Albert Pardo, City Engineer
Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent

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 called for consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2007. **Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Wilson, Laskowski voting "FOR". Garcia "ABSENT".**

II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).¹

None

Mayor Fugate announced there were no public hearings.

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 an invitation for the City to participate as panelist at a National Metropolitan Planning Organization Conference on April 10th in McAllen, Texas.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. There was no report.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's reports. Commissioner Laskowski thanked the Texas A&M University-Kingsville volunteers that helped with the clean-up of four alleys, this past Saturday. He reported on a Radio Interoperability exercise that was held during the day. He reported that there wasn't any staff at the Command Center. He added that another exercise will occur tomorrow. Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Pecos reported on their travel to Washington, Dc to attend the NLC Conference and on meeting with several Senators regarding NAS information. Commissioner Wilson reported that a new bank was being constructed and asked that Staff make sure that they abide by the landscape ordinance. Mayor Fugate thanked Staff for their work at the demolition project.

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.

Mayor Fugate called for consideration of the Consent Agenda, Item #1.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Motion to approve out-of-state travel on April 4th & 5th, 2007 for Task Force member(s) to California for equipment training. (City Manager).

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Laskowski. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pecos, Laskowski, Wilson voting "FOR".

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

2. Consider reallocation of Series 2002-2002A Certificates of Obligation funding for the Police Department. (City Manager).

City Manager Yerena reminded the Commission of the previous presentation made at a prior meeting. He stated that basically what is being asked is to reallocate \$175,000 from the Series 2002-2002A Certificates of Obligation for the purchase and outfitting of the patrol vehicles.

Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to reallocate \$175,000 of the Series 2002-2002A Certificates of Obligation for funding for the Police Department, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Wilson, Garcia, Laskowski voting "FOR".

3. Consider authorizing the purchase of ten police package 2007 Dodge Charger vehicles through Buyboard from the Plant Dodge dealership. (Police Chief).

Police Chief Torres stated that the background on the vehicles was provided at the last meeting. He recommended the purchase of eight (8) 3.5 l V6 2007 Dodge Chargers and (2) 5.7L HEMI V8 2007 Dodge Chargers for a total of \$217,180.00, plus \$400.00 Buyboard fee. He stated that in addition to the \$175,000 from the 2002-2002A Certificate of Obligation, an additional \$175,000 from the Federal Forfeiture money will be used. He stated that if he is unable to stay within that budget, the further cost will be covered through the Federal Forfeiture funds.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to authorize the ten police package, seconded by Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Laskowski, Garcia, Pecos, Wilson voting "FOR".

4. Consider appointing two Commission/Staff members to serve on committee to study feasibility of entering into a contract with Community Action Corporation of South Texas regarding after hour medical care for City employees at the Kingsville Health Center. (City Manager).

City Manager Yerena stated that the County has asked to have a joint meeting on this subject. He added one of the City's biggest expenses is the emergency room utilization. He stated that two members from the City and two from the County would work with Entrust.

Commissioner Laskowski discussed some options for the program. He stated that by offering additional incentives to the employee this could probably save money for the City. He also recommended bringing in the school district to participate.


Mayor Fugate made a motion to appoint Commissioners Garcia and Laskowski to this committee, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Wilson voting "FOR". Laskowski voting "FOR Commissioner Garcia". Garcia "ABSTAINED".

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.


Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edna S Lopez, City Secretary