

JUNE 11, 2015

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE AT 5:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Dianne Leubert, Mayor Pro-tem
Noel Pena, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Sam Fugate, Mayor
Al Garcia, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Courtney Alvarez, Interim City Manager/City Attorney
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
David Mason, Purchasing/IT Director
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
Melissa Perez, Risk Manager

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Pro-tem Leubert called the meeting to order in the Robert H. Alcorn Commission Chamber at 5:02 p.m. and announced quorum with three Commission members present. Mayor Fugate and Commissioner Garcia absent.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was recited.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

NONE

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

1. NONE

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.² (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. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

Mrs. Courtney Alvarez, Interim City Manager/City Attorney announced that the next City Commission meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015.

Mayor Pro-tem Leubert asked for staff to give an update at the next City Commission meeting, regarding the Eagle Ford Center. She asked for the report to consist of what the economic value has been brought in, how many people have been employed, and any companies they have brought in.

Commissioner Pena commented that they have only been in operation for about six months.

Mrs. Alvarez commented that she will look into retrieving this information.

Mayor Pro-tem Leubert commented that she would still like to receive an update on the Eagle Ford Center.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

No public comments made at this time.

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)

1. NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

2. Consider a resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the purpose of requesting grant funding on behalf of the City for the 2015 COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant for law enforcement personnel for the Kingsville Police Department with an anticipated cash match. (Chief of Police).

Mr. Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police, stated that the Kingsville Independent School District (KISD) met on Tuesday where they approved funding for the four year cycle of this grant. This is a 25% cash match in the first three years and covering 100% for an entry level police officer. Torres further stated that he has completed the first portion of the grant to begin the process. Torres has been working with Mr. Ray Suarez on a MOU Interlocal for portion of the grant to make sure all is in agreement. This grant will benefit both the City and KISD from a stand point of alleviating some of the calls that officers have to get off the road to handle on school grounds. Having police officer presence at our local schools will reduce in criminal activity.

Commissioner Pena asked how many officers this grant is for. Chief Torres responded that this grant is for two police officers.

Mayor Pro-tem Leubert commented that staff has all the funding in place.

Commissioner Pecos asked what the officer will be doing for the school district.

Chief Torres response was that the officer will be patrolling hallways in school, mentoring, counseling, and assist administrators in keeping kids from becoming a problem and more of a solution. Training will be done with faculty members in an emergency situation.

Commissioner Pecos commented that administrators need help. The officer's presence should help with individuals who get a little irate. Pecos further stated that this is a good program for the school district.

Mayor Pro-tem Leubert asked if officers will have office space at the school grounds. Chief Torres responded that at this time he is in the process of speaking with Juvenile Board to allow them some rooms such a juvenile processing rooms. This will make it easier for the parental custodian to come to the school instead of going out to the Kingsville Police Station. This will keep officers on school grounds incase another incident should occur.

Commissioner Pena asked how long the City has been absent from this type of program. Mrs. Alvarez responded that it's been about 8 years since the last time the City has done one of these programs.

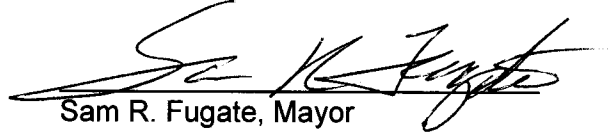
Mrs. Alvarez stated that since Chief Torres has been successful in writing these types of grants in the past and received fundings, an MOU and Ordinance will be brought forward, in a future meeting regarding this particular grant, to the City Commission for their

approval. The MOU will spell out the terms and conditions, the ordinance will be for the increase of two officers for this particular grant. After the grant expires, an ordinance will be brought to the Commission for the removal of the additional two officers.

Motion made by Commissioner Pena to approve this resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. Motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pecos, Pena, Leubert voting "FOR".

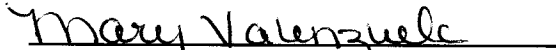
VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary