

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 6:00 P.M.**

**CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Sam Fugate, Mayor  
Dianne Leubert, Commissioner  
Noel Pena, Commissioner  
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner  
Al Garcia, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Courtney Alvarez, Interim City Manager/City Attorney  
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary  
Toni Verdin, Systems Specialist  
Tom Ginter, Director of Planning & Development Services  
Emilio Garcia, Health Director  
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director  
Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager  
Charlie Cardenas, Public Works Director/Engineer  
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief  
Deborah Balli, Finance Director  
Susan Ivy, Parks Manager  
Frank Garcia, Waste Water Supervisor  
Leo Alarcon, Tourism Director  
Bill Donnell, Assistant Public Works Director  
Charlie Cardenas, Public Works Director/Engineer  
Ken Starrs, Assistant Task Force Commander

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chamber at 6:00 p.m. and announced quorum with all five Commission members present.

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)**

The invocation was delivered by Mrs. Courtney Alvarez, Interim City Manager/City Attorney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law**

Special Meeting, August 20, 2015

Mayor Fugate called for a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015 as presented.

**Motion made by Commissioner Pecos to approve the August 20<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Leubert. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Garcia, Leubert, Pecos, Pena, Fugate voting “FOR”.**

**II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).<sup>1</sup>**

1. NONE

**III. Reports from Commission & Staff.<sup>2</sup> (City Manager’s Staff Report Attached).**

*“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, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Conner Museum, Keep Kingsville Beautiful, 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, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Main Street Downtown, Chapter 59 project, Financial Advisor, Historical Survey Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.”*

Mrs. Courtney Alvarez, Interim City Manager/City Attorney, reported that the City of Kingsville will be hosting its next Trash-Off on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The next regular scheduled City Commission meeting is on Monday, September

14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and a Special City Commission meeting on Tuesday, September, 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. for interviews of the City Manager applicants. The last regular meeting for this month is on September 28, 2015.

#### IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items<sup>3</sup>

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

No public comments made.

#### V.

##### Consent Agenda

##### Notice to the Public

*The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commission Member in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.*

##### CONSENT MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ORDINANCES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*(At this point the Commission will vote on all motions, resolutions and ordinances not removed for individual consideration)*

None.

##### REGULAR AGENDA

##### CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

#### VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.<sup>4</sup>

##### 1. Consider introduction of an ordinance adopting the City Manager's Budget, as amended, of the City of Kingsville, Texas, and appropriating funds for the fiscal year beginning October 01, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016 in the particulars hereinafter stated. (Director of Finance).

Mrs. Alvarez reported that the budget is built on the tax rate of the prior year of \$.84220 and the Commission is looking to adopt this budget based on that tax rate on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Pecos asked for the fund balance.

Mrs. Alvarez responded that after the changes that were requested last Wednesday, the Finance Director prepared that today.

Mrs. Deborah Balli, Finance Director responded that the fund balance with all the changes that were made its \$334,000.00 above reserves minimum.

Mayor Fugate responded that there is a surplus of \$334,000.00 for general fund.

Mrs. Alvarez responded that there is a three month operating and in addition to our three months operating, there is \$334,000.00.

Mayor Fugate stated that this is under, considering all the construction that looks like it's going to this year. With moving the Tourism Department and finishing up the new City Hall, it wouldn't be a bad idea to have that built in.

Introduction item.

##### 2. Consider introduction of an ordinance establishing and adopting the ad valorem tax rate for all taxable property within the City of Kingsville, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 01, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, distributing the tax levy among the various funds, and providing for a lien on real and personal property to secure the payment of taxes assessed. (Director of Finance).

Mayor Fugate commented that this is the same tax rate as previous years.

Mrs. Alvarez responded yes.


Mayor Fugate asked how many years in a row has the City kept the same tax rate.

Commissioner Pecos responded 5 years.

Introduction item.

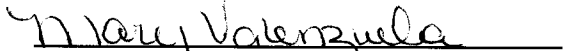
#### VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary