

May 12, 2008

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD 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
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief
Armando Gutierrez, City Engineer
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Dianne Leubert, Solid Waste Superintendent
Al Lopez, Fire Chief
Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor
Fidel Gonzalez, Task Force Commander

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by Rev Battle, 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 April 24th, 2008. **Commissioner Pecos made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Wilson. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Laskowski, Garcia, Wilson, Pecos voting “FOR”.**

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

Mayor Fugate announced there were no public hearings.

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.²

“At this time, the City Commission and Staff will report/update on all committee assignments which may include, but is not limited to the following: Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Historical Board, Housing Authority Board, Library Board, Health Board, Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Conner Museum, and Texas Municipal League. Staff reports include the following: Building & Development , Code Enforcement, Proposed Development Report; Accounting & Finance – Financial & Investment Information, Monthly Financial Reports; Police & Fire Department – Grant Update, Police & Fire Reports; Street Updates; Public Works- Building Maintenance, Construction Updates; Park Services - grant(s) update, miscellaneous park projects, Administration – Workshop Schedule, Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, Hotel Occupancy Report, Quiet Zone, Proclamations. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.”

City Manager Yerena congratulated the Commission on their re-election. He reported on the progress of the KWOP program; the closing of City Hall on Memorial Day; election canvass will be held on Monday, May 19th, and on the May 21st the swearing-in ceremony will be held. He

introduced Mr. Jim Glusing with Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Ms Dianne Leubert provided information on a program involving architect students. She stated that the students have made some conceptual modules showing what can be done at the Recycling Center. She stated that Mr. Glusing is providing his students a real life opportunity to put some conceptual plans together. Mr. Glusing introduced his students and a Power Point presentation was presented by Ms Nunez, Assistant. The presentation provided information on the criteria, project concepts, sustainable sites, water efficiency, water savings, energy & atmosphere, materials & resources, indoor environmental quality, side lighting, and minimalist design issues.

Mayor Fugate presented a proclamation to Author, Ms Janice Higgins.

City Manager Yerena reported that Public Works employees have been surveying streets that are listed on the \$300,000 Water Grant in order to delete some of the streets because of the lack of funding. He stated that the field survey showed more linear feet than what was funded and that is way several streets were deleted. He stated that in order to meet the 51% that is needed the employees are visiting citizens. City Manager Yerena stated that ORCA is mandating and the City is trying to comply. Commissioner Laskowski recommended using monies budgeted for water line replacement in order to address the streets that were deleted.

Ms Alvarez reported on KWOP Media Day to be held at 1713 E Santa Gertrudis. She stated she had been contacted by a Commissioner with regard to Agenda Item #1. She stated that there are two signs that may or may not meet the definition of the sign ordinance that could possibly be barred by the ordinance if it were passed at this time. She suggested tabling this item until the 19th in order to verify what effect this ordinance will have on the ordered or proposed signs. She added that a school PTO has ordered a sign which took approximately three years to collect the monies. She stated she needed to confirm some items. Ms Alvarez stated the other location is the Credit Union on West King.

Commissioner Laskowski complimented City Secretary Edna S Lopez for the professional way the election was handled.

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.

Mr. Juan Leo Vasquez Cruz, 925 W Henrietta spoke on the signage issues.

Mayor Fugate called for consideration of the Consent Agenda, Items 1 & 2. **Commissioner Garcia made a motion to exclude Agenda Item #1 for further consideration. Mayor Fugate stated he would like to take both items off the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Laskowski. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Wilson, Garcia, Pecos, Laskowski voting "FOR".**

V. Consent Agenda

1. **Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter XV, Article 6, Zoning, Section 15-6-130, providing for definitions, prohibitions, and grandfathering of changeable electronic variable message signs. (City Attorney).**

Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to table this item, seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Garcia, Laskowski voting "FOR". Wilson voting "AGAINST".

2. **RESOLUTION R2008-09 Motion to approve Resolution of the City of Kingsville supporting the Kingsville Specialized Crimes and Narcotics Task Force's donation to the Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP). (City Manager).**

Mayor Fugate stated he would like to recognize and thank the Task Force for helping out.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

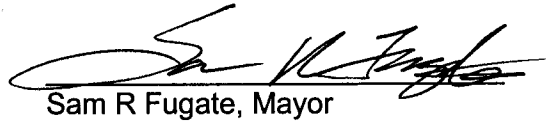
CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

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 6:43 P.M.



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, TRMC, City Secretary