

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, 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
Edna Lopez, Commissioner
Norma Alvarez, Commissioner
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner
Leo Alarcon, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Charlie Sosa, City Manager
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Derek Williams, Systems Administrator
Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager
Susan Ivy, Parks Director
Manny Salazar, Economic Development Manager
Charlie Cardena, Engineer
Emilio Garcia, Health Director
John Blair, Police Chief
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
J. J. Adame, Fire Chief
James Creek, Captain
Monika Donnell, Municipal Court Supervisor
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources
Kyle Benson, IT Director

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with four commission members present. Hinojosa is absent.

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. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 518 W. Johnston, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Manny Salazar, Economic Development and Interim Planning Director, reported that this property was inspected on August 29, 2025. Multiple notices were sent to this property, and city staff did not receive any response. This property has had no water service since June 28, 2016, and no electricity since April 29, 2025. The property is abandoned, and the roof has collapsed.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

2. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 529 W. Johnston, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar reported that this property is being considered for condemnation. Notices have been sent to the property owner, but the staff has received no response. This property has not had water service since August 2022 or electricity since September 2023.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

3. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 307 E. Ragland, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item,

they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar stated that this property is considered for condemnation. Notices have been sent to the property owner. Staff has received no feedback from those noticed. This property is abandoned and has had no water service since March 2012. AEP is unable to locate address in system.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

4. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 218 W. Lott, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:06 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar stated that this property is an unsecure property. Notices were mailed by city staff and no response has been received. There is no documentation as to how long this property has been without water or electrical services.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

5. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 303 W. Lott, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:07 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar stated that this property was inspected in September 2025. AEP is unable to locate an account for this address. This location has had no water service since November 2016.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

6. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 1240 E. Ave. D, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:07 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar stated that this location was inspected in June 2023. New photos were taken of the property. There are two structures on this property, but only this property is being considered. The other structure on this property needs a new roof, but it's stable. Property is an attractive nuisance to children. It is a harbor for vagrants, criminal, and immoral people. The property is abandoned and as uncovered roof. This location has had no water service since January 1996.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:08 p.m.

7. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 516 E. Nettie, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:08 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar reported that this location was inspected in July 2022. Staff does have updated photos. This property has had no water service since 2021 or electric service since September 2022. The roof has collapsed and the siding is rotten with holes in the ceiling and in the interior walls.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:09 p.m.

8. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 406 E. Henrietta, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:09 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar reported that this property was inspected on September 2025. Water and electric services ended May 2025. This property went to the Historic Board on September 2025 and the Historic Board recommended condemnation of this property by a 4-0 vote. This is a fire damaged structure with roof and siding all burned.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

9. Public Hearing on condemnation of structure at 622 W. Fordyce, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Mayor Fugate read and opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m. Mayor Fugate further announced that it was a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item, they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mr. Salazar reported that this property was inspected on September 2025. No water service was located. Electric services ended in March 2017. The Historical Board heard this on November 2025 where they recommended approval of condemnation with a 4-0 vote. This property has been abandoned for many years, and city crews maintain this property. The ceiling has collapsed and the siding is rotten. The property is unsecured and being used by vagrants.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

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. Sosa gave a brief report on street projects. He further announced that the Wing Over South Texas Air Show will be on April 17th – 19th, 2026. Mr. Sosa also announced the upcoming Trash Off Day and Loteria Festival.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez reported that the next scheduled commission meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2026, with deadline for staff to submit agenda items no later than March 10, 2026.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

Andrew Mendez, 405 E. Alice Ave., commented that tonight I want to explain something about Kingsville Pothole Patrol, because many people still think this project is about potholes. It isn't. Potholes are just the doorway. They are the smallest problems most people can see and feel. You hit one with your car. You talk about it with your neighbors. You complain about it online. But what I learned over time is something simple: People often don't know how to fix even the smallest problems in their community. Not because they don't care. But because no one ever taught them how the system works. Who do you call? Where do you report something? What happens after you report it? That gap between citizens and the systems meant to serve them, that's where frustration grows. Kingsville Pothole Patrol is about closing that gap. We call it micro-civics. Micro-civics means teaching people how to solve the smallest problems first because when people learn how to fix small problems, they begin to believe bigger ones can be solved too. The truth is, every system develops potholes over time. Schools get them. City government gets them. Water boards get them. Neighborhoods get them. Even relationships get them. Small breakdowns. Small frustrations. Small cracks in trust. And when people believe nothing ever gets fixed, they stop participating. They stop reporting. They stop showing up. They stop believing their voice matters. That's the defeatist mindset we're trying to change. Not with anger. With education. Kingsville Pothole Patrol exists to teach something simple: How to notice a problem. How to report it the right way. How systems respond. And how small participation builds trust again. This isn't just about roads. It's about rebuilding the relationship between citizens and their institutions one small repair at a time. And one thing we've learned is that education doesn't stop with children. Sometimes adults need to learn too. We have to teach each other how to be good citizens again. How to participate. How to communicate. How to help fix something we didn't break. Because if we want a stronger Kingsville tomorrow, we have to start with the smallest repairs today. That's the idea behind Kingsville Pothole Patrol. Not asphalt. Foundation. Because when people say, "If you step in, I'll step in," that's when communities start to move forward again. Kingsville Cares because every road leads home.

