

MAY 8, 2017

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AT 6:00 P.M.

**CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Sam Fugate, Mayor  
Edna Lopez, Commissioner  
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner  
Noel Pena, Commissioner  
Al Garcia, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Jesús Garza, City Manager  
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary  
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney  
Tom Ginter, Director of Planning & Development Services  
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director  
Charlie Cardenas, Public Works Director/Engineer  
Kyle Benson, IT Manager  
Susan Ivy, Parks Manager  
Sharam Santillan, Capital Projects Manager  
Cynthia Martin, Downtown Manager  
Israel Vasquez, Facility Maintenance Manager  
Emilio Garcia, Health Director  
Jason Alfaro, Parks & Rec Director  
Leo Alarcon, Tourism Director  
Derek Williams, Systems Specialist  
Adrian Garcia, Fire Chief  
Robert Rodriguez, Library Director  
David Solis, Risk Manager  
Bill Donnell, Asst. Public Works Director  
Charlie Sosa, Purchasing Manager  
Pete Pina, Landfill Supervisor  
Avelino Valdez, Street Supervisor  
Marco Jimenez, Water Supervisor  
Steve Palacios, Firefighter  
Mando Sandoval, Firefighter  
Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police  
Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor  
Arturo Perez, Garage Supervisor

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. with all five Commission members present.

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

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

Regular Meeting – March 27, 2017

Regular Meeting – April 24, 2017

**Motion made by Commissioner Pena to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017 and April 24, 2017 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Pena, Pecos, Garcia, Fugate voting “FOR”.**

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

**1. Public hearing for an alcohol variance for a Wine and Beer Retailer’s Off-Premise Permit for an establishment known as Shrim 6 Groceries, located at 620 N. Armstrong St., Suite A, Kingsville, Texas. (Director of Planning and Development Services).**

Mayor Fugate announced the Public Hearing at 6:02 P.M.

Mayor Fugate asked if this was due to change of ownership.

Mr. Tom Ginter, Director of Planning and Development Services, commented that all three alcohol variances that are listed on the agenda tonight are due to change of ownership.

Mayor Fugate announced that this is a public hearing and if anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item may do so now with a five-minute time limit. Additional time cannot be extended by City Commission.

There being no further comments, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 6:04 P.M.

**2. Public hearing for an alcohol variance for a Mixed Beverage Permit & Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit for the establishment known as Rox Sports Lounge located at 1701 South Brahma, Blvd., Kingsville, Texas. (Director of Planning and Development Services).**

Mayor Fugate announced the Public Hearing at 6:04 P.M.

Mayor Fugate announced that this is a public hearing and if anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item may do so now with a five-minute time limit. Additional time cannot be extended by City Commission.

There being no further comments, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 6:05 P.M.

**3. Public hearing for an alcohol variance for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit for the establishment known as Pizza Parlor located at 816 W. King Avenue, Kingsville, Texas. (Director of Planning and Development Services).**

Mayor Fugate announced the Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M.

Mayor Fugate announced that this is a public hearing and if anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item may do so now with a five-minute time limit. Additional time cannot be extended by City Commission.

Mr. Brian Sabala, new owner of Pizza Parlor, announced that he took over the business which is the reason for this variance. The establishment has been in place for over 30 years. Sabala stated that the church that is located within the area is a new church and has only been there for a short time.

There being no further comments, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 6:06 P.M.

### **III. Reports from Commission & Staff.<sup>2</sup>**

*"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, Investment Report, Quarterly Budget Report, Monthly Financial Reports, Utilities Billing Update; Police & Fire Department – Grant Update, Police & Fire Reports; Streets Update; 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, Water And Wastewater Rate Study Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."*

Commissioner Lopez presented the following proclamations for Public Service Recognition Week, Public Works Recognition Week, and Motorcycle Safety Month.

Mr. Jesús Garza, City Manager, presented awards for Employee of the Month for the month of March 2017 to Daniel Picard and Clint Baird. Garza went on to mention that he has passed out new pictures of the updated renderings of the Downtown Vision Plan. This update includes the shifting of parallel parking and mid-block crossings as well as bow bouts. Garza further announced that there will be an employee luncheon on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion located on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mrs. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting for May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be moved to Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Agenda item deadline for this meeting is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Mr. Lance Hamm, 912 South Creek, commented that Mr. Chanes called him today and has set the date for an all-stakeholder meeting for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at City Hall, to include Mr. Caron from TxDOT. Mr. Garza will have the details on time and exact location. Hamm continued to comment that over the years, the requests to the TxDOT Corpus Christi's District Office to lower the speed limit on US77 in Kingsville have been unsuccessful. The

City of Kingsville has an ordinance (7-5-1) that stated 55 mph on US77. After the fifth fatality in May 2015 the Kingsville City Commissioners and the Kleberg County Commissioners Court both passed resolutions requesting TxDOT to lower the speed limit at the US77/FM1717 intersection. About a month ago an 18-wheeler crashed into a car attempting to make a turn and rolled over on its side in the median, luckily there was not a fatality. There is still no speed reduction from TxDOT. Based on the conversations with Mr. Chanes and with other stakeholders, he has concluded that the TxDOT District Office in Corpus Christi may have their hands tied by TxDOT policy as to being able to lower the speed limit on US77 based on the 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Rule. If that is true, and if Mr. Caron cannot agree to lower the speed limit, then the only remaining option is to have the Texas Transportation Commission issue a Minute-Order. Hamm continued to comment that in the meeting next week if Mr. Caron cannot, dictated by TxDOT policy, reduce the speed limit on US77, he would respectfully request that the Kingsville City Commission pursue the only remaining option available, and start the formal procedures to request the Texas Transportation Commissioner for a Minute-Order to reduce the speed limit on US77 from 65 mph to 55 mph or lower, within the city limits of Kingsville, from the southern edge of the General Cavazos Blvd. overpass to the southern city limits of Kingsville. This is not an ultimatum for Mr. Caron, but simply the next step in the process for the City of Kingsville to protect its residents.

At this time Mr. Hamm was granted additional time to finish his comments by the City Commission.

Mr. Hamm commented that to be prudent on this highway safety issue, the area requested for the speed limit reduction includes all five (5) remaining at-grade intersections on US77 in the city limits of Kingsville. Although, FM1717 intersection has been historically dangerous and deadly, historic crash data on this highway has confirmed that all at-grade intersections along US77 have held the high risk of being unsafe and possibly deadly. Also, backing up this claim on TxDOT's own assessment of US77 at-grade intersections. Hamm further stated that he respectfully requests that this specific safety critical issue be placed on the agenda for the next earliest Kingsville City Commission meeting, possibly a special meeting if practical, due to life or death consequences of this issue, all dependent on the outcome of the meeting next week with Mr. Caron. Other communities in Texas have received speed limit reductions in the past two years. For example, US59 in Nacogdoches was reduced from 75 mph to 65 mph in June, 2015 and SH87 in Center was reduced from 70 mph to 60 mph in January, 2016. For safety reasons, TxDOT speed limits can and have been lowered when asked by city officials, but not for Kingsville. Therefore, an expeditious Texas Transportation Commission Minute-Order is justified for the safety of our local residents and all travelers on US 77 in the Kingsville area. Mr. Hamm commented that for the safety of our residents, he ask the Kingsville City Commissioners to please support his request and to act quickly if the meeting with TxDOT next week is unsatisfactory.

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)*

**Motion made by Commissioner Pena to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pena, Pecos, Garcia, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**1. Consider final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget to accept and expend a donation from the HM King High School Historical Foundation for the gymnasium demolition project. (City Manager).**

**2. Consider final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget to accept and expend Park donations from Brookshire Foundation for summer programs. (Parks & Rec Director).**

### REGULAR AGENDA

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

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.<sup>4</sup>**3. Consider an alcohol variance for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit for an establishment known as Shrim 6 Groceries, located at 620 N. Armstrong St., Suite A, Kingsville, Texas. (Director of Planning and Development Services).**

Motion made by Commissioner Pena to approve an alcohol variance for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit for an establishment known as Shrim 6 Groceries, located at 620 N. Armstrong St., Suite A, Kingsville, Texas, seconded by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pecos, Garcia, Lopez, Pena, Fugate voting "FOR".

**4. Consider an alcohol variance for a Mixed Beverage Permit & Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit (on premise) for the establishment known as Rox Sports Lounge located at 1701 South Brahma, Blvd., Kingsville, Texas. (Director of Planning and Development Services).**

Motion made by Commissioner Pena to approve an alcohol variance for a Mixed Beverage Permit & Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit (on premise) for the establishment known as Rox Sports Lounge located at 1701 South Brahma, Blvd., Kingsville, Texas, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Garcia, Lopez, Pena, Pecos, Fugate voting "FOR".

**5. Consider an alcohol variance for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit (on premise) for the establishment known as Pizza Parlor located at 816 W. King Avenue, Kingsville, Texas. (Director of Planning and Development Services).**

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve an alcohol variance for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit (on premise) for the establishment known as Pizza Parlor located at 816 W. King Avenue, Kingsville, Texas, seconded by Commissioner Pena. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Pena, Pecos, Garcia, Fugate voting "FOR".

**6. Consider reallocation of Certificate of Obligation 2016 funds. (City Manager).**

Mr. Garza handed out a spreadsheet on 2016 Certificate of Obligation Allocation Summary. He commented that in January 2016, the City Commission approved some funds out of the CO 2016 Series. At that time, there was an initial recommendation that was made on how to spend these funds. Since that time, staff has gone through a budget process for the current fiscal year which is fiscal year 2017. There has also been some shift in priorities such as how staff would like to tackle certain issues, especially now since the Parks Master Plan, Downtown Vision Plan have been completed. Garza further commented that staff has completed some projects that cost less than what was budgeted and created some savings. The opportunity to reallocate those dollars to some other needs that might have presented themselves. Mr. Garza updated the City Commission on projects that are being paid through the 2016 Certificates of Obligations. He spoke with regards to the Parks Department projects which was allocated \$2.25 Million dollars of which \$1 Million dollars was allocated for Loop Road. Parking lots at other park facilities are under the status to be determined simply as those dollars have not been identified and planned for. These are the two biggest projects that have seen a reduction out of the original recommendation that is allowing us the ability to increase funding for the Golf Course. Pier enhancement project has been completed, which was one project that was allocated in January 2016 but only spent \$21,500 of the \$25,000 allocated. The skate park is undergoing the skate park process. This project is currently in the design phase and being finalized as of tonight. There will be another public meeting to take place in the last week in May to share that design with the community. The skate park is expected to be complete by Winter 2017. Splash pad/kid pool feature, when this item was originally allocated it was specifically for a splash pad. When staff went through the Parks Master Plan process it was identified that there wasn't not only a need for a splash pad but there was a need for a kid pool as well. Currently, the shallow end of the pool is only 3 to 4 ft., so there really is an need for a small kid pool for young children. What staff is wanting to do is move forward and find a splash pad component but also meets the kiddie pool component. Commission has approved the liner for the pool. Staff is considering possibly the rehab of the decking around the pool to make it safer which will increase the allocated amount from \$150,000 to \$225,000. The equipment barn improvements, these improvements will not be done due to the damage it received during the May 31, 2016 storm, therefore the amount for this project is zero. Garza further commented that insurance proceeds fixed the barn. There is money for field improvements which the amount allocated remains the same. The Parks Master Plan has been completed. This master plan only used \$72,500 of the \$75,000 that was allocated. Staff has added \$200,000 for City Green Phase 1 which is to focus on the promenade. Also included is \$50,000 for the downtown pavilion sidewalk improvements. The downtown pavilion will be a part of the Parks Department for maintenance purposes, therefore this is the reason this amount is included under the Parks Department. The roof replacement at Public Works was included in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget, but needs more money budgeted for an additional amount of \$50,000. Also added is the project of Santa Gertrudis reconstruction between 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street for a cost of \$316,293. The Golf Course

has some additions made to it that are of a need. There are irrigation system funds that have been allocated, drainage improvement plan funds, bridge, fence, and equipment. Original allocation of \$250,000 has increased now to \$535,000. Some of this money, hopefully will be refunded to the City by FEMA in the amount of \$168,000 for the irrigation system. The Library Department is about 90% complete with their staff breakroom. They have already purchased the 3D printer for the Maker's Zone.

**Motion made by Commissioner Garcia to approve reallocation of Certificate of Obligation 2016 funds, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pena, Pecos, Garcia, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services between the City of Kingsville and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for a City-wide Master Drainage Plan and an L.E. Ramey Golf Course Improvements Plan (RFQ 17-07). (Purchasing Manager).**

Mr. Charlie Sosa, Purchasing Manager, reported that this items authorizes the approval of award for RFQ 17-07 Kingsville Drainage Master Plan to Kimley Horn for professional services in the total amount of \$139,150.00 which consists of work at the Golf Course and City Wide Drainage Master Plan. In December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 18, 2016, city advertised in the Kingsville Record and the City of Kingsville website a request for qualification for a drainage master plan. The following engineering firms submitted a request for qualifications, ICE International Consulting Engineers, Halff and Associates, Kimley Horn, LJA Engineering, Hanson Inc., and HDR Engineering. The review committee consisted of Jesús Garza, City Manager, Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer/Public Works Director, Charlie Sosa, Street Supervisor, Bill Donnell Asst. Public Works Director, and Richard Flores, Golf Course Supervisor. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10, 2017, the review committee decided to interview and listen to presentations from a qualification short list from, Halff Associates, Kimely Horn, and HDR Engineering. In early March 2017, the City Commission approved staff to begin contract negotiations with Kimley Horn for both Golf Course and City Wide Drainage Master Plan. The total amount of \$139,150.00 will be divided into two phases. Phase I in the amount of \$37,850.00 which is funded through CO 2016 Series. Phase II is related to citywide drainage system, in the amount of \$101,300.00 and is funded through the budgeted drainage capital program CO 2013. The balance will come from professional services. Sosa further stated that it is staff's recommendation to enter into a contract for RFQ 17-07 with Kimley Horn of 12750 Merit Drive, Suite 1000, Dallas, TX 75251 for a total amount of \$139,150.00.

Mayor Fugate commented that this is a study with recommendations to which staff can make changes if needed.

Mr. Garza commented that based on recommendations, some of the work can be done in-house.

**Motion made by Commissioner Pecos to approve this resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services between the City of Kingsville and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for a City-wide Master Drainage Plan and an L.E. Ramey Golf Course Improvements Plan (RFQ 17-07), seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pecos, Garcia, Lopez, Pena, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**8. Consider awarding RFP 17-13 for the asbestos abatement and demolition of the old high school gym, as per staff recommendation. (Facility Manager).**

Mr. Israel Vasquez, Facilities Manager, stated that this item authorizes the award of contract for RFP 17-13 asbestos abatement and demolition of the old high school gym. Staff advertised for bids on April 5, 2017 and April 12, 2017. A non-mandatory pre-bid was held on April 12, 2017 with fifteen potential bidders attending. Four responsive bids were received by the deadline of Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 1:30. These bids were received from Tasman Geosciences, J.R. Ramon & Sons, Inc., JPD, and Coastal Bend Demolition, Inc. Funding sufficient to cover the recommended bid is available through account 033-5-1030-71317, City Hall Complex Gym Demolition with the approval of the budget amendment accepting the donation form the old HM King High School Foundation of \$25,000, the line item balance is \$58,488. It is staff's recommendation for the city to contract with the low bidder of Coastal Bend Demolition, Inc., 606 Tulip Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78408, for an amount of \$50,000.

Commissioner Pecos asked if staff was aware as to where the asbestos was coming from. Mr. Vasquez responded that it was coming from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building and the boiler room. Mr. Garza also responded that it was also coming from the roof area.

Vernon Carr, Coastal Bend Demolition stated that there was little bit on the roof flashing, sheetrock upstairs, floor tile mastic, and some window caulking.

Commissioner Garcia asked that on the completion of the demolition, the current building is connected to wastewater pipes or sewer pipes, who will cover those up once the building is removed. Mr. Vasquez responded that he believes city staff can do that but would need to get Engineering staff first.

Mr. Garza responded that a lot of what is to occur afterwards will be done through city staff such as bringing back up to grade and any loose ends that are from doing a demolition.

Commissioner Garcia further stated that once the building is torn down, the infrastructure stays underground and then you have rainwater that comes into the system, which is what he is trying to avoid.

Mr. Garza stated that he has had a conversation with Mr. Cardenas about this already to ensure that those things are tapped off.

Mayor Fugate commented that he is not so sure that those things have already been tapped off. Fugate further stated that this is not their first demo and he's sure they know how to do it.

Commissioner Garcia commented that he is just trying to bring up a point, that when the city demolishes homes in neighborhoods sometimes we do not cap off the sewer then rain water comes in to the sewer system where we shouldn't have to be treating that water. Garcia commented that this is the point he is trying to make.

**Motion made by Commissioner Pecos to award RFP 17-13 for the asbestos abatement and demolition of the old high school gym to Coastal Bend Demolition, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Garcia, Lopez, Pena, Pecos, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**9. Consider authorizing purchase of golf course irrigation parts, as per staff recommendation. (Parks & Rec Director).**

Mr. Jason Alfaro, Parks & Rec Director stated that this item will authorize the purchase of material for a patented two wire irrigation system built by Rainbird Irrigation. As Rainbird Irrigation is a BuyBoard vendor, state purchasing laws are satisfied through use of that purchasing cooperative. The current irrigation system is not watering the course sufficiently creating dry patches around the greens and fairways. In the past, sections of the irrigation line and irrigation heads were replaced by quick couplers making the staff water those areas with impact sprayers. The Rainbird irrigation system that staff is requesting to install is equipment that Rainbird has patented. This system will line us up with other golf course irrigation systems, and will allow us to control the watering schedule via computer or hand held devices. The Rainbird system will alert staff when there are leaks or when an irrigation head is inoperable. Moving to this new technology will allow us to water more efficiently and will enable us to create a proper turf management schedule. The irrigation parts will cost \$150,000. This money has been allocated through CO 2016. It is recommended that the City purchase the Rainbird Irrigation parts through BuyBoard. Purchasing those components through Rainbird will provide uniform watering throughout the entire golf course.

**Motion made by Commissioner Pecos to authorize the purchase of golf course irrigation parts, as per staff recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Garcia.**

Mr. Garza commented that staff will be going through an RFP for the installation of the equipment.

Mayor Fugate asked Mr. Richard Flores, Golf Course if this would cover the entire course. Mr. Flores responded yes.

**The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Pena, Pecos, Garcia, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**10. Consider a resolution revising the City of Kingsville Administrative Policy No.890.11-Internet Access and Electronic Mail Policy by replacing it with Policy No.890.11-Acceptable Use Policy. (Human Resources Director).**

Ms. Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director stated that this resolution is being presented to replace Policy 890.11, Internet Access and Electronic Email policy with the updated Acceptable Use Policy. With ever changing technology, subject matter experts are required to assist in developing policies. Information Technology Manager Kyle Benson, has requested an update to the City's existing policy to address and clarify current technology issues.

Mr. Kyle Benson commented that the acceptable use policy will be used as a basic housekeeping item. A few other things have been added to bring the policy current to what other cities are doing. The current policy refers to a modem where you remove your phone from the receiver and set it into as well as paper character text messaging and city pagers.

In this policy, it is listed to allow staff to regulate the use of Social Media and block certain sites increase productivity. The policy also states that the data that is being processed is proprietary information.

**Motion made by Commissioner Garcia to approve the resolution revising the City of Kingsville Administrative Policy No.890.11-Internet Access and Electronic Mail Policy by replacing it with Policy No.890.11-Acceptable Use Policy, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pena, Pecos, Garcia, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**11. Consider resolution authorizing participation in the Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program through the Texas Department of Transportation for installation and design of sidewalks. (Capital Improvements Manager).**

Mr. Sharam Santillan, Capital Improvements Manager stated that this item authorizes a resolution for support from the City of Kingsville to apply for the Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program through the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the installation and design of sidewalks and hike and bike trails on several roadways leading to area schools and parks. In March, 2017, TXDOT called for projects from cities under a population of 200,000 for transportation alternatives such as sidewalks and hike and bike trails. The Engineering Department feels that the City of Kingsville has several projects that can be candidates for this type of funding. This grant is an 80/20 match. The total estimate construction cost is \$939,300.00, of which the city will be responsible for \$187,860.00.

Mr. Garza commented that if the city is awarded the grant, the plan is to revisit the funding recommendation for the 2016 CO Series; more than likely this will be the money that is needed would come from. This will not be done until the city is notified that they are approved for the grant.

Mr. Santillan further commented that it is staff's recommendation that the city support this initiative so that staff can proceed with the application process.

**Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program through the Texas Department of Transportation for installation and design of sidewalks, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Pecos, Garcia, Lopez, Pena, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**12. Consider accepting a \$1,910.29 donation from the Coastal Bend Civitan Club for handicap playground equipment for the Parks Department. (Parks & Rec Director).**

**Motion made by Commissioner Garcia to approve accepting a \$1,910.29 donation from the Coastal Bend Civitan Club for handicap playground equipment for the Parks Department, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Garcia, Lopez, Pena, Pecos, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**13. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget to accept and expend Park Donations for specialized playground equipment. (Parks & Rec Director).**

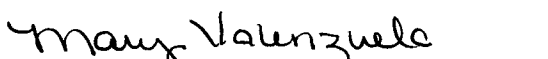
Introduction item.

**VI. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

  
Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary