

JULY 13, 2007

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2007 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
Al Garcia, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Macario Mayorga, Water Superintendent
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
Sherman Beny, Lieutenant
Carol Ann Anderson, Tourism
George Crocker, Sergeant
Julian Cavazos, Lieutenant
Barry Blackstock, Lieutenant
Rick Torres, Police Chief
Al Lopez, Fire Chief
Caron Vela, Accounting Manager
Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor
Armando Gutierrez, City Engineer
Abel Carrillo, Building Official
Diana Gonzalez, Human Resource Director
Yolanda Vasquez, Municipal Court Supervisor

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chamber at 11:30 A.M.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

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 had no report.

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

Due to the absence of the City Attorney there was no report.

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

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's reports. There were no reports.

4. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2007-2008 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville.

101 – City Manager

City Manager Yerena stated he had provided a revised copy of his budget. He stated the budget was decreased by \$6,100. The major difference is an increase for \$6,000 for records retention, which is the amount to begin a records retention program.

104 – Downtown and Business Development (New)

City Manager Yerena stated this will provide for a full-time Downtown Manager in charge of expansion. This position would work with all businesses in the City. He added this person would organize downtown merchant and provide information on tax increment zone. Total proposed budget, \$66,170. Commissioner Garcia asked where money to finance this department will come from. City Manager Yerena stated this is still in the works; monies will probably come from the Hotel/Motel Tax. He added some new hotels are coming in. Mr. Mark Rushing provided further information. City Manager Yerena stated the focus will be on the existing businesses which sometimes the City loses focusing on when new businesses come in.

210 – Police

Chief Torres stated that his budget has percentage increases and provided information. With regard to overtime, he explained his department's needs. He stated some overtime is needed to address issues in the department.

210.1 – PD Administration

Sergeant Julian Cavazos explained the overtime situation for this division. He explained the reasons for the increase for supplies and minor equipment. He stated the division is asking for ticket writers. Chief Torres stated they are working with other city departments on these ticket writers. Sgt Cavazos stated there is a request for eight additional tasers in order to outfit the entire division; upgrading body armor; and replacing camera systems in the vehicles. He explained the need for the monies in Training & Travel stating that new supervisors will need to attend schools. There was information provided on the jail contract. Mr. Rushing stated the overall increase to this division is \$35,800, excluding salaries and capital outlay.

210.3 – PD Communications

Sergeant George Crocker explained the overtime and new employee situation for this division. He stated he is requesting a reclassification for a long time employee. Sgt Crocker provided information for accounts: Communication and Professional Services. Sgt Crocker stated that personnel are stressed due to being short-handed and added that more personnel would help set long-term schedules. He stated the ideal amount of personnel would be a total of sixteen. Mr. Rushing stated the overall increase to this division is \$32,786, excluding salaries and capital outlay.

210.4 - PD CID

Lieutenant Sherman Benys stated his division is basically requesting the same as last year. He explained the overtime situation for this division. He provided a brief explanation for each line item. He provided the Commission a booklet with Capital Outlay information for equipment for the crime lab. He stated the crime lab has no equipment. Regarding this Capital Outlay

request, Mr. Rushing provided information as to the line items for each piece of equipment. Mr. Rushing stated the overall increase to this division is \$22,171, excluding salaries and capital outlay.

210.5 - PD CIS

Lieutenant Barry Blackstock stated this division is a support service of seven employees and does narcotics interdiction in the City. Lt Blackstock provided information for each line item request. He stated animal care will be moved to Patrol. Mr. Rushing stated the overall increase to this division is \$25,509, excluding salaries and capital outlay.

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

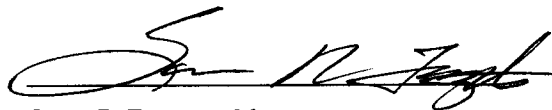
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

NONE

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, City Secretary