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. Consider condemnation of structure located at 518 W. Johnston, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa, motion finding not able to repair building or structure is unsafe and present condition is a violation of ordinances and cannot be correct without substantial reconstruction then declare the building or structure to be a public nuisance and order its demolition by owner/agenda/person in charge within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hnojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

2. Consider condemnation of structure located at 529 W. Johnston, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon, motion finding not able to repair building or structure is unsafe and present condition is a violation of ordinances and cannot be correct without substantial reconstruction then declare the building or structure to be a public nuisance and order its demolition by owner/agenda/person in charge within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

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Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa, motion finding not able to repair building or structure is unsafe and present condition is a violation of ordinances and cannot be correct without substantial reconstruction then declare the building or structure to be a public nuisance and order its demolition by owner/agenda/person in charge within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR".

5. Consider condemnation of structure located at 303 W. Lott, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon, motion finding not able to repair building or structure is unsafe and present condition is a violation of ordinances and cannot be correct without substantial reconstruction then declare the building or structure to be a public nuisance and order its demolition by owner/agenda/person in charge within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

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9. Consider condemnation of structure located at 622 W. Fordyce, Kingsville, Texas. (Economic Development and Interim Planning Director).

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez, motion finding not able to repair building or structure is unsafe and present condition is a violation of ordinances and cannot be correct without substantial reconstruction then declare the building or structure to be a public nuisance and order its demolition by owner/agenda/person in charge within 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

10. Discuss and consider approving a resolution appointing Election Judges and the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the City of Kingsville Special Recall Election May 2, 2026. (City Secretary). (Descunche y considere aprobatoria una resolución de nombramiento de Jueces Electorales y del Juez de la Junta de Boletas Electorales de la Votación Anticipada para las Elecciones Especial de Revocación de la Ciudad de Kingsville el 2 de Mayo de 2026. (Secretaria Municipal).

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the resolution appointing Election Judges and the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the City of Kingsville Special Recall Election May 2, 2026. (City Secretary). (Descunche y considere aprobatoria una resolución de nombramiento de Jueces Electorales y del Juez de la Junta de Boletas Electorales de la Votación Anticipada para las Elecciones Especial de Revocación de la Ciudad de Kingsville el 2 de Mayo de 2026, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

11. Discuss and consider approving a resolution for the City of Kingsville Special Recall Election, designating voting precincts, polling places, establishing election procedures, and appointing Early Voting Clerk. (City Secretary). (Descunche y considere aprobatoria una resolución para la elección especial de revocación de la ciudad de Kingsville, designando los colegios electorales, los colegios electorales, estableciendo procedimientos electorales y nombrando un secretario de votación anticipada. (Secretaria Municipal).

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the resolution for the City of Kingsville Special Recall Election, designating voting precincts, polling places, establishing election procedures, and appointing Early Voting Clerk. (City Secretary). (Descunche y considere aprobatoria una resolución para la elección especial de revocación de la ciudad de Kingsville, designando los colegios electorales, los colegios electorales, estableciendo procedimientos electorales y nombrando un secretario de votación anticipada. (Secretaria Municipal), seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".

12. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2026 TXCDBG CD Program for a pump house at Water Well #14; designating authorized signatories to act on the City's

behalf with such program; Step One. (cash match if awarded \$112,125.00) (City Engineer).

Mr. Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer states that in 2025, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) issued the 2026 Call For Projects. The application is a two-step process. Step 1 is to submit a preliminary application by March 31, 2026, and step 2 is to submit a detailed application by May 15, 2026. Once the PIF is approved and awarded, the city would be notified in the Fall of 2026 and placed on a Conditional Project List for anticipated funding in 2027 of \$862,500.00. He further stated that staff recommends showing support for applying to the TDA TxCDG CD Fund Program 2027 Call for Project for Water Well #14.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the resolution authorizing the application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2026 TXCDBG CD Program for a pump house at Water Well #14; designating authorized signatories to act on the City's behalf with such program; Step One. (cash match if awarded \$112,125.00), seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

13. Discuss and consider approving a resolution designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Fund under the Resilient Communities Program for a Comprehensive Master Plan; Contract Number 23-160-135-F539. (City Engineer).

Mr. Cardenas stated that TXGLO is asking for the city to pass a resolution in support of this application with approved authorized representatives. There is no financial impact in submitting the application.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the resolution designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Fund under the Resilient Communities Program for a Comprehensive Master Plan; Contract Number 23-160-135-F539, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

14. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Whole Blood Program between the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council and the City of Kingsville-Fire Department. (Fire Chief).

Mr. JJ Adame, Fire Chief, stated that the Kingsville Fire Department is requesting approval of a Whole Blood Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kingsville Fire Department and the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC). This MOU outlines the agreement for program collaborators/stakeholders to work through the development, operation, and sustainment of this whole blood program. There is no financial impact to the city. CBRAC will be responsible for the cost of equipment and installation and the cost of whole blood.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Whole Blood Program between the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council and the City of Kingsville-Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

15. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing application to, administration of, and acceptance of Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division's FY2027 Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS); authorizing the Chief of Police to act on the City's behalf with such program; naming a Financial Officer. (no anticipated cash match). (Police Chief).

Mr. John Blair, Police Chief, stated this is for approval of a resolution to apply for and, if awarded, accept and expend FY 2027 Operation Lone Star Grant Program funds. The grant period spans from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027. Program funding can be used for overtime pay, temporary personnel, equipment, training, and travel costs, among other eligible activities. The program is critical to our department's ability to contribute effectively to statewide border security efforts.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the resolution authorizing application to, administration of, and acceptance of Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division's FY2027 Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS); authorizing the Chief of Police to act on the City's behalf with such program; naming a Financial Officer. (no anticipated cash match), seconded by Commissioner Alarcon.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that the item reads no anticipated cash match, but if there is a cash match, staff will come back to the commission for approval.

Chief Blair responded that if there is a cash match, yes will bring it back to commission for approval, and further stated that he does not anticipate there being cash match as it is not in the grant.

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

16. Discuss and consider approving the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 pickup truck for the Police Department via the TIPS USA purchasing cooperative using Operation Lone Star Grant funds. (for total outfitted cost of \$92,519.58) (Police Chief).

Chief Blair stated that the police department, utilizing Operation Lone Star funds, has procured and taken possession of a 2024 Ford F-150 pickup truck. This vehicle was purchased under Operation Lone Star Grant #4385703 via a purchasing cooperative. The city purchase order is #252359 through TIPS USA Contract 240901. The vendor for this purchase was Silsbee Fleet. The total cost of this fully outfitted Police Responder Unit is \$92,519.58. The entire cost was funded through Operation Lone Star Grant #4385703. It is staff's recommendation to authorize the purchase of the outfitted pickup truck for the Police Department via the TIPS USA purchasing cooperative for \$92,519.58 using Operation Lone Star Grant funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 pickup truck for the Police Department via the TIPS USA purchasing cooperative using Operation Lone Star Grant funds. (for total outfitted cost of \$92,519.58), seconded by Commissioner Alarcon.

Commissioner Lopez asked if this was the vehicle that was already purchased.

Chief Blair responded that this has been purchased and the vehicle is in the fleet.

Commissioner Lopez stated that in the pricing summary, it states that the vehicle is a 2025 Crew cab, which is part of the paperwork the commission received in the agenda packet.

Chief Blair responded that this may have been a typo on his part.

Commissioner Lopez stated that the Chief of Police memo states it is a 2024 and so does the agenda. But the backup information from them, states that it is a 2025 with the contact person naming Kyle.

Chief Blair stated that he understands what Commission Lopez is saying, but who would refer to the TIPS as that is the contractual vendor. He further stated that he would refer to that document, and it was a typo on his side.

Commissioner Lopez asked when the truck was received.

Chief Blair responded, within the last 60 days.

Commissioner Lopez commented that it was confusing to her when she was reviewing the documents.

Mayor Fugate asked if this vehicle had already been paid for.

Chief Blair responded yes.

Mayor Fugate commented that if the vehicle had already been paid for, why is this coming to the commission now? He stated that the bidding process is clear. You go out for bids, bring them to the commission for approval. Fugate stated that he has been doing it for 22 years and he cannot think of a time when the commission didn't approve one. This is almost a rubber stamp. Staff make recommendations to the commission, and the commission always follows the staff's recommendations. Fugate commented that this is out of sync.

Chief Blair responded that this wasn't a bided item as it was through cooperative, TIPS.

Mayor Fugate stated that it still has to come to commission for approval, before funds are expended. It does not matter if it's done through bid or buyboard. The city's policies and procedures state that it needs to go to commission for approval.

Commissioner Lopez commented that she feels that questions should be addressed to the former Purchasing Manager/City Manager.

Mr. Sosa stated that this was done back in 2024 when it was approved. It was approved through a purchasing cooperative. There were trucks that were back logged, they weren't coming right away. It took 2 years to get this truck, so it was lost in transition, where we received the truck sooner than what we thought we were going to bring to commission for approval.

Commissioner Lopez commented that this doesn't make sense. Lopez stated to Mr. Sosa that he was Purchasing Manager and he knew that this had to come to commission for approval and what he is saying does not make sense.

Mr. Sosa responded yes. He further stated that staff was not certain when this truck was arriving.

Commissioner Lopez stated that it didn't matter, it should had never been ordered without commission approval, as that is the purchasing policy. She further stated that Mr. Sosa did not abide by the Purchasing Policy.

Mr. Sosa stated that if staff goes back through the rollover purchase orders, that commission approved in 2025, it was part of the rollover purchase orders. All the purchase orders that were rolled over was approved by commission on October 2025.

Commissioner Alvarez commented on October 27th, as she has a copy of the minutes.

Mr. Sosa stated that this vehicle was in the rollover purchase orders.

Commissioner Alvarez commented that there was a purchase order.

Commissioner Lopez commented to Mr. Sosa that it was sneaky.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that he didn't think that it was part of the process. You have to pay for it anyway, and there is no misappropriation of funds, if that is what they are getting at.

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

17. Discuss and consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to accept and expend Operation Lone Star Grant award #4385703 for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 pickup truck. (Police Chief).

Mayor Fugate stated that he does not want the final passage of this ordinance to be on the consent agenda and further requested that this item be placed in the regular section of the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Introduction item.

18. Discuss and consider approving emergency repairs to sewer main on 14th Street via the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative using Utility Fund Budget Amendment Reserve funds. (for total cost of \$66,705.00) (Public Works Director).

Mr. Bill Donnell, Public Works Director, stated that this item updates the city commission on the emergency repairs to an eight-inch failed sewer main located on 14th Street between Yoakum and Henrietta for the Wastewater Collections Division.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the emergency repairs to sewer main on 14th Street via the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative using Utility Fund Budget Amendment Reserve funds. (for total cost of \$66,705.00), seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

19. Discuss and consider approving the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado 1500 pickup truck for the Fire Department via the TIPS USA purchasing cooperative using CO 2024 funds. (for total outfitted cost of \$72,277.50) (Fire Chief).

Mr. James Creek, Captain, stated that this item authorizes the purchase of an emergency vehicle for the Fire Department, from Lake Country Chevrolet, through Tipps USA Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 240901 for the Fire Department. The new emergency vehicle will replace a used 2011 Tahoe that has high milage and frequently having repair issues. Funds are available through Fire Department vehicle fund in the amount of \$72,277.50.

Commissioner Lopez asked if this vehicle had already been received.

Captain Creek responded no.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado 1500 pickup truck for the Fire Department via the TIPS USA purchasing cooperative using CO 2024 funds. (for total outfitted cost of \$72,277.50), seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

20. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing application to, administration of, and acceptance of Office of the Governor, FY2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant Program, Grant #5837801 requesting additional funding for new portable radios for the Fire Department with no anticipated cash match; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such program; designating Financial Officer. (no cash match; to increase funding amount for more portable radios) (Fire Chief).

Chief Adame stated that the Kingsville Fire Department is involved in the mitigation of multiple hazards that require radios for clear and concise communication for operational effectiveness. The department's current portable radios are becoming outdated and will eventually be obsolete. Grant funding will be used for the sole purpose of purchasing modern portable radios that will be used for the enhancement of life saving efforts in conjunction with mutual aid partners and participating agencies within the Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector. This equipment will improve on-scene command and control, reduce communication delays, and allow personnel to operate more efficiently during structure fires, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and large-scale events. This application will request \$248,575.46 for the equipment and shipping fees. The grant for "Border Zone Fire Department" is a reimbursement type but does not require any cash match. We are requesting \$248,575.46 in equipment and associated shipping fees. We would request a resolution approving the submission of application and acceptance of this grant via the Office of the Governor eGrants portal by the grantee's authorized official as designated by the city.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution authorizing application to, administration of, and acceptance of Office of the Governor, FY2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant Program, Grant #5837801 requesting additional funding for new portable radios for the Fire Department with no anticipated cash match; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such program; designating Financial Officer. (no cash match; to increase funding amount for more portable radios), seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".

