

APRIL 21, 2025

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AT 3:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor
Edna Lopez, Commissioner
Norma N. Alvarez, Commissioner
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner
Leo Alarcon, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Charlie Sosa, Interim City Manager
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
Deborah Balli, Finance Director
Nick Chapa, IT

I. Preliminary Proceedings.**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 3:00 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)

None.

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 Services - Information, Investment Report, Quarterly Budget Report, 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, Water And Wastewater Rate Study Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

Mr. Charlie Sosa, Interim City Manager, gave a brief update on the streets.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, reported that the next commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2025.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

Mr. Joel Saenz, 307 W. Ailsie, commented that six people who have ownership of commercial buildings within the community were not advised about zoning changes or spot zoning changes in the community. This building was occupied for numerous years, which is located on the corner of 6th Street & King. The owner of this building has decided that he is going to retire and has rented the building to someone who would like to have a tint shop. The gentleman with the tint shop has been told that he would need to pay \$250 for a zoning variance, \$250 for an occupancy permit and an additional \$200 for a permit to change the name from the previous owner to the new owner plus whatever the city would charge to have an electrician to check the meters. No meter service will be changed, and the building will be as is. All the previous owner will do is give the keys to the new owner so that the new owner can start doing work. Mr. Saenz further commented that the owner was not notified of any zoning changes, and if he had been notified, he would have notified the new

renter. He further commented that people are tired of not being able to rent their buildings to anyone. Nothing will be changed, simply doing window tint.

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.⁴

1. Discuss and consider out-of-state travel for the Mayor and staff to Washington, DC, from April 27-29, 2025, for military relations meetings. (Mayor Fugate)

No discussion or action taken on this item.

2. Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.074, of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Commission shall convene in executive session to deliberate the employment and duties of the City Manager position. (Mayor Fugate).

Mayor Fugate announced the executive session and convened the meeting into closed session at 3:06 p.m.

Mayor Fugate convened the meeting into open session at 5:00 p.m.

3. Discuss and consider giving direction to staff regarding the City Manager position. (Mayor Fugate).

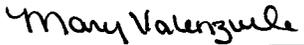
Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to extend the search for an additional 90 days and have the position of the City Manager opened until filled, and ask the search firm to start advertising, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR". Lopez "AGAINST".

VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.


Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary