

APRIL 2, 2007

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 2:15 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R Fugate, Mayor
Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem – left at 2:32 P.M.
Al Garcia, Commissioner
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Ruben Perez, Interim City Attorney
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Diana Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent
Susan Ivy, Parks Director
Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Frank Garcia, Wastewater Supervisor
Albert Pardo, City Engineer
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
Ray Marcotte, Information Systems Technician
Mark Rushing, Finance Director

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the special meeting to order at 2:15 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by Ms Dora Byington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Fugate announced that quorum was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

Mayor Fugate called for consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, March 26, 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, Garcia, Pecos, Wilson, Laskowski voting “FOR”.**

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 the status of the Comprehensive Master Plan, and stated that Kendig Keast has provided the City with a list of requested information from staff. A kickoff meeting will be held the week of April 23rd. The company will tour the city and will meet with the advisory committee to review the scope and the schedule of responsibilities. He stated the JLUS is similar, and the first initial meeting is in April. Regarding privatization on garbage, two bids were received from Allied Waste and Inland Service Corporation, and the end result was not favorable for the City. The lowest bid would have impacted the City's general fund with a negative economic impact. On the

ambulance RFP, staff is looking at analyzing ways of doing the dispatching. Mr. Bill Donnell, Public Works Directors provided information on the bid of the pump house and stated that staff is working on the plans for Well #24. City Manager Yerena provided copies of all Certificate of Obligation information. He stated that the City is operating from the interest generated from the investments of the Certificate of Obligation. Ms Diana Gonzales provided an update on the position of Director of Development Services. Mr. Donnell provided information on the seal coating of 6th Street, which will occur in June. Mayor Fugate asked for a list of streets to be seal coated.

Commissioner Wilson left the meeting at 2:32 P.M.

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. There were no reports.

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

1. Consider approval of the final plat for General Cavazos Crossing Subdivision. (Interim Director of Development Services).

Mr. Bill Donnell, Public Works Director stated this plat is for a commercial property with 5 lots for the proposed IHOP and Holiday Inn Express. He stated that this was approved unanimously by Planning & Zoning.

Commissioner Laskowski asked several questions regarding the access roads and the culverts in the proposed area. He stated the City does not want the same problem as that at Caesar's ditch. Mr. Fred Kirk, Engineer answered all questions and provided additional information. City Manager Yerena stated that Staff is looking at increasing capacity at the lift station to serve the area. Commissioner Garcia stated there is an interest for further development to the east, and asked if all this development will hamper the drainage. Mr. Donnell replied this will be looked at for future development, but no studies have been done.

Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to approve the final plat for General Cavazos Crossing Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Garcia, Laskowski voting "FOR". Wilson "ABSENT".

2. Discuss Capital Park Improvement Expenditures and Water Trade history for last several years. (City Manager).

Ms Susan Ivy, Parks Director stated that information was provided to the Commission prior to tonight's meeting and she would entertain questions. She provided information on some park highlights by year. She stated remaining funds will be used to complete the parks Master Plan. She provided information of a grant which will be awarded in December. She asked for approval to use Water Trade monies for this project, stating that monies will be reimbursed in December.

Commissioner Laskowski asked why the County does not put up the \$12,000.00. She replied that they don't have the money. Mayor Fugate voiced his concern about the County's financial situation, and that the City is the only one spending money. Ms Ivy stated they really want to go forward with these plans. Commissioner Laskowski asked how many employees work at City/County parks. Ms Ivy replied thirteen (13) that maintain all areas of the park. Mayor Fugate stated the message to be sent is that the Commission wants the County to fund the parks fully just like the City. Commissioner Pecos asked if there was anything in writing calling for the reimbursement to the City. Ms Ivy replied there was something in writing. She stated that the Master Plan is a five year plan. Commissioner Garcia asked if Dick Kleberg Park was taken into consideration in the Master Plan. Ms Ivy responded not in the first year, but at a later year. She stated the walking trail is high on their list.

Ms Ivy provided information on the Water Trade history. She stated that the problem began when the park started using the irrigation process. She stated that she has turned in all information to the County and has asked them to make some commitment to the City. She stated that she has placed an item on the County agenda to allow her to pay \$10,000.00 to the City from her budget. This request was denied by the County. Commissioner Laskowski stated that he asked the City Attorney to revise the City/ County agreement by increasing the Water Trade by \$16,000.00. Mr. Mark Rushing, Finance Director provided information on several budget amendments made in order for the City to pay for services billed by the County.

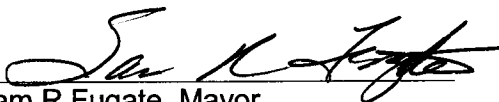
3. Discuss and consider authorizing Fiscal Year 2006-07 Capital Park Improvement purchases. (City Manager).

Mayor Fugate stated this was discussed in the previous agenda item.

Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to authorize the use of the \$12,000.00 for the use of the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Capital Park Improvement purchases, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Pecos, Laskowski voting "FOR". Wilson "ABSENT".

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.


Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edna S Lopez, City Secretary