21. Discuss and consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to accept and expend Border Zone Fire Department (BZFD) Grant Award#5837801 for the purchase of portable radios. (Fire Chief).

Introduction item.

22. Discuss and consider approving the purchase of an ambulance for the Fire Department via the HGAC Buy purchasing cooperative using CO 2024 funds. (for total cost of \$394,050.00) (City Manager/Purchasing Manager).

Mr. Sosa stated that this item authorizes the purchase of an ambulance from Siddon Martin Emergency Group, through HGAC Buy Purchasing Cooperative Contract 10-23(EMS) for the city's Fire Department. New ambulance will be housed at the new Fire Station No. 3. The new ambulance was quoted back in July 17, 2024, and potentially available to the city on or around May 2026. Funds are available through Certificates of Obligation Series 2024, in the amount of \$14,355,000 and have been available since May 13, 2024. The total

amount of the new ambulance will be \$394,050 through HGAC Buy Purchasing Cooperative. It is staff's recommendation that the city approve the purchase of an ambulance from Siddon Martin Emergency Group. Competitive bidding statutes have been met.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the purchase of an ambulance for the Fire Department via the HGAC Buy purchasing cooperative using CO 2024 funds. (for total cost of \$394,050.00), seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa.

Mayor Fugate asked whether these and the next two pieces had already been ordered.

Mr. Sosa responded that they have already been ordered.

Mayor Fugate further asked if the city is committed to buying this equipment.

Mr. Sosa responded that staff could call them and let them know we don't want it.

Mayor Fugate commented that this is not what Mr. Sosa committed the city to buying this, and asked if he had not.

Mr. Sosa asked Chief Adame if the city had was committed to purchasing this equipment.

Mayor Fugate commented that if the city doesn't purchase them, will there be penalties that the city would have to pay.

Chief Adame responded that he would have to call the vendor to see if there are any penalties. He stated that he is not aware of any, but staff would have to double-check on that.

Mayor Fugate asked Ms. Alvarez if she had reviewed this contract.

Ms. Alvarez responded that the proposals are in the agenda packet that indicates, depending on when the cancellation occurs, either a 10%, 20%, or 30% cancellation fee.

Mayor Fugate commented that if this is canceled tonight, the city could have up to a 30% penalty.

Ms. Alvarez responded yes.

Commissioner Alvarez commented that she does not know why they would be cancelling this as it was approved and purchase orders were rolled over since 2024, they are here and there is nothing that anyone is hiding, it is here in black and white, and further stated that she does not know why this is an issue.

Mayor Fugate commented that he can state why it is an issue, this didn't come to commission in the normal procedure. He further stated that for 22 years when the city is purchasing something it comes to the commission in the open and clear, not hidden in some document. He also stated that what is being said is true and it has already been done, then why is the commission having to do this tonight.

Commissioner Alvarez responded that this is also something she wants know.

Mayor Fugate stated that staff put these items on the agenda, not the commission, and it only begs the question that something was done inappropriately.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that when the city went out for CO 2024 there was \$14,330,000, and on that particular bond there was an amount that was going to be spent. The amount was not specified about how much each equipment was going to cost, and he believes that they were waiting to see the cost on the building. He further stated that this type of equipment is not something you can buy overnight, it's not in the lot, it takes time for it to be built. Hinojosa further stated that he does not see any problems and this has been done in the past.

Mayor Fugate commented that it has not been done in the past, and further asked Commissioner Hinojosa when it has been done.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that when the trash trucks were purchased.

Mayor Fugate asked if the trash trucks had already been ordered prior to the commission approving the purchase.

Commissioner Hinojosa responded that the commission had approved them in the budget.

Mayor Fugate asked what year did the city purchase trash trucks that hadn't been brought to commission for approval first.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that she has proof that purchase orders had been rolled over.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked Mayor Fugate if he wanted to cancel this equipment.

Mayor Fugate responded that he does not want to cancel.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that the commission needs to move forward and stop arguing.

Mayor Fugate responded that the point is...

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that the point is that Mr. Sosa already ordered and he doesn't want Mr. Sosa as City Manager.

Mayor Fugate responded that this is not true. The commission did not look for these items, it came to the commission. He further stated that if this was anyone else, Commissioner Hinojosa would be in the position he is right now. Fugate further stated that the commission is elected to protect citizens of this community and protect the taxpayers to make sure their money is being spent properly. This is why the city's policy dictates anything that is going to be purchased over \$50,000.

Commissioner Hinojosa and Commissioner Alvarez responded that it is \$100,000.

