

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 – arrived at 12:04 P.M.
 Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem
 Al Garcia, Commissioner
 Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
 Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
 Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
 Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
 Mark Rushing, Finance Director
 Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent
 Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
 Al Lopez, Fire Chief
 Yolanda Vasquez, Municipal Court Manager
 Macario Mayorga, Water Superintendent
 Jennifer Vela, Litter Abatement Officer
 Armando Gutierrez, City Engineer
 Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor
 Dora Byington, Purchasing Director
 Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
 Frank Garcia, Wastewater Superintendent
 Diana Gonzalez, Human Resource Director
 Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
 Vilma Castillo, Collections Manager
 Caron Vela, Accounting Manager
 John Garcia, Garage Superintendent
 Ray Marcotte, Systems Information Technician

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers at 11:37 A.M. and announced quorum as present.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by City Manager Yerena, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson announced there were no minutes to consider.

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson announced that public comments on agenda and non-agenda items would be heard at this time. There were no comments made.

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

NONE

III. Petitions, Grievances, and Presentations.²

1. City Manager's Report. (City Manager).

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson called for the City Manager's report. City Manager Yerena reported on the Street Department working on seal coating 6th Street.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson called for the City Attorney's report. City Attorney Alvarez reported on the 4th meeting with the Fire Union, she stated they are making progress, and a 5th meeting is scheduled for September 18th.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson called for the City Commission's reports. Mayor Pro-tem Wilson asked about a fire hydrant that was placed backwards. Public Works Director Bill Donnell replied crews have not finished working on that hydrant.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson announced that the Commission was provided with a schedule and they were ready to proceed. Public Works Director Bill Donnell stated that Staff feels the proposed budgets for Departments 7001, 700.2 & 700.3 are feasible for the upcoming fiscal year. Mayor Pro-tem Wilson called for questions from the Commission. Upon a question from Commissioner Garcia, Finance Director Mark Rushing replied the utility account has an increase of 10% of the expected expenditure of 06-07. There were questions regarding unemployment. City Manager Yerena stated these numbers will be clarified.

Health Director Yolanda Cadena addressed the Commission and asked if there were any questions on her budget.

City Manager Yerena reported on his meeting with the County Judge and reported that due to budgetary constraints the Judge stated that is all they could cover and they had also discussed splitting the joint departments. Commissioner Laskowski reported on information from a County meeting where it was discussed that the County would be increasing certain benefits for their employees.

Commissioner Pecos asked Health Director Cadena which items were being reduced. Health Director Cadena replied all line items were reduced.

Commissioner Laskowski provided information on previous discussion regarding splitting up the departments. Mayor Pro-tem Wilson stated this brings the City to a philosophical point...he asked do we do what the County is doing or continue to do the right thing for the citizens of Kingsville, by doing our part in fully funding these departments. Health Director Cadena stated she can not operate with the amount being proposed and needs \$287,000.

Mayor Fugate arrived and presided over the meeting from this point.

Commissioner Garcia asked if the City/County mutual agreement allows splitting the departments. City Attorney Alvarez stated she would have to look at a particular agreement. Commissioner Garcia suggested notifying the County about consideration of splitting the departments. Commissioner Wilson stated he personally believes they need to do what is right for the citizens of Kingsville. Mayor Fugate requested that Staff get with the Health Director to provide the Commission with a recommendation. Commissioner Wilson suggested coming to a solution with the County on these three departments.

There was lengthy discussion and a decision was made to look at all joint departments and bring back a recommendation.

Finance Director Rushing stated a stamped draft copy of the proposed budget will be sent to the County.

Public Works Director Donnell stated that staff feels the proposed budget for the Water department is feasible for the upcoming year. Commissioner Laskowski asked staff to look at the amounts for salaries.

Mayor Fugate called for questions or comments.

City Engineer Armando Gutierrez stated that everything presented is what his departments (Engineering, Permits, Municipal Building, and Train Depot) can work with.

Public Works Director Donnell stated the Public Works Administration was split in to two funds, General Fund #300 and Utility Fund #801. He stated that he would like to see the Street Department's overtime kept as is due to keeping up with projects for the City. There was discussion regarding salary and overtime amounts.

Library Director Robert Rodriguez stated the Library Board has review the proposed budget and recommends approval.

City Attorney Alvarez stated her department can live with the proposed budget, but this does not include the form 6 that has been submitted.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

Mayor Pro-tem Wilson called for comments on all agenda and non-agenda items. There were no comments.

V. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

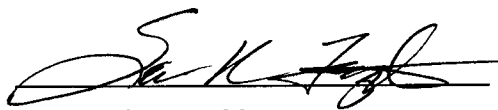
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

NONE

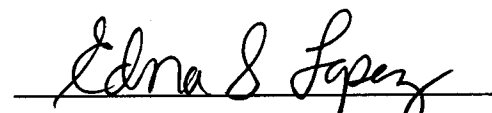
V. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, City Secretary