

OCTOBER 11, 2022

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AT 5:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner
Norma N. Alvarez, Commissioner
Edna Lopez, Commissioner
Ann Marie Torres, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Kyle Benson, IT Manager
Derek Williams, IT
Emilio Garcia, Health Director
Deborah Balli, Finance Director
Uchechukwu Echeozo, Director of Planning & Development Services
Kobby Agyekum, Senior Planner/HPO
Mike Mora, Capital Improvements Manager
Charlie Sosa, Purchasing Manager
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Alicia Tijerina, Main Street Manager
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
Rudy Mora, Engineer
Janine Reyes, Tourism Director
Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police
Joseph Ramirez, Engineers Assistant
Jennifer Bernal, Parks Manager
Jaime Carmona, Help Desk

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. with all five Commission members present.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Regular Meeting- September 26, 2022

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alvarez, Lopez, Torres, Fugate voting "FOR".

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

1. None

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, 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, Emergency Management, Administration –Workshop Schedule, Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, Hotel Occupancy Report, Quiet Zone, SEP, Legislative Update, Proclamations, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Main Street Downtown, Chapter 59 project, Financial Advisor, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water, And Wastewater Rate Study Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney reported that the next City Commission meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2022. The deadline for staff to submit their agenda items for this meeting is October 14, 2022. Ms. Alvarez further reported that she and Mrs. Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director met with the Police Union on their Collective Bargaining Agreement and have come to an agreement for a one-year agreement. The Police Union has voted on the agreement and will be brought to the City Commission at the next meeting for Commission approval.

Commissioner Torres reported that 22 years ago this month marks the anniversary of the USS Cole bombing killing Mess Management Specialist 3rd Class Ronchester M. Santiago of Kingsville. A small remembrance ceremony will take place, upon the request of Mrs. Santiago.

Mayor Fugate read and presented a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness for October. The proclamation was presented to representatives of the Purple Door.

Commissioner Lopez announced that Fire Prevention Week will take place October 9th – 15th, 2022.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

No public comments were 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)

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

1. **Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances Chapter XV; providing for amendment to Sections 15-9-2 and 15-9-3; revising the type of street lighting to be used. (City Engineer).**
2. **Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to provide additional funding for line items that cannot be covered by other line items. (Finance Director).**
3. **Motion to approve City support for events and parades for FY22-23 as per staff recommendation. (Downtown Manager).**

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

4. **Consider appointment of Sylvia Molina to the Main Street Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term expiring on May 10, 2023. (Downtown Manager).**

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to appoint Ms. Sylvia Molina to the Main Street Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term expiring on May 10, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Torres, Hinojosa, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".

5. **Consider a resolution authorizing application to, administration of, and acceptance of Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division's FY 2023 ALERRT Travel Assistance Grant Program. (Police Chief).**

Mr. Ricardo Torres, Chief of Police stated that this is a request for a resolution to apply for funds from the ALERRT Travel Assistance Program. The purpose of this grant is to offset law enforcement agency incurred travel costs for sending peace officers to Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) training. Mr. Torres further stated that this is an open-ended grant. The Kingsville Police Department is actively seeking to train six of its police officers to train the trainers. The department has the equipment to train the officers. The goal is to come in and be fully trained, not only for our officers but for the officers of the region as well. Mr. Torres further stated that there is no cash match to this grant. The grant covers training, and travel and will cover backfilled.

Motion made by Commissioner Torres to approve the resolution authorizing application to, administration of, and acceptance of Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division's FY 2023 ALERRT Travel Assistance Grant Program, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Torres, Hinojosa, Alvarez, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

6. Consider a resolution authorizing Phase II and Change Order #1 for City-Wide Misc. Concrete and Drainage System Improvements Agreement between the City and Etech Construction Inc. (City Engineer).

Mr. Rudy Mora, Engineer stated that this item is to authorize moving forward with the 2021 city-wide miscellaneous concrete and drainage improvement project Phase II for the drainage improvements along W. Sage Road. Between N. Armstrong and Young Drive. The project will also include awarding Change Order No. 1 for the remaining work on W. Kenedy. Original bids were received on August 3, 2021, and the project was then split into two phases. The original construction cost for work on W. Sage Road and including alternate bid no. 2 was \$211,091.70. The contractor has recently submitted a revised construction cost of \$259,962.27 due to the increased cost of material and fuel prices. The cost increase is 23% from the original cost. The revised cost is still under the original bid of the second lowest bidder. Prices have been verified and justified with the current market prices. Mr. Mora further stated that authorizing Phase II and Change Order No. 1 will be funded by Fund 055, Utility Storm Water Drainage Fund for \$269,645.77. Staff recommends authorizing Phase II and approving Change Order No. 1 which adds drainage improvements to W. Kenedy and 120 days for the total contract price and calendar days for Phase II.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution authorizing Phase II and Change Order #1 for City-Wide Misc. Concrete and Drainage System Improvements Agreement between the City and Etech Construction Inc., seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Commissioner Torres asked if Fund 055, will any of this money be coming from the grant that will be received from GLO. Mr. Mora responded that the GLO is for specific projects.

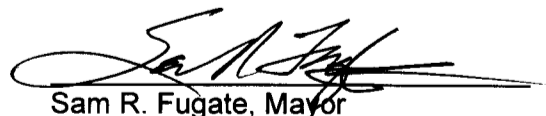
The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alvarez, Lopez, Torres, Fugate voting "FOR".

7. Consider out-of-state travel for the Mayor, the City Manager, and the Economic Development Director for travel to Washington, D.C. from October 16-19, 2022, for military relations/economic development meetings. (City Manager).

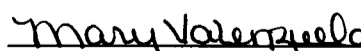
No discussion or action was taken for this item.

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, CMC, City Secretary