Mayor Fugate responded that the State is \$100,000, but the city is \$50,000.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that it is \$100,000 for everybody.

Commissioner Lopez stated that it is \$50,000.

Mayor Fugate stated that it doesn't matter as these purchases are over \$2 million that the commission did not approve.

Commissioner Alvarez commented that it got voted on October 1st.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked Mayor Fugate what the outcome is, and what does he want to do, cancel the contract.

Mayor Fugate stated that this puts the city in a very difficult position.

Commissioner Lopez commented that this is unethical. It doesn't matter if they brought the purchase orders to commission, as it is being said, that they brought to the commission, the procedure was not followed. There was a procedure that needed to be followed. She further stated that Mr. Sosa has now put the city in a bind, and what can you do. She stated that he knew better as he was the Purchasing Manager at that time, which is why staff went through the budget so quickly, because all this was being hidden. Lopez further stated that Mr. Sosa was the one that told on himself, the commission didn't ask for this, they didn't even know about this, he is the one that brought it up, because why, he was probably guilty as he knew this was going to come out. Lopez further stated that the commission answers to the taxpayers and she has had so many questions asked as to what is going on here. Lopez further commented that if it was done in the right way, the commission never says no, if they know that things are needed, but this needed to be done the correct way. Hiding it in a budget or saying that it was in the budget. Just because something is in the budget it doesn't mean it will be bought, as there are times you have to move funds around or do transfers, that doesn't mean anything. Lopez stated that Mr. Sosa just needed to be honest about this, and further commented that he was the one that told on himself, which is how the commission found this out. She further stated that Mr. Sosa kept telling the commission, since December, that the ladder truck would not be fixed because it is too expensive and then they were told that the city would be receiving the ladder truck on May 2026 which was told to them in early December. Lopez stated that now all of a sudden when this happened Mr. Sosa took all that information out of the weekly report Mr. Sosa submits to the commission weekly. Lopez stated that the commission has an obligation to inform the citizens as to what is going on. They need to know that this was done illegally. It was not approved by the commission and if they are saying it came in a budget later on, it had already

been ordered so it didn't matter. Lopez stated that Mr. Sosa had already done whatever he was going to do.

Commissioner Alvarez commented that before this, there was a certificate of obligation that came before the city commission to go out for bonds which it was all spelled out, and they all saw it, it was not hidden.

Mayor Fugate commented that it does not work that way. When the city first set aside monies to build the fire station and to supply it, they came up with a figure of around \$12 million. That amount of money was set aside but wasn't the actual cost. Money was also set aside to buy an ambulance, a pumper and ladder truck. The city didn't really know what it was going to cost as they didn't have that final bill, which is what comes to the commission. It comes to the commission not hidden in some document, it comes to the commission for approval. Mayor Fugate stated that Commissioner Hinojosa made the statement, but he finds no joy in this. He further stated that Mr. Sosa will be the first to say that he has worked with him, he likes him, and feels that Mr. Sosa has done a lot of good things as a City Manager, but this is something that you cannot overlook. This is something very serious and serious violations of the city policies. Fugate stated that this could very well be criminal. He further stated that the public needs to know what is going on at city hall. Fugate stated that this is not something he was looking for and not something that he enjoys, and he hates that the city is having to go through this, but you can't hide things, you have to put it out there and let everyone see it.

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

23. Discuss and consider approving the purchase of a pumper truck (\$958,101.00) and a ladder truck (\$1,488,860.00) for the Fire Department via the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative using CO 2024 funds (after BuyBoard fee, a total cost of \$2,448,461.00). (City Manager/Purchasing Manager).

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the purchase of a pumper truck (\$958,101.00) and a ladder truck (\$1,488,860.00) for the Fire Department via the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative using CO 2024 funds (after BuyBoard fee, a total cost of \$2,448,461.00), seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa.

Mayor Fugate stated that this is the same situation as with the other vehicle and asked if these vehicles had already been ordered.

Mr. Sosa responded yes, but they have not been paid for.

Mayor Fugate asked if they hadn't been paid but had been ordered.

Mr. Sosa responded yes.

Mayor Fugate asked if there are penalties involved in these contracts.

Ms. Alvarez responded yes.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if this was known for a fact.

Ms. Alvarez responded yes and further commented that it is in the written proposal that the vendor gave to the city.

Commissioner Hinojosa requested to see that. Ms. Alvarez responded yes.

Commissioner Lopez commented that the information was included in the agenda packet.

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

24. Discuss and consider approving a resolution suspending the April 18, 2026 effective date of the proposal by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas – Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas, And Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Areas, to implement Interim GRIP Rate Adjustments for gas utility investment in 2025 and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. (City Attorney).

Ms. Alvarez reported that CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas filed notice of its 2026 Annual GRIP Adjustment for the South Texas Division with the City on February 17, 2026, seeking to adjust its gas rates starting April 18, 2026. This resolution

authorizes the city to suspend the date the rate increase takes effect for a period of no longer than forty-five days, which means the new rates would start about June 2, 2026. The city proposes the delay to examine the GRIP Rate Increases to determine its compliance with the Texas Utilities Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution suspending the April 18, 2026 effective date of the proposal by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas – Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas, And Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Areas, to implement Interim Grip Rate Adjustments for gas utility investment in 2025 and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and legal counsel, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting “FOR”.

25. Discuss and consider voting to confirm the five nominees to the City of Kingsville Ethics Review Board. (City Attorney).

Ms. Alvarez stated that city ordinance section 3-13-37(b), when it talks about the composition, it says that each nominee must be confirmed by the majority of the city commission members. She further stated that there were five individuals nominated by the city at the previous meeting, so unless there is a question regarding the qualifications, of one of those five members, which you can find the qualifications in the same ordinance section mentioned above, they just need to be of good morale character, and residents of the city, and not fall within one of six criteria stated in section subsection d.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that the charter states that the city commission should vote each of the five nominees.

Ms. Alvarez responded that it is an ordinance, not the charter, that this falls under.

Mayor Fugate asked if this could be done as one vote or does each nominee need to be voted on individually.

Ms. Alvarez responded that it states that each nominee must be confirmed by a majority vote, it does not say that the commission can't do them in bulk, just says that they all have to be approved by a majority vote of the commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to confirm the five nominees to the City of Kingsville Ethics Board.

Commissioner Hinojosa made a motion to amend Commissioner Lopez motion and strike Elizabeth Ramos from the confirmation, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon.

Mrs. Valenzuela asked for guidance from Ms. Alvarez regarding Commissioner Lopez's motion.

Ms. Alvarez stated that it was not clear that there was a second to her motion to approve all five.

Mrs. Valenzuela further asked that the vote that will be taken will be for the amended motion that Commissioner Hinojosa made to not approve Elizabeth Ramos to the Ethics Review Board.

Mayor Fugate commented that the way he understood the motion was that the commission is going to take it separately.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that his motion was to strike her name from those five.

Commissioner Lopez asked what he is afraid of.

Mayor Fugate asked for order from the commission.

Ms. Alvarez stated that staff is trying to make sure what the amendment is, if they would like to strike the one and move forward with the four.

Mayor Fugate suggested that a vote be taken on her by herself. The motion is to take all five of them and Commissioner Hinojosa amended the motion to strike her but instead of striking her it may be better to take all the other four and vote for them then take her separately and take a vote for her.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that, that was not his motion.

Ms. Alvarez suggested that the commission withdraw the motions and do each nominee individually.

Mrs. Valenzuela asked if the commissioners who had made a motion would like to have them withdrawn.

Mayor Fugate responded that all motions made are withdrawn and the vote will be taken individually.

Commissioner Lopez asked Ms. Alvarez, that since this was her nomination, does she get to do another nomination now so that it may be voted on.

Ms. Alvarez responded that it is not listed so the commission would need to have another meeting for Commissioner Lopez to submit another nomination. The only item before the commission tonight is to confirm the five nominees.

Commissioner Lopez commented that she already has someone else, as she knew this was going to happen.

Mrs. Valenzuela asked the commission, that when they make their motion to also make it with the name of the individual, as she does not have the names of the nominees at this time.

Ms. Alvarez stated that the first nomination is for Mr. Clint Zimmerman.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Mr. Clint Zimmerman to the City of Kingsville Ethics Review Board, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

Ms. Alvarez stated that the second nomination is for Mrs. Carola Serrato.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve Mrs. Carola Serrato to the City of Kingsville Ethics Review Board, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

Ms. Alvarez stated that the third nomination is for Michelle Carrales.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve Ms. Michelle Carrales to the City of Kingsville Ethics Review Board, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".

Ms. Alvarez stated that the fourth nomination is for Ms. Frances Garcia.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Ms. Frances Garcia to the City of Kingsville Ethics Review Board seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR".

Ms. Alvarez stated that the fifth nomination is for Mrs. Elizabeth Ramos.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Mrs. Elizabeth Ramos to the City of Kingsville Ethics Review Board, seconded by Mayor Fugate.

Commissioner Lopez stated that now that the commission knows what is going to happen with this nomination, that she would like to let the citizens know that the city is going to be in a major violation as the commission has not approved and there are so many ethics complaints and the commission has not approved within the 90 days or answered the complaints. She further commented that this is just putting it off to another meeting. She stated that the city is in violation.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that he was not aware that there were that many complaints and asked how Commissioner Lopez know about the complaints and the rest of the commission does not.

Ms. Alvarez stated that at the last meeting, when Commissioner Hinojosa was absent from that meeting, the question was asked how many complaints had been received and it was stated that she had received three packets. One had already timed out, the second one timed out before this meeting, and the third one is still within 90 days.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that it can get started with four. Does it need all five members before they can get start in meeting.

Ms. Alvarez responded that three members is sufficient to start, because if a complaint involved a member of the commission, then whoever you appoint could not sit on that complaint.

Commissioner Lopez asked if Ms. Alvarez was going to start them ASAP, as the commission has waited long enough for this.

Ms. Alvarez responded yes, that would be the hope and the intent.

Commissioner Alarcon stated that he had prepared a statement and stated that he could not support Commissioner Edna Lopez recommendation of Elizabeth Ramos. For the integrity of the Ethics Review Board and the interest in maintaining public confidence, I can not support this woman. In my view Mrs. Ramos has repeatedly engaged in public conduct of several public jurisdictions within Kleberg County that raises concerns about the level of professionalism and impartiality expected of a member serving on the Ethics Review Board. Additionally, there has been public post that single out appointed staff and elected officials, mocking them, questioning their character, and advocating their removal from office. Such a pattern of adversarial engagement is inconsistent with the standards of fairness, doctrine, and impartiality that are essential for a body tasked with reviewing ethical matters involving public officials and staff. Furthermore, it is worth noting that the city commission election held on May 4, 2024, voters of Kingsville declined to elect Mrs. Ramos to the commission by a margin of 71.29%. While all citizens have the right to participate in civic discourse, the Ethics Review Board must be composed of individuals whose conduct demonstrates the temperament and neutrality necessary for fairly review ethical matters, for this reason I could not vote for her.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked Ms. Alvarez that as this is such an important committee, why have we not nominated this committee before.

Ms. Alvarez responded that we had not received any complaints and the individuals are capped on how many terms they can serve on the Board.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that now that someone has filed a complaint, this is why we are brining it now.

Ms. Alvarez responded that this is why she brought it up in December, yes.

Commissioner Lopez commented that this had been put off for several meetings which is why we are behind.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that there were reasons for putting it off.

In the middle of taking a roll-call vote, Commissioner Alvarez commented that the Ethics Committee must represent the highest standard of integrity and public trust in our community. While I appreciate anyone that is willing to serve, I believe that a members should have a strong record of collaboration and integrity within the community. Unfortunately based on the nominees history on conflicts with multiple municipal public bodies, I do not believe this appointment would strengthen public confidence in that committee. Alvarez further stated that she has copies where she was asking people if they wanted to pay her to come before to say things negative things about the commission and if they wanted to say positive, she would charge more money. Alvarez stated that this is very unethical, therefore she will be having to vote no.

The motion FAILED by the following vote: Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR". Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon voting "AGAINST".

26. Discuss and consider accepting donation of planters for the Tourism Building. (Commissioner Lopez).

Commissioner Lopez stated that last week Mrs. Elizabeth Ramos and other volunteers went out to the Tourism Office and picked up trash, clean windows, and cleaned the door.

She stated that while they were doing that, she received a call that Flores Imports from Riviera had stopped by to donate some pottery. Lopez further thanked Elizabeth Ramos and everyone who assisted with the cleanup.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the donation of planters for the Tourism Building, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez.

Commissioner Alarcon stated that after all those pictures that were posted by Mrs. Ramos, the city staff had gone by there, but it has been so windy and the maintenance department went the next day as they couldn't pickup all the trash and everything is dead as we have not had any rain. He further stated that all those pictures that she posted, she had just come from the 10th Floor of Thirteenth Court of Appeals and was talking to a city staff person there. Then she directly went to the Visitor's Center to take pictures and posted and it made the city look bad. He further stated that staff did go over and cleaned up.

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

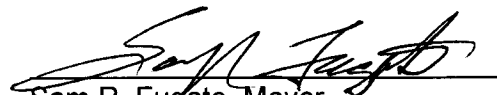
27. Discuss and consider the duties of the City Manager/Purchasing Manager. (Mayor Fugate).

Mayor Fugate commented that this item will not be addressed tonight.

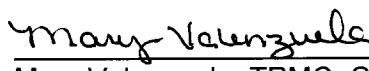
No discussion or action taken.

VI. Adjournment.

As there was no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary