

City of Kingsville, Texas

AGENDA CITY COMMISSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING

CITY HALL

HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM

400 WEST KING AVENUE

5:00 P.M. – Special Meeting

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I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

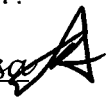
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Regular Meeting –July 27, 2026

Regular Meeting –August 10, 2026

Special Meeting –August 11, 2026

APPROVED BY:

Charlie Sosa 
Charlie Sosa
City Manager

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

1. Public Hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget for the City of Kingsville, Texas. (Finance Director).
2. Public Hearing on a *proposed* tax rate decrease from \$.76918 to \$.77777 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 with \$.77777 being an increase in the no new revenue rate of \$.71665; the vote on the tax rate will be on September 14, 2026, at 5pm in the Helen Kleberg Groves Community Room, City Hall, 400 W. King, Kingsville, Texas. (Finance Director).

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, 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." **The vote on the budget & tax rate will**

be held at 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2026 at City Hall in the Helen Kleberg Groves Community Room, 400 W. King Avenue, Kingsville, Texas 78363.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

V.

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commission Member in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ORDINANCES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(At this point the Commission will vote on all motions, resolutions, and ordinances not removed for individual consideration)

1. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to appropriate funding for the Hurricane Beryl Grant #4798 (HMGP) awarded for the purchase of a replacement generator for Fire Station 2. (Fire Chief).
2. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance ratifying classifications and prescribing the number of positions in such classifications for the classified service in the Fire Department by adding one new civil service position. (Human Resources Director).

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

3. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville. (City Manager).
4. Discuss and consider City participation in Kingsville Art Walk to be held on September 18, 2026 from 5pm-9pm in Downtown Kingsville. (Interim Tourism Director).
5. Discuss and consider the introduction of an ordinance adopting the City Manager's budget, as amended, of the City of Kingsville, Texas, and appropriating funds for the fiscal year beginning October 01, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, in the particulars hereinafter stated. (Finance Director).
6. Discuss and consider the introduction of an ordinance establishing and adopting the ad valorem tax rate for all taxable property within the City of Kingsville, Texas for fiscal year beginning October 01, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, distributing the tax levy among the various funds, and providing for a lien on real and personal property to secure the payment of taxes assessed. (Finance Director).

7. Consider taking no action to approve the budget until the City Commission meeting to be held on Monday, September 14, 2026. (Finance Director).
8. Discuss and consider introduction of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter III, Article 7, Personnel Policies and approving the Classification and Compensation Plan reflected in the FY26-27 Budget. (Human Resource Director).
9. Discuss and consider the introduction of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances Chapter V, Article 2, Sewers, Section 2-User Classifications, Schedule of Charges; providing for an increase in sewer rates. (Finance Director).
10. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Kleberg County the City of Kingsville for the L.E. Ramey Golf Course and surrounding property. (to return the golf course and surrounding property to Kleberg County). (City Manager).
11. Discuss and consider approving a resolution terminating the Concession Agreement between Kleberg County and the City of Kingsville for the L.E. Ramey Golf Course and surrounding property effective October 1, 2026. (City Manager).
12. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with between Kleberg County and the City of Kingsville for the Parks within the city limits. (to return the east side of Dick Kleberg Park from the south end of the JK Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields to Kleberg County). (City Manager).
13. Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, the Personnel Exception, the City Commission shall convene in Executive Session to deliberate the evaluation and duties of the City Manager. (Commissioner Alvarez).
14. Discuss and consider setting goals for the City Manager. (Commissioner Alvarez).

VII. Adjournment.

1. No person's comments shall exceed 5 minutes. Cannot be extended by Commission.
2. No person's comments shall exceed 5 minutes without permission of majority of Commission.
3. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. May be extended or permitted at other times in the meeting only with 5 affirmative Commission votes. The speaker must identify himself by name and address.
4. Items being considered by the Commission for action except citizen's comments to the Mayor and Commission, no comment at this point without 5 affirmative votes of the Commission.

NOTICE

This City of Kingsville and Commission Chambers are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 361/595-8002 or FAX 361/595-8024 or E-Mail mvalenzuela@cityofkingsville.com for further information. Braille Is Not Available. The City Commission reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551-071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551-072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551-073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551-074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551-086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters), and 551-087 (Economic Development).

I, the undersigned authority do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, City of Kingsville, 400 West King Avenue, Kingsville, Texas, a place convenient

and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said Notice was posted on the following date and time:

August 31, 2026, at 3:45 P.M. and remained so posted continuously for at least three business days proceeding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Mary Valenzuela 

Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, City Secretary
City of Kingsville, Texas

This public notice was removed from the official posting board at the Kingsville City Hall on the following date and time: _____

By: _____
City Secretary's Office
City of Kingsville, Texas

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

July 27, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 27, 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
Kyle Benson, IT Director
Derek Williams, Systems Administrator
Susan Ivy, Parks Director
Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager
Charlie Cardenas, Engineer
Emilio Garcia, Health Director
John Blair, Police Chief
J.J. Adame, Fire Chief
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Rebecca Duke, Interim Tourism Director
Manny Salazar, Economic Development & Interim Planning Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
James Creek, Fire Captain
Deborah Balli, Finance Director

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with four commission members present. Mayor Fugate was absent from the meeting.

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.

4:00 P.M.-WORKSHOP:

City Commissioners: Visioning Meeting (Phase 1)

Brief elected-official working session to confirm the planning “north star” (vision + guiding principles), surface priorities and constraints (including resiliency/risk considerations), and align on community messaging and engagement expectations for the process. (for Comprehensive Master Plan). (Planning and Development Services Director).

Mr. Manny Salazar, Planning and Development Services Director, stated that this presentation is part of the city’s comprehensive plan. This is part of a General Land Office (GLO) Grant for \$300,000 that the city obtained and has hired Halff & Associates to do the comprehensive plan for the city.

Mr. Julian Salas-Porras, Deputy Project Manager for Halff & Associates, gave a presentation to the city commission on the comprehensive plan regarding strengths and opportunities for

Kingsville. What is a comprehensive plan? A long-range policy document that guides future growth and development and sets the long-term vision for the community. It establishes policies for land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, and economic development. It also serves as a tool to coordinate resources and positions in the city to competitively pursue future funding and partnership opportunities. How is the comprehensive plan used by city staff and leadership? It guides updates to zoning ordinances and other regulatory documents. Identifies necessary policy and program changes to support community vision. It also informs future budgets and capital improvements. Why plan now? Kingsville was awarded funding through the Texas General Land Office Resilient Communities Program. Mr. Salas-Porras stated that the last comprehensive plan was adopted in 2008 since then there have been changes in population, socioeconomic environment, and development growth. Opportunity to engage with residents, stakeholders, business leaders, and city leadership to identify the vision needs and priorities of the community to be addressed in this plan. Better position Kingsville to be a community of choice through actionable strategies that will guide future decisions related to capital improvements, development patterns, and resiliency. Mr. Salas-Porras stated that the engagement plan includes meetings at key milestones with city leadership to provide insight into the community, review major deliverables, and formally adopt the final plan. Stakeholder meetings are for the city to identify stakeholders that represent the interests of the community as it relates to economic development and hazard resiliency. The engagement plan is to provide opportunities for residents to learn about the plan process, provide input on issues and opportunities, and review draft deliverables at key project milestones. The role of the city, as community leaders, will help ensure this plan is grounded in local priorities, responsive to community needs, and aligned with the city's long-term direction. The commission's role is to provide policy directions that help confirm the priorities, values, and long-term direction that should guide the plan. Local insight is to share your knowledge of Kingsville's strengths, challenges, opportunities, and community dynamics. Candid feedback is to identify sensitive topics, emerging issues, and key concerns the plan should address thoughtfully. Support for public engagement helps build awareness of the planning process and encourages meaningful public participation. What are the major planning tasks? The comprehensive plan advances through four coordinated planning tasks that together shape how Kingsville grows, moves, invests downtown, and regulates land use. The four planning tasks are the future land use plan, the downtown area study, the thoroughfare plan, and the code assessment.

Ms. Ylida Capriccioso, Project Manager at Halff & Associates, discussed the goals for Kingsville's comprehensive plan with the commission. One of the big components that they are aiming for is to update the land use map. The land use map is where the growth happens, what type of growth occurs, residential, commercial, and industrial. We need to think about where you would want Kingsville to be in the next twenty years. Ms. Capriccioso asked the commission what their vision and goals for Kingsville are, and what the key objectives or big dreams are for this plan? What must this plan achieve to ensure that Kingsville is resilient, stronger, and better prepared for future challenges in 10 to 20 years? What do you want Kingsville to become?

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he would like to see more entertainment for both the older and younger community members to keep them from going to Corpus Christi for entertainment.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that a request from the community is a movie theatre.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that what she would like is downtown living, a 55+ apartment complex or condominiums. She would also like a downtown restaurant. She would also like to see a downtown park.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that she would like to see more retail coming into Kingsville.

Commissioner Alarcon stated that the citizens would like updated park amenities with turf fields. This would allow for more tournaments that will fill the local hotels with visitors. He would also like

to see more businesses near and around the university for the students. Alarcon would like to see more lighting and landscaping in Kingsville.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he would like to see more residential communities.

Ms. Capriccioso recapped the commissioner's wishes for the future of Kingsville. She stated that she would like to know from the commission the strengths, weaknesses, and threats to Kingsville. She further stated to consider people and culture as well as institutions such as TAMUK, NAS Kingsville, and King Ranch, as well as industries and employers, location and natural assets, and civic identity and quality of life.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that Kingsville has an excellent Fire and Police Department. Both Firefighters and Police Officers are highly trained. Crime is not high in Kingsville. Kingsville has a good relationship with NAS Kingsville, TAMUK, and King Ranch.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that Kingsville has a good relationship with the school district and the county. This has happened in the last few years as there has been a shift on that.

Mr. Sosa commented that Kingsville has a good supply of water.

Ms. Capriccioso asked what the weaknesses and challenges are that Kingsville faces.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that one weakness is expanding Kingsville, as it is hard to expand to the North because of Celanese. Hard to expand to the east because of the Naval Base, and to the west you have the King Ranch, and the city is unable to expand to the south. He stated that maybe the existing neighborhoods would need to be revitalized.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that Kingsville does not have enough affordable housing.

Commissioner Alarcon stated that a weakness for Kingsville is that more businesses don't find it appealing to bring their businesses here.

Commissioner Lopez stated that senior living is very important for our community. Transportation is another thing that Kingsville is missing.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that some of the new businesses that open, everyone gets excited and goes, then they stop going and the businesses shut down.

Ms. Capriccioso asked about threats to Kingsville, things that can impact Kingsville negatively.

Commissioner Alvarez said that due to the economy, it is hard for families to feed themselves.

Commissioner Lopez stated that more food banks in Kingsville would assist families.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that there should be more participation in non-profit organizations. The fear that other cities would want to drill for water within the area.

Commissioner Lopez stated that wastewater plants reaching its capacity. She further stated that the extreme heat in Kingsville is also a threat to our community as it could harm our citizens who do not have ways to stay cool.

Commissioner Alvarez stated that she is involved with an organization that is thinking about giving small air conditioning units rather than fans.

Ms. Capriccioso stated that she has gathered some great information from the city commission and thanked them for their feedback.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Regular Meeting –July 13, 2026

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the minutes of July 13, 2026, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez voting “FOR”.

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

1. Public Hearing to seek community input on the application to Texas Parks and Wildlife to redevelop the playground and amenities at Brookshire #1 Park. (Parks Director).

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez read and opened this public hearing at 5:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez further announced that this is a public hearing. If anyone would like to speak about this item, they may do so now with a five-minute time limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Mrs. Susan Ivy, Parks Director, stated that her department is working on a grant to Texas Parks and Wildlife that will go in next week for improvements to Brookshire No. 1 Park. We have solicited partnerships with tentative approval by city commission, Kleberg County who approved a match at their last meeting. There is a \$20,000 commitment from the BC&Addy Brookshire Foundation and a \$10,000 commitment from Keep Kingsville Beautiful. Some information about the park is that the land was donated to Kleberg County and through the city's interlocal agreement with the city, the city maintains this park. The land was donated to Kleberg County in May 1966 by the Kingsville Independent School District, with a small patch donated by the Brookshire Foundation. Park improvements began around 1970 when a new playground was installed with some amenities and a basketball court in 2006. Because of the age of those things, the covered picnic tables had to be removed due to age and becoming unsafe as well as the playground which had some unsafe conditions and was about 20 years old. The only thing left is some concrete pads with a basketball court and a couple of swing sets which need to be replaced as well and will come out with the approval of this project. Mrs. Ivy stated that the parking lot is in disrepair with little to no lighting. Mrs. Ivy displayed a photo of the playground unit that is a main piece to this grant. This is not a big grant for this park, but the park does need to be addressed as it serves enough people within the neighborhood. She stated that the playground company has submitted a quote to do a turnkey job to install the equipment at \$181,287.33. Additional amenities that would go in such as grills, tables, and trash receptacles, etc.. Mrs. Ivy stated that keeping it simple makes it easier for the department to get the funding that is needed to do the whole project. The budget for the application is for playground installation at \$181,000; TDLR required at \$20,000 for sidewalks and parking areas. She stated that this is not a part of the funding of the grant, but is part of the project, so additional funding will be needed, which has been secured. Picnic tables are budgeted at \$20,000; shade trees and irrigation are at \$10,000; required signage by Texas Parks and Wildlife and the rain garden at \$6,100. The total project is for \$220,000 through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant plus the additional \$20,000 from TDLR. The purpose funding is the grant project at \$220,000 plus the TDLR for \$20,000 for total of \$240,000. This will provide for Texas Parks and Wildlife funding, if approved. Mrs. Ivy stated that they will announce in January 2027 the \$110,000. The city is budgeting \$60,000 in the FY 26-27 budget, Brookshire Foundation is donating \$20,000, Kleberg County committed \$20,000, Keep Kingsville Beautiful for \$10,000, and one pending request to another company for \$20,000 to which we have not heard a response back at this time. Ivy stated that the city will have to cover that commitment so that if it doesn't get funded, we still have time to find funding. This project

is for a park that is located behind the Gillett School at the corner of Brookshire Street and 17th Street. Ivy stated that doing these types of projects benefits the community as a whole, especially the children. It gives them a safe place to play and be outside.

Commissioner Lopez asked if the park equipment will have swings for handicap children.

Mrs. Ivy responded that it will provide handicap swings as well as toddler swings.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if the \$240,000 if all funds have been committed. Mrs. Ivy stated that the City of Kingsville, Brookshire Foundation, Keep Kingsville Beautiful, and Kleberg County funds have been committed. Staff is still awaiting one from other company to respond.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lopez closed this public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.²

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Mr. Charlie Sosa, City Manager, gave an update on street projects. Mr. Sosa further announced the upcoming budget workshop dates.

Commissioner Lopez asked about the community involvement meeting regarding the city's budget.

Mrs. Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary, responded that a date has been set, but still needs to be advertised, for August 25, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Helen Kleberg Community Room.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, reported that the next city commission meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2026.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if the Appraisal District had submitted the certified tax roll. Mr. Sosa responded that staff has a scheduled meeting with the Tax Assessor on Tuesday morning.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

Erik Spitzer, 729 Carmen Dr., Sandia, TX commented that months continue to pass without any action or movement on several city issues. The City Manager, the highest paid employee in the city, to his knowledge, continues to be employed while violating his

contract. He has not proved that he resides in the City of Kingsville and has never submitted a performance criterion for city commission approval and is the subject of numerous ethics complaints. Spitzer further commented that if there is any information out there, you may want to publish it publicly but doubt you have it. Did he get that raise this spring? Speaking of ethics complaints, this city is now over eight months of non-compliance. Five months without holding an Ethics Review Board meeting, a requirement within the City of Kingsville ordinances. But this is nothing new as the city picks and chooses which ordinances to enforce which contracts to enforce or call purely administrative and looks the other way when city money is used to fund electrical equipment on private property for downtown lights. The question for City of Kingsville residents, why should you be required to follow city ordinances when city staff and commissioners are not. Perhaps its time to contact your city commissioner and start asking hard questions as to why they aren't following their own rules. Why won't the Mayor go to the Texas Attorney General and do the right thing. When a city can't govern itself, it's time to go higher. But will he, doubtful. It is really sad when you have only one commissioner out of five that raises concerns about how terrible the city is being run and questions the city manager constantly about his illegal actions and false statements. Speaking of leadership or lack thereof, you all told the residents after the recall attempt that you would amend the city charter via special delegation because the wording needed clarification, will you ever amend it to fulfill statement you made to the public. And how goes this alleged balance budget for this year. Where is the additional \$300,000 in revenues the city manager added last year to the Planning Department despite the concern I aired last year that such a lofty goal would never happen. You could ask the current Planning Director but I am quite sure he has no idea what the financial situation is there. Great job city. Get rid of all the competent staff and fill those positions with folks that can't measure up. And beware to anyone that questions the legality of the city manager's actions. He will just fire you because he knows he can get away with it with the help of the HR Director. Residents of Kingsville be ashamed of most of your city commissioners and many staff. You deserve better, but I don't see it ever happening.

Mrs. Vicky Benys, 1914 Martin, commented that the 81's Heroes Golf Tournament has been scheduled for September 12, 2026. She appreciates that all the golf carts have been fixed. When the church tournament was set for May 9th, some golf carts were down, and carts had to be borrowed from others. This year they were able to find carts in Corpus Christi, but we will still need to have carts coming in. Last year golf carts had to be brought in from San Antonio but this year they will be coming from Corpus Christi and the Valley. This year the tournament will cap out at 34 teams this year. Mrs. Benys further thanked Mrs. Susan Ivy and her staff for their hard work. Mrs. Benys further stated that one other thing she liked to mention which she heard at the last city commission meeting was when the city commission voted for the raises for the Kingsville Police Officers. When the item went through discussion there was a comment that was made, and she is aware that in negotiations you are suppose to give and get, but does it always have to be that way. Benys stated that she was listening online and it kind of put a sword in her heart when she heard the comment, but what did we get back? Benys further commented, does it always have to be that way? She further stated let me tell you all what you get back. Every time you think about what you get back, think of the ones who risk their lives every single day to go out there, not knowing if they will return or not. The ones that get massacred in the streets, that bleed out in your city streets, that's what you get back. Benys further stated that she is speaking about all first responders and she would like for the commission to know that, that made her feel uncomfortable. It really hurt her feelings and she felt that she needed to put her two cents in.

Lisa Bockholt, 1411 E. FM 1717, commented that she would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the Director of Animal Control Emilio Garcia and his staff. They have really up their game in many levels and have gone above and beyond with transportation of puppies that were tagged by a rescue and promoting a community wide a trap neuter release for the stray cats. She further stated that the remarks she is about to make are in

no way a reflection on them as they are doing a fabulous job. Bockholt further commented what if we start stop using the excuse there is no money in the budget and started finding ways to fix our community stray pet problem. What if every family considering surrendering a pet was first connected to resources that helped them keep the pet at home. What if vet care, vaccines, preventive care, spay/neuter was affordable and accessible because our city commission invested in them. What if backyard breeding was effectively regulated and enforced through an implementation of a spay/neuter breeding ordinance thereby serving to reduce the numbers of unwanted litters roaming our city streets and entering our shelter. What if our animal control facility developed and maintained and managed a foster recruitment program and a database. Every shelter animal would have a fostered home reducing stress, improving health and freeing kennels and increasing adoptability and saving taxpayer dollars. What if we starting asking how do we create fewer animals that need shelter in the first place. What if we measure success by fewer homeless animals and not by how many animals entered or exited the shelter. What if we invested in pet retention behavior support affordable care and community resources before families in our community reach a breaking point. If we created community wide culture where spay/neuter became normal, expected and understood. What if the City of Kingsville invested more in prevention and education then in managing the consequences of the over population. Without stronger city ordinances greater accountability, affordable access to vet care, widespread spay/neuter and rescue oversight responsible ownership and meaningful support for families, we are going to continue treating the systems instead of the cause. The solution is building stronger communities for fewer animals to ever the need the shelter in the first place which means supporting prevention before the animals end up on the streets. We are never going to adopt or rescue our way out of a system that keeps creating animals in need of adoption or rescue. We need to stop making excuses and start focusing on prevention, accountability, and community education. The budget process is where it begins and you have a responsibility and as Nike would say, just do it.

Jeannette Price commented that the she would like to invite all to the Douglas Youth Center Project One Million 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, August 1st. Registration is online at the Douglas Youth Center Facebook page. Mayor Fugate is the Grand Marshal, and the Superintendent of Ricardo ISD. The kickoff begins at 8:00 a.m., with registration at 7:30 a.m. for those who did not register online.

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Consent Agenda

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

1. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by granting a Special Use Permit to place a mobile home in AG (Agricultural) District at 2725 E. Corral, Kingsville, TX. also known as Ernesto Perez Addn, Lot 1, on a 1.00

acre tract (Property ID 53987); amending the comprehensive plan to account for any deviations from the existing comprehensive plan. (Planning and Development Services Director).

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

2. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the 1PointFive First Responder Donation Program for grant funds for first responder equipment, gear, and training for the Kingsville Fire Department; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such grant program. (no cash match). (Fire Chief).

Mr. James Creek stated that the Kingsville Fire Department requests permission to apply to 1PointFive to be considered for their First Responder Donation Program. 1PointFive is committed to supporting First Responders in the communities where they establish operations. The 1PointFive First Responder Donations Program offers funding opportunities for first responder agencies. This funding will be used for the purchase of essential emergency training equipment. Securing these funds will allow the Kingsville Fire Department to enhance response capabilities with up-to-date equipment, enhance safety capabilities for the Firefighters, and continue delivering high-quality service to residents and visitors. Mr. Creek stated that there is no matching funds required to apply for this program.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the 1PointFive First Responder Donation Program for grant funds for first responder equipment, gear, and training for the Kingsville Fire Department; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such grant program. (no cash match), seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Lopez voting "FOR".

3. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Kingsville, Texas and the City of Georgetown, Texas for cooperative purchasing. (Purchasing Manager).

Deborah Balli, Finance Director, stated that this agreement establishes a cooperative procurement framework enabling both entities to share competitive bid contracts, procurement process, and vendor pricing. Balli further stated that this is similar to the BuyBoard.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Kingsville, Texas and the City of Georgetown, Texas for cooperative purchasing, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez voting "FOR".

4. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Hosted Software and Services Agreement between the City of Kingsville and H2O Analytics Corporation. (Purchasing Manager).

Mrs. Balli stated that this is for a Hosted Software and Services Agreement including Schedule A-1 and Schedule B-1, between the City and H2OAnalytics Corporation. This agreement establishes access to the H2O Analytics Network, a specialized software platform designed to consolidate municipal data to provide real-time visibility into water loss, improve billing accuracy, and strengthen field operations.

Mr. Sosa stated that this software will allow water customers to view their water usage on real time. They will also be able to detect if they have a water leak.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Hosted Software and Services Agreement between the City of Kingsville and H2O Analytics Corporation, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Alvarez, Lopez voting "FOR".

5. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Master Service Agreement and Exhibits between the City of Kingsville and InfoSend, Inc.. (Purchasing Manager).

Mrs. Balli stated that staff took a look at the cost of doing our inhouse billing for utility billing. Staff attended several conferences and got information on third-party billers, which they took a look at. Staff decided that the InfoSend proposal that staff received would make some cost savings for the city. The cost that will be incurred for a third-party biller would be covered by the lease equipment contracts that are coming up for renewal and would save money on a position in the Collections Department, with cost savings in all the supplies that are required for billing. There will be bigger savings than our current costs are going to be from the third-party biller.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Master Service Agreement and Exhibits between the City of Kingsville and InfoSend, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Alvarez.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez asked if what Mrs. Balli stated that the city would be doing away with a position, and further asked if the position was filled.

Mrs. Balli responded that currently we have three windows with people that are staffed at the window and there will be a cost savings to the utility fund because we can do away completely with that position or we can make a movement internally. Balli further commented that it would be a cost savings to the utility fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez asked if the water billing dates would remain the same.

Mrs. Balli stated that the city wouldn't have to bill out four times a month. It will be sent with one file for the entire city so we will only have one or two billings, depending what InfoSend would like to do. This will cut down on the continuous billing that we would have to do and they can get it in one file or two.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if someone would lose their job.

Mrs. Balli responded that staff is still in discussion during budget on what we will be doing with that position, but it will definitely be a savings to the utility fund.

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

6. Discuss and consider approving matching funds for Texas Parks and Wildlife Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant for improvements to Brookshire Park #1. (Parks Director).

Mrs. Ivy stated that this is a formal commitment for the application that was discussed earlier. The grant requires that the city provide commitment for all of the match and then the commitments offset that. The request is for the city to commit and approve matching funds up to \$120,000 for the application for improvements to Brookshire No. 1 Park.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve matching funds for Texas Parks and Wildlife Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant for improvements to Brookshire Park No. 1, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that at a previous city commission meeting the commission approved a resolution for this, and if she is reading the resolution correctly, the resolution read as follows: Whereas, the city certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time, 50% would be a city match of \$110,000. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that the commission has already approved that resolution, but we didn't have the money yet. She further asked why the commission was not told that the city didn't have the money yet but the resolution says we did, which is very deceiving and she is not sure if that is legal. Because this resolution, when it is turned in it will say that we signed it back then and we didn't have the money for that. Just now we are getting the money and we still don't have the money for it. Lopez commented that it is not that she is against it as it is needed, but we have to do things right, because we will get in trouble.

Mrs. Ivy commented that as she understands this, this would be part of the contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife/National Fish and Wildlife Service. That contract would not be signed until the application is approved which will not be until January. The contract would not be signed until after that has been processed to National Fish and Wildlife which would be later in the Spring and all of our commitments would be in by then.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that this is not what her question was, her question is that we approved a resolution stating, certifying, saying that the city certifies that we had the money already and we didn't have the money. Lopez stated that this is where concern is. We did not have the monies available, just now staff is working on that. So why did the commission get a resolution stating that the city certifies that the matching funds are there when we didn't have it. This will be dated on that day. She stated that this is her concern and what she would like to see from now on is for staff to add the funding source to the resolutions so we can make sure that we have the funds. We can get into some legal problems with this as there were no funds there when the commission approved this.

Mrs. Ivy commented that the wording would probably need to be checked as she knows that this resolution it is required to be approved by our governing body a certain period of time before the application goes in. She honestly does believe that it refers to at the time of the contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that when a resolution is signed, it becomes a legal document and recorded in the City Secretary's office. Lopez further commented that with us doing this before having the funds and saying that we certified it the city can get into a lot of trouble with that. Lopez stated that next time, she would like to see the funding information listed on the resolution so that we can make sure. She stated that she is not against this project, it's just the way things were done.

Mr. Sosa stated that the city doesn't even know if we will get the grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez commented that this is beside the point.

Mrs. Ivy stated that the resolution, the Texas Parks and Wildlife has a template that is part of their application package.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated that we don't follow a template as our resolution states that the city certifies.

Mrs. Ivy stated that they recommend that you do follow their template which merely states that we assure that the matching funds are available and that is their wording.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez commented that the city didn't have them available, but yet we signed this which is not correct. Lopez stated that she would like to put that on record, that this was not correct as we did not have the funding but yet the resolution says that we certify that we had the funding. Lopez stated that she does not want anyone to get in trouble or the commission to get into trouble as the commission voted for this and the commission wasn't told this. She stated it could be the commission's fault as well as the commission did not ask about that either.

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

7. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #7 to the Construction Contract with Donald Hubert Construction Co. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-082-016-D218 Project 1: 14th Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. (Loop 428 Lift Station). (City Engineer).

Mr. Charlie Cardenas, Engineer, stated that this item is for Change Order No. 7 for the General Land Office Community Block Grant Mitigation Contract No. 22-082-016-D218. Change Order 7 is to increase the contract time by 14 calendar days and for a net decrease of the contract amount by \$4,517.39.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #7 to the Construction Contract with Donald Hubert Construction Co. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-082-016-D218 Project 1: 14th Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. (Loop 428 Lift Station), seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Alvarez, Lopez voting "FOR".

8. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Kingsville, Texas and the Kingsville Professional Firefighter's Association, International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #2390 for Fiscal Years 2026-2029. (Human Resources Director).

Mrs. Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director, stated that the current one (2) year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Kingsville (City) and the Kingsville Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local IAFF 2390 (KPFFA) is set to expire on September 30, 2026. The City and KPFFA met to negotiate certain items as mandated by the Texas Local Government Code for entities which have voted in collective bargaining. Meetings were conducted, and a tentative agreement between the City and KPFFA was reached. On July 13, 2026, the City was notified by KPFFA President Loudon that

members voted to approve the tentatively agreed-upon proposals. Below is a summary of articles with proposed changes.

Article#	Article Name	Proposed Changes
3	Duration	3-year agreement: FY26/27, FY27/28, FY28/29
17	Compensatory Time	Clarification
18	Alternate Hire Process	Remove the 2-year experience requirement. No change to certification requirements.
25	Holidays	Year 2: Add ability to sell one (1) more Holiday at straight pay
26	Vacation	Addition of separation pay ineligibility for individuals with less than 60 months of service
27	Sick Leave	Addition of separation pay ineligibility for individuals with less than 60 months of service
		Appendix A - Wage Schedule - Addition of Step 5 on wage schedule for personnel with 10+ years in current position
32	Wages	Add Assistant Fire Chief assignment pay of \$12,000 annually
		Increase for personnel with 1+ years of service: Year 1 = 3% Year 2 = 2.5% Year 3 = 3%
33	Education and Certification Pay	Appendix B - Certification Pay Incentives - Increase non-ranking Paramedic cert by \$75 monthly: \$425 to \$500
34	Longevity	Year 1: No Change Year 2: Increase from \$6 to \$8 per month per year of service Year 3: Increase from \$8 to \$9 per month per year of service

The financial impact for approximate additional costs based on previous year's totals is:

	Wages	Fringe	Total including Fringe
Year 1 - FY26/27	\$ 123,916	\$ 23,544	\$ 147,460
Year 2 - FY27/28	\$ 131,571	\$ 24,999	\$ 156,570
Year 3 - FY28/29	\$ 143,485	\$ 27,262	\$ 170,747

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he would like to see the Finance Director be part of the negotiation team.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Kingsville, Texas and the Kingsville Professional Firefighter's Association, International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #2390 for Fiscal Years 2026-2029, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez and Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Lopez voting "FOR".

9. Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney Exception, the City Commission shall convene in executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding participation in the National PFAS Phase 2 Settlement Program and related matters for preservation of all rights available under the court-approved PFAS settlements. (City Attorney).

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez convened the meeting into closed session at 5:53 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez reconvened the meeting into open session at 6:03 p.m.

10. Discussion and take action regarding approval of legal services agreement to assist City to participate in the National PFAS Phase 2 Settlement Program, review of eligibility status, authorization to collect and submit required system information, and preservation of all rights available under the court-approved PFAS settlements before the July 31, 2026 deadline. (City Attorney).

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the legal services agreement to assist City to participate in the National PFAS Phase 2 Settlement Program, review of eligibility status, authorization to collect and submit required system information, and preservation of all rights available under the court-approved PFAS settlements before the July 31, 2026 deadline, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez voting "FOR".

11. Workshop: Discussion on proposed Fiscal Year 26-27 employee Health Insurance, Compensation Plan, TMRS. (City Manager).

Mrs. Gonzales gave a PowerPoint presentation for this item. For the employee population for Fiscal Year 26-27, there are 289 full-time employees; 12 part-time employees at 29 hours per week; 8 part-time employees at 19 hours per week; 30 temporary seasonals for a total of 338 employees for the city. Fiscal Year 26-27 classification & compensation plan design remains the same. The percentage between classes remains the same at 5%. The percentage between steps remains the same at 5%. The percentage between steps remains the same at 4%. Increase schedule by 3% COLA. Class 11 starting rate increases from \$15.45 to \$15.91. In the General Fund, we will eliminate the vacant Economic Development Manager position. Reclassify City Secretary from Class 25 to Class 31. Rename and reclassify Safety & Training Coordinator Class 16 to Risk Manager Class 25. Add one part-time, 19 hours, Help Desk Technician. In the Utility Fund, eliminate the vacant Capital Improvements Manager position and eliminate the vacant Customer Billing Specialist I & II. Within the Classification Plan, Steps 36 & 37 will be eliminated. In summary, job titles removed are Economic Development Manager, Capital Improvements Manager, Safety & Training Coordinator, Project Engineer, Customer Billing Specialist I and Customer Billing Specialist II. The only job title added is the Risk Manager position. Budgeted personnel costs are \$25,246,055 between all funds. In longevity, we will continue

longevity with a maximum of 25 years. The breakdown is non-civil service at \$5.00 per month per year of service; Police \$10 as per contract and Fire \$6 as per contract.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if the Economic Development Manager position was vacant. Mrs. Gonzales responded yes.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that he is happy to see Steps 36 & 37 removed from the compensation plan.

Mrs. Gonzales stated that within the Health Plan there is a 13% increase in United Health Care. The increase will be absorbed by the city. There is no change to the plan design and no change to existing employee premiums. Ms. Gonzales stated that this is the 3rd year with United Health Care. The city will be going out for RFP with Carlisle assisting with the proposal. In the employee supplemental benefits the city will provide Basic Life & AD&D insurance for full-time employees. Dental & Vision: these are employee-paid products. National Group Benefits recommends continuation of existing employee products with Dearborn National, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and AFLAC. There is no increase to any of the items listed: Short-term Disability; Long-term Disability; Cancer, Accident; Hospital Indemnity; Critical Illness; and Life term and whole life. The continuation of two additional retirement plans, Nationwide and MissionSquare. Additional benefits that will continue annual flex leave and annual birthday flex leave. Pending review is evaluation of safety incentive programs and evaluation of separation pay for sick and vacation.

VI. Adjournment.

As there was no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

AUGUST 10, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026, IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, AT 4:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor
Edna Lopez, Commissioner
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner
Leo Alarcon, Commissioner
Norma Alvarez, Commissioner (arrived at 4:12 p.m.)

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Charlie Sosa, City Manager
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Kyle Benson, IT Director
Derek Williams, Systems Administrator
Susan Ivy, Parks Director
Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager
Emilio Garcia, Health Director
John Blair, Police Chief
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Rebecca Duke, Interim Tourism Director
Manny Salazar, Economic Development & Interim Planning Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
James Creek, Fire Captain
Deborah Balli, Finance Director
Ella McMahan, Administrative Assistant I, Engineering

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with four commission members present. Commissioner Alvarez arrived at 4:12 p.m.

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.

4:00 P.M.-WORKSHOP:

Discussion on proposed Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget and funds for the City of Kingsville. (City Manager).

Mr. Sosa stated that during this budget workshop, the following funds will be presented: General Fund, Tourism Fund, Police State Seizure Fund; Law Officers Enforcement Fund; GO Debt Service Fund; Utility Fund Debt Service Fund; and Fee increases. Mr. Sosa moved forward with his presentation.

Fund Balance: Fund Balance is an accounting term that represents the difference between a fund's assets (what you own) and liabilities (what you owe). It represents the net cash after all revenues have been deposited and all expenses have been paid. For the City of Kingsville, there are two funds with required minimum 25% fund balances: General Fund 001 and Utility Fund 051. During the budget process, you will hear budget terms of EA (Estimated Actuals) and DR (Department Requested). EA Revenues represent the estimated amount that the city will collect/receive in the current FY (FY 25-26). EA Expenditures represent the estimated amount

the city will spend in the current FY (FY 25-26). DR & Revenues represent the anticipated amount of revenue the city will collect/receive in the next FY (FY 26-27). DR & Expenditures represent the anticipated amount of expenditure the city will spend in the next FY (FY 26-27). Fund Balance is calculated by taking the beginning fund balance, adding the revenues, and subtracting the expenditures. For those funds that have a minimum 25% fund balance, this amount is calculated by taking 25% of the expenditure. The calculated ending fund balance has to be equal to or greater than 25% of the expenditures. The ending fund balance percentage is calculated by taking the ending fund balance and dividing it by the total expenditures.

General Fund 001: Main operating fund used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for in another fund. Funded positions, Economic Development has been consolidated into Planning. Finance Administration is split funded with Utility Fund. Technology Services will receive a new part-time Help Desk for 19 hours per week. Fire will get two new Firefighters for the new Fire Station. Golf Course will be transferred back to Kleberg County.

The cost of the 3% COLA is as follows: General Fund - \$297,941.28; Tourism Fund - \$7,699.72; Utility Fund - \$72,523.90; Total Cost of 3% COLA - \$378,164.90. The General Fund amount does not include the COLA budgeted for non-commissioned Police Officers. Their COLA was included in their new hourly rate.

General Fund Audited Beginning Fund Balance FY 25-26 is \$7,686,340.76. Beginning fund balance FY 25-26 is \$7,686,340.76 with EA revenues at \$25,164,343.43 and EA expenditures at \$25,164,343.43, leaving an estimated ending fund balance for FY 25-26 of \$7,735,962.02. Beginning fund balance FY 26-27 at \$7,735,962.02 with DR revenues at \$26,769,769.32 and DR expenditures \$27,358,947.19 for an estimated fund balance for FY 26-27 at \$7,146,784.15.

Mr. Sosa stated that the Chief Appraiser supplied the certified tax roll last week, which is the reason why we are kind of behind on the budget together. Staff met with the Chief Appraiser last week, and we received the certified tax roll.

Tax Rate Information: The Chief Appraiser supplied the Certified Tax Values, and Finance worked with the Tax Collector to calculate the effective tax rate for the FY 26-27 budget. The following are the results from this information: 2026 Final Certified Estimate of Net Taxable Value - \$1,336,031,948 (includes \$129,358,463 under protest); 2026 Total Gross Values not under review \$1,669,844,973, which is \$170,753,452 more than 2025 Total Gross Values of \$1,499,091,521. 2026 Adjusted Taxable Value not under Review is \$1,206,673,485 which is \$160,075,948 more than 2025 Value of 1,046,597,537. The above information results in the tax rate calculation of: Current tax rate - \$.76918 No new revenue rate - \$.74140; Voter approved tax rate - \$.77778; Proposed tax rate - \$.77777; Proposed in the GF 001 budget - \$0.63150 (M&O Tax Rate) – M&O Revenue - \$8,164,450; Proposed in the GO Debt Service 011 budget - \$0.14627 (Debt Svc Tax Rate) – DS Revenue - \$1,938,940; Amounts budgeted represent 98% collection rate.

Revenues Budget Notable Changes: The Golf Course was transferred back to the County. 100 Ad Valorem Taxes – FY 26-27 budget was increased by \$470,520 due to the estimated increase in tax calculation. 200 Non-Property Taxes – FY 26-27 budget for sales tax revenues was increased by 5% due to the FY 25-26 current trend. 300 Permits/Licenses – Revenues in this category were adjusted due to the FY 25-26 current trend. 500 General Services – FY 26-27 budget includes lease purchase revenues for both police vehicles and GF vehicles. 750 Transfers In – The transfer in from the Utility Fund 051 was adjusted for inflation, and the catch-up from FY 25-26 was added. 900 Interest – Interest rates continue to decrease, and as grant and bond proceeds are spent, funds that earn interest decrease.

Revenues Status Information: Non-Department – Most of the revenues in this division are interfund transfers, and all transfers have not been completed at this time. 1600-Permits – The revenues have been posted through July, with 2 months remaining. EA's are expected to bring in \$35,541 per month, with \$71,000 on trend to come in, which is in line with budget expectations. 1700-Solid Waste – revenues in this division are normally \$228,000 per month. There is approx.

\$60,000 in Garbage revenues still to post for July and \$456,000 left to be received for August & September. 1800-Finance – This division houses the 2 largest sources of revenues. Revenues from Sales Tax currently only show 5 months of receipt due to the first two months having to be accrued back to the prior year. Property Taxes are only posted through June, with 3 months remaining. 2200-Fire – Revenues have been posted through June. Average month is \$74,000. 4500-Parks – Revenues from this division have not been turned in or posted into GL for most of their summer season, which ends at the end of September.

Expenditures Budget Notable Changes: The Golf Course was transferred back to the County. 10 Personnel Services: Overall, this category saw increases in health insurance premiums, a 3% COLA for non-civil service employees and Fire, a 4.5% COLA for non-commissioned police officers, 2 new Firefighter positions, 1 PT Help Desk position, and a split-funded position with UF for Division 6201. Savings were recognized due to the Economic Development division being consolidated into Planning: 30 Services, certain expenditures were reallocated to the Utility Fund that were being spent for those operations, such as utilities and software costs. The City also did not have to budget for an election in FY 26-27, saving \$55,000.

Commissioner Lopez asked what is going to happen to the employees at the Golf Course once the transfer is made back to Kleberg County.

Mr. Sosa responded that he has spoken with the County Judge and all the employees will transfer to the county, and they will be kept at the rate of pay they currently are with the city. Their health insurance will transfer from the city's insurance to the county insurance.

Commissioner Lopez stated that it doesn't make sense that the county does not have a compensation plan.

Mr. Sosa stated that if the city has some positions available, the Golf Course employees are more than welcome to apply for those city positions if they would like to continue with the city.

Commissioner Lopez asked if any of those employees are eligible for retirement.

Mr. Sosa responded that Golf Course employees are not eligible for retirement.

Commissioner Lopez asked if Mrs. Susan Ivy, Parks & Golf Course Director, would have fewer employees. Mr. Sosa responded yes.

Mr. Sosa continued with the budget presentation and stated that for 70 Capital Outlay, the City entered into a new capital lease to purchase 12 new vehicles for General Fund divisions and (5) police vehicles, which will also result in savings in vehicle maintenance costs.

General Fund 001 FY 26-27 Approved Supplementals:

**CITY OF KINGSVILLE
FY 26-27 PERSONNEL REQUESTS**

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
Fund 001 - General Fund			
1000- City Commission			
City Secretary Class Change from 25 to 31	Change	\$9,583	\$9,583
1100-Human Resources			
Change from Non-Exempt safety & Training Coordinator to Exempt Risk Manager	Change	\$19,274	\$19,274
1902-Information Technology			
PT Help Desk (19 hours) - Class 17 - Step 1	New	\$22,848	\$22,848
2200-Fire			
(2) Firefighters	New	\$307,225	\$152,172
Total General Fund 001 Approved Personnel Requests		\$358,930	\$203,877

**CITY OF KINGSVILLE
FY 26-27 EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
Fund 001 - General Fund			
1030- City Special			
Insurance-FF Retiree 001-5-1030-11602 FF Spec Conition Insurance	Permanent	\$6,000	\$6,000
1100-Human Resources			
CPR Training for all employees requested by CM 001-5-1100-22500-Educational Materials/Supplies	Permanent	\$5,000	\$5,000
1603-Code Compliance			
Postage for Certified Mailings 001-5-1603-31300-Postage & Freight	Permanent	\$2,000	\$2,000
Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
2101-Police Administration			
Cover Addit Mandated Psych Exam for Police Officer and Telecommunicator 001-5-2101-32500-Medical Treatment	Permanent	\$1,500	\$1,500
2103-Police-Communications			
Rental-Propane Tank for Generator at DKP at Radio Tower 001-5-2103-31800-Equipment Rental	Permanent	\$20	\$20
2104-Police CID			
CID Training-Three New Detectives and One Full-Time Evidence/Crime Scene Personel 001-5-2104-31600-Training & Travel	Permanent	\$5,000	\$2,500

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
2200-Fire			
Personal Protective Equipment & Complete Sets of Uniforms due to Rising Costs 001-5-2200-21200 Uniforms & PPE	Permanent	\$4,648	\$4,648
Medical Supplies-Due to Rising Costs 001-5-2200-22400-Medical Supplies	Permanent	\$5,830	\$5,830
House Bill 198-Cancer Screenings 001-5-2200-31400-Professional Services	Permanent	\$20,000	\$20,000
Paramedic Class-Tuition & Books 001-5-2200-31621-Training & Travel	Permanent	\$12,000	\$12,000
Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
3000-PW Admin			
Professional Memberships-PW Director 001-5-3000-31700-Membership & Dues	Permanent	\$300	\$300
Coffee and Water-Due to Increase in Costs 001-5-3000-31900-Catering	Permanent	\$500	\$500
Laundry-Due to Increase in Costs 001-5-3000-32400-Laundry	Permanent	\$600	\$600
3050-PW Street			
CDL Class & Training 001-5-3050-31600- Travel & Training	Permanent	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tractors, Scags, and Tampers 001-5-3050-41400- Equipment Maintenance	Permanent	\$300	\$300

Commissioner Lopez asked if anything was considered for the Telecommunication Operators, as they are having trouble keeping or bringing in new operators.

Mr. Sosa responded that staff will be meeting with the University tomorrow on a training program. This would create a Telecommunication Operator TCLOE-certified class. As they go through the training, they can receive some internship hours through the city. This will be proactive in trying to get more of the Telecommunication Operators to work with the Police Department. He stated that Kristen came down from Tyler, and she started the program in Tyler, TX, and was very successful in doing that. She is now here and is housed with Jeff West at the Training facility, where he spoke briefly about the program and brought it to Jeff's attention to move forward with that program. If the program is successful, we will be able to house and train.

Commissioner Lopez commented that it all sounds really good, but she knows that they are desperate for employees now.

Mr. Sosa stated that he understands, and it is a very stressful position, and not just anyone could do this type of job.

Commissioner Lopez stated that she would like the City Manager to look into this, as it is a very important position. She further stated that the idea with the university is a good idea, but it does take time to put all this together and they need help now.

Mayor Fugate asked if Texas A&M University-Kingsville had moved into the old McCoy's building. Mr. Sosa responded that they are in the process of making that move.

Ms. Alvarez commented that this will impact the city's budget as the McCoy's building will be pulled off the tax roll.

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
4400-Health			
TAMUK- Vet Tech Program 001-5-4400-31400 Professional Services	One-Time	\$40,000	\$40,000
4503-Parks Maintenance			
Brookshire Pool Grant Match 001-5-4503-59110 Brookshire Park- 1	One-Time	\$60,000	\$60,000
Total General Fund 001 Approved Expenditure Requests		\$166,698	\$164,198

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
General Fund - Fund 001			
1902-Technology Services			
Applicant Tracking Software Year 3 Agreement 001-5-1902-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$14,225	\$14,225
Technology Solution-LEAF/ Free it Data Solutions 001-5-1902-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$24,640	\$24,640
Overall Renewal Increase 001-5-1902-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$24,750	\$24,750
Firewalls & Antivirus Software Renewal 001-5-1902-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$14,400	\$14,400
Total General Fund - Fund 001 Approved IT Requests		\$78,015	\$78,015

**CITY OF KINGSVILLE
FY 26-27 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS**

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
Fund 001 - General Fund			
1603-Code Compliance			
Lease Veh 1-2026 Chevy 1500 Regular Cab 2WD W/5ft Bed/White 001-5-1603-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$38,619	\$43,619
Lease Veh 2-2026 Chevy 1500 Regular Cab 4WD W/5ft Bed/White 001-5-1603-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$43,619	\$48,619
1702-Sanitation			
Lease Veh 3-2026 Chevy 1500 Regular Cab 2WD W/5ft Bed/White Code Replace Unit #3001 001-5-1702-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$38,619	\$43,619
Lease Veh 4-2026 Chevy 1500 Regular Cab 2WD W/5ft Bed/White Code Replace Unit #3002 001-5-1702-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$38,619	\$43,619
1703-Landfill			
Lease Veh 5-2026 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab 4WD W/5ft Bed/White Code Replace Unit #9316 001-5-1703-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$48,619	\$53,619

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
3030-Garage			
Lease Veh 6-2026 Chevy 1500 Regular Cab 2WD W/5ft Bed/White Code Replace Unit #8001 001-5-3030-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$38,619	\$43,619
3050-Street			
Lease Veh 7-2026 Chevy 1500 Regular Cab 4WD W/5ft Bed/White Code Replace Unit #5102 001-5-3050-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$43,619	\$48,619
Lease Veh 8-2026 Chevy 1500 Regular Cab 4WD W/5ft Bed/White Code Replace Unit #7407 001-5-3050-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$48,619	\$53,619
Lease Equip-Street Gator 001-5-3050-71200-Machinery/Equipment	Addition	\$20,000	\$20,000
Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
4400- Health			
Lease Veh 9-2026 Crew Cab 2WD W/5ft Bed Replace Unit #950 001-5-4400-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$41,714	\$46,714
Lease Veh 10-2026 Crew Cab 2WD W/5ft Bed Replace Unit #950 001-5-4400-71100-Vehicle	Replacement	\$41,714	\$46,714
(2) Triple Stainless Steel Cat Cages stacked w/3 Small Cages on the Top, 2 Medium Cages in the Middle, and 1 Large Cage on the Bottom that Convert into 2 Large Cages 001-5-4400-71200- Machinery & Equipment	Replacement	\$15,166	\$15,166
Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
4503-Parks Maintenance			
Lease Veh 11-Chevy Pickup Crewcab \$41,500 001-5-4503-71100 Vehicle	Replacement	\$41,500	\$46,500
Lease Veh 12-Ford F150 Pickup Reg Cab \$38,795 001-5-4503-71100 Vehicle	Replacement	\$38,795	\$43,795
Total General Fund 001 Approved Capital Outlay Requests		\$663,698	\$738,698

Mrs. Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager, presented the Tourism Fund 002.

Tourism Fund 002: This fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures for tourism activities. Revenues are received from Hotel Motel Occupancy Taxes and Expenditures are spent based on State guidelines. This fund has 6 funded positions for FY 26-27. This fund has a beginning fund balance for FY 25-26 of \$667,390.39. The EA Revenues are \$708,972.36 with EA Expenditures of \$651,452.87 with an estimated ending fund balance for FY 25-26 of \$724,909.86. Beginning fund balance for FY 26-27 is \$724,909.86 with DR Revenues at \$736,351.18 and DR Expenditures of \$787,661.97 leaving an ending balance for FY 26-27 of \$673,599.07. Budget comparison for this fund is the original budget in FY 25-26 of \$742,162.00; EA FY 25-26 of \$708,972.34; DR's for FY 26-27 of \$736,351.18 leaving a change in DR vs Org Budget of (\$5,810.82). Notable changes in the Tourism Fund: Personnel Services increased due to 3% COLA and increased health insurance premiums. Services increased due to changes in events, which include 2 kite festivals, crickets tournament, a monthly rodeo, and TAMUK volleyball tournament. The actual support for Ranch Hand will now be more monetarily rather than involvement. Advertising increased due to spending requirements based on revenues.

Commissioner Lopez asked what is meant by saying that the support for Ranch Hand will now be more monetarily rather than involvement.

Mrs. Salinas responded that the King Ranch will be taking over this event with Tourism still having some involvement in it, but their brand is going to be the one to be taking over the King Ranch Breakfast.

Commissioner Lopez asked if they would only take over the breakfast part of the event.

Mr. Sosa responded that about three to four months ago they hired a Marketing Director, Mr. David Zucker, who used to be the Marketing Director for Omaha Steaks and Tyson. Mr. Zucker is more in vision to branding the King Ranch and so by branding the King Ranch they have tasked him with the duties of taking this event to another level. Mr. Zucker would like to brand the Running W, so upon doing the branding Mr. Zucker reached out to the city to see if the city would be interested in him coming in and taking care of the King Ranch Breakfast as well as the downtown events as well. They would like to bring in the National Bar-B-Que Association and have a Bar-B-Que event to change everything.

Commissioner Lopez stated that on a report that was received from Mr. Sosa, Tourism Department says that they were going to allow the vendors choose their spots and change the concert to the downtown area. Commissioner Lopez then asked if Mr. Sosa was communicating with the Tourism Department.

Mr. Sosa stated that he is, and there is a meeting this week on August 13th as they are coming down.

Commissioner Lopez asked who Mr. Sosa would be meeting with.

Mr. Sosa responded that the meeting will be with King Ranch and event planners that have been acquired by the King Ranch and paying for. The event planner is going to be mapping the downtown area where all the events will be held. They have several sponsors, such as Ford Motor Company and John Deere, and have more of a reach to get bigger vendors to bring in monetary donations for the event. For the city to get a concert together, the city has to pay a large amount in order to get a concert to come down.

Commissioner Lopez commented that this is all good, but the report from the City Manager to the City Commission stated that the outdoor concert was coming. She further stated that this just happened Friday and here we are talking about it on Monday that someone will be taking over.

Mr. Sosa stated that the city is collaborating with the King Ranch on all the different ideas, but the ideas come from the King Ranch.

Commissioner Lopez stated that what she is stating is that the communication does not sound like it's there, as the City Manager is saying one thing and his report is stating something else. She further asked if the city has budgeted it for it.

Mr. Sosa responded that this is why they are coming in this week to discuss this. He stated that normally the city spends about \$60,000 for the event and we hope that this will be the buy in for the Tourism Department. He further stated that the King Ranch will be in charge of bringing in the band for this event. The Tourism's responsibility will be when the vendors come in. The fee for vendors was increased from \$100 to \$150.

Commissioner Lopez stated that she thought the fee was \$50 to \$100. Mr. Sosa responded that he would need to go back and look at that.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that the bottom line is that this will be good for Kingsville.

Commissioner Lopez asked if the vendor fees would be coming to the city. Mr. Sosa responded yes. He further stated that there will be discussion on the vendor fees as there will be a non-profit organization that they would like to support. Lopez stated that she is aware that the city had a problem with calling it a non-profit, so now what is it going to be called, charity. What is it going to be called.

Mr. Sosa stated that they would like for some of the funds to go to a non-profit where 20% of the fees will go to a non-profit organization. The last time this was spoken of was to send it to the Boys & Girls Club, as they do most of the work in the community. This will more than likely be the non-profit that will be proposed to the city commission.

Commissioner Lopez commented that nothing against the Boys & Girls Club, but she thinks we need to be fair and have them apply, and whoever would like to be considered as well. She asked for Ms. Alvarez to get a contract and get with the non-profit. She stated that she is aware that they had worked on something the time before on non-profit and had something already in writing.

Mr. Sosa stated that this will not go through the city, it will go through the event planner that will be doing the event. They just asked for a recommendation and that's who we recommended.

Commissioner Lopez asked if the non-profit is going through the planner and the city has nothing to do with it.

Mr. Sosa responded that this was correct, as everything will go through the event planner that was hired by the King Ranch.

Mayor Fugate commented that the concept of the Ranch Hand is changing dramatically. The King Ranch is stepping in and they as opposed to the city will be running/operating the event, we're not. They are not only going to do it out on the King Ranch and will be doing it in town as well. Yes, if we were doing like we use too, then we are late, but we are not. He stated that Mr. Zucker has met with the University in having events at the Javelina stadium. The King Ranch wants to make this a national event.

Chief Blair commented that the Kingsville Police Department will be assisting in the planning process.

Commissioner Lopez commented that if she had this information before, then she wouldn't have had to ask so many questions. She further commented that she did not have any information on this. She further stated that we should not be saying that one non-profit over another one does more. This should not come from the city.

Mr. Sosa stated that it will come to the city commission for approval.

Commissioner Lopez stated that she would like to see an application process for this, just to be fair, as a statement has already been made that one is better than the others. She further commented that it should be cleared up and have it done through an application process.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

None.

II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).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, 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 street update to the commission

Ms. Alvarez announced the upcoming special city commission meetings. August 11th, August 17th, and August 19, 2026. A regular commission meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2026.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

Elizabeth Ramos, 615 Elizabeth, commented that this is something that has been on her mind since she set up trash services when she moved here. She commented that she would like to propose for the next fiscal year or to amend the budget at a later time to reduce residential trash pickup to one time per week. This will reduce fuel costs, maintenance needs and road damage. The public works staff can work on other useful goals if a reduction of labor occurs with less pickup days. The city can still pickup twice a week around holidays for example during Christmas and Thanksgiving, if needed. If people need more garbage roll-out bins for their trash or they are just extra trashy, they can add another roll-out bin to their residence for a one-time pickup as well. This would be an additional \$21.00 a month that would come out of their pocket. She commented that she spoke with the head of the Public Works Department and he gave her a guess estimate of how much each roll-out cost brand new to the city for each residential service roll-out bin, which is roughly \$55.00. In 2.62 months a residential will recoup the city cost for a new bin. She commented that she googled this and this is what the census is telling her that there are 7,000 detached single-family residential homes in the city. So if I wanted to low-ball, 30% of them opted for two bin roll-out a week the city would gain \$44,100.00 per month. In a year, that equals \$529,000 a year, and this is just a lowball estimate. Ramos further commented that she has never lived in a city that has twice a week pickup. She knows that the commission can implement this as it is a little weird to have two-day pickup, it just makes more sense to consolidate. The city will gain more money and billing and reduce costs. She commented that it will cause very little issue, if she is thinking about it there will be more trips to the dump on those days for residential pickup. She is pretty sure that the commission can talk with the head and find out what issues you would have with once a day pickup, but she believes it would be in the best interest for the City of Kingsville. She further commented that her main issue is the damage caused to road and trying to remember which days she needs to think about pulling her trash out and she would really like for it to be only one day a week.

Ms. Vicki Trevino, 1814 Brahma Blvd, commented on the Coastal Bend College (CBC) highlights. Coastal Bend College has 295 students enrolled. Staff has been busy assisting with admissions. Cougar has been reconnecting with students who left college before they finished. Community partners are one of CBC's strengths. CBC is currently getting ready

for the Fall semester at all its campuses. Ms. Trevino further thanked the City of Kingsville for its support.

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 approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement for a Local On-System Improvements Project with the Texas Department of Transportation relating to South 6th Street stormwater improvements. (City Engineer).

Mr. Martin Medrano from ICE Engineering stated that this is a standard agreement for the S. 6th Street stormwater improvement project.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement for a Local On-System Improvements Project with the Texas Department of Transportation relating to South 6th Street stormwater improvements, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

2. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 for the construction contract with D & M Underground Corp. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 1: E. Santa Gertrudis St. (near Fairview) stormwater improvements project. (City Engineer).

Mr. Medrano stated that this is to increase the contract by \$6,950 for RCP Tie-in and removal of the existing junction box.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 for the construction contract with D & M Underground Corp. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 1: E. Santa Gertrudis St. (near Fairview) stormwater improvements project, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

3. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #2 to the construction contract with Mor-Wil LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 3: E. Caesar Ave. stormwater improvements. (City Engineer).

Mr. Medrano stated that this change order addresses unforeseen issues during construction, including delayed material delivery and uncooperative weather conditions. The time extension is for 60 calendar days.

Commissioner Lopez commented that she sees some cleanup going on and getting it ready for opening.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #2 to the construction contract with Mor-Wil LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 3: E. Caesar Ave. stormwater improvements, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".

4. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #3 to the Construction Contract with Mor-Wil LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 5: E. Caesar Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project. (City Engineer).

Mr. Medrano stated that this item is similar to the one above, requesting an extension of 60 calendar days.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #3 to the Construction Contract with Mor-Wil LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 5: E. Caesar Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR".

5. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #4 for the Construction Contract with Grace Paving and Construction, Inc. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-099-D237 Project 14: Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project. (Santa Monica/Santa Barbara). (City Engineer).

Mr. Medrano stated that this is for time extension of 30 calendar days.

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #4 for the Construction Contract with Grace Paving and Construction, Inc. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-099-D237 Project 14: Santa Gertrudis Ave. Storm Water Improvements Project. (Santa Monica/Santa Barbara), seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

6. Discuss and consider the introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to appropriate additional funding for Health Department chemicals. (Health Director).

Mr. Sosa stated that due to the rain we have received earlier this year, the Health Department used the remaining budgeted funding for chemicals allocated for mosquito spraying, therefore requiring this budget amendment for \$5,000.

Introduction item.

7. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Information Document Request with the IRS and designating employees authorized to work with the IRS on behalf of the City of Kingsville. (Finance Director).

Mrs. Balli stated that the City has received an Information Document Request from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) which includes completing a form to provide the names of the individuals who have been authorized to work with the IRS during an examination and who have the authority to sign legal documents on behalf of the City of Kingsville. The Finance Department is requesting the following positions to be designated authorized to work with the IRS, Payroll Specialist, Accounting Manager, Finance Director, and City Manager.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Information Document Request with the IRS and designating employees authorized to work with the IRS on behalf of the City of Kingsville, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

8. Workshop: Discussion on proposed Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget and funds for the City of Kingsville. (City Manager).

Staff continued with the budget workshop.

Maintenance increased due to a Sidewalk project from TA truck stop to the Dog Park. Transfers Out increased due to a correction of the cell phone reimbursement. New events: Focus on events in FY 26-27 will center around partnerships with other entities; the city will provide support for (2) kite festivals partnering with Parks; the city will provide support for the Cricket Tournament and monthly rodeos partnering with the County; the city will provide support for the Volleyball Tournament partnering with TAMUK; Ranch Hand, the King Ranch will be revamping this event and has hired an outside event planning company. Support from the City will be more on the monetary side rather than the planning side. Staff changes: the permanent Tourism Director has not been hired yet.

Mrs. Deborah Balli, Finance Director, presented the PD State Seizure Fund 005. This fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures resulting from state seizure awards. From PD State Seizure Fund 005 Audited Balance Sheet for period ending September 30, 2025: Total equity and current surplus \$1,310,206.89. Non-Spendable Equity inventory \$0.00 and non-spendable equity prepaids \$0.00. Restricted law enforcement fund balance for FY 25-26 beginning fund balance is \$1,310,206.89. PD State Seizure Fund 005 Fund Balance is: Revenue budget comparison total revenues for original budget FY 25-26 is \$73,074.51 with EA's at \$134,330.19 and DR's at \$134,330.19; DR's for FY 26-27 are at \$73,074.51. PD Stated Seizure Fund 005 Expenditures Budget Comparison, total expenditures for FY 25-26 is \$304,446.46; EA's \$254,446.46 and DR's for 26-27 at \$398,686.79. Services increased due to new software for antivirus, firewalls and a new & blue software form AD Comp which is split funded with GF. Capital Outlay decreased by \$30,000 for next year due to the current year had a vehicle budgeted for purchase along with gun storage unit and next FY 26-27 is being used for outfitting 2 detective vehicles and the purchase of a conex box for the range.

Law Enforce Off Stand Fund 009: This fund is used to record the annual allocation payment from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE). This payment must be used as necessary to ensure the continuing education of law enforcement personnel, or to provide necessary training, as determined by the agency head, to full-time, fully paid law enforcement support personnel. This fund is used to send officers to the academy and

then offset with the reimbursements from the government. Audited beginning Fund Balance for FY 25-26, total equity and current surplus is \$24,260.28 with Non-Spendable equity inventory and non-spendable equity prepaids at \$0.00 with unreserved fund balance FY 25-26 beginning fund balance of \$24,260.28. Beginning fund balance FY 25-26 is \$24,260.28. EA revenues are \$20,631.25 and EA expenditures are \$20,631.25 leaving an estimated ending fund balance for FY 25-26 of \$24,260.28. Beginning fund balance for FY 26-27 is \$24,260.28 with DR revenues and expenditures at \$14,000.00. Estimated ending fund balance for FY 26-27 is 24,260.28.

G.O. Debt Service Fund 011: This fund is used to account for the payment of General Fund and Solid Waste Fund debt service. Revenues are generated from the I & S portion of the Ad Valorem Taxes and a transfer from the Solid Waste Fund. The following are the bond series that are paid out of this fund: CO Series 2024-Fire – 100% GF; CO Series 2023A – 100% GF; Tax Note 2022 – 35.04% GF, 31.01% SW; LTRF 2021 – 21% GF; Tax Note 2021 – 42.38% GF, 57.62% SW; LTRF 2020 – 53.8504 GF; CO Series 2016 – 100% GF. Ad Valorem Taxes revenues will bring enough to pay current debt service. The difference collected comes from delinquent taxes collected and penalty and interest. Services decreased by \$80,000 due to no indication that arbitrage will be owed for FY 26-27. The increase in leases are the increase in debt service obligations due in FY 26-27.

UF Debt Service Fund 012: This fund is used to account for payments on the utility fund debt service. Revenues are generated by transfers-in from the Utility Fund 051 and the Storm Water Drainage Fund 055. Expenditures are the debt-related principal and interest payments along with paying agent fees and other debt-related requirements. The following are the bond series that are paid out of this fund: CO Series 2023 – 100% UF; Tax Note 2022 – 33.95%; CO Series 2022 – 100% UF (paid by SW Fund 055); CO Series 2021 – 100% UF (paid by SW Fund 055); LTRF 2021 – 79% UF; LTRF 2020 – 46.1496%. Beginning fund balance total assets \$2,366,875.18. Less loss on refunding is (\$27,601.15), and less accrued interest payable is (\$60,450.21). Unrestricted fund balance for FY 25-26 beginning fund balance is \$2,278,823.82. This fund requires fund balance to be calculated differently due to how debt issues have to be recorded. Fee increases for FY 26-27. We intend to do a rate study on all fees collected by the General Fund to determine if the fees being charged are in line with other cities of our size. Included in this study will be the following fees: Permits – Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Vacant Lot Clearance Demos, Noxious Matter; Landfill; Garbage; Ambulance Services; Health Fees – Adoptions, Septic Tank Inspections; Park Fees. This type of study has not been completed in the past and is overdue. We will be working on getting a proposal from HDR Engineering, who does work for us on our utility rates. This rate study has not been included in the proposed budget as we are working on determining what fees we will be submitting for review.

VI. Adjournment.

As there was no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

AUGUST 11, 2026

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026, IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, AT 4:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

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

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Edna Lopez, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Charlie Sosa, City Manager
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Kyle Benson, IT Director
Derek Williams, Systems Administrator
Susan Ivy, Parks Director
Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager
Emilio Garcia, Health Director
John Blair, Police Chief
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Rebecca Duke, Interim Tourism Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
James Creek, Fire Captain
Deborah Balli, Finance Director
Ella McMahan, Administrative Assistant I, Engineering
J.J. Adame, Fire Chief
Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with four commission members present. Commissioner Lopez was absent from the meeting.

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

None.

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.²

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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.”

Ms. Alvarez reported the dates for the upcoming commission meetings: August 17th and August 19, 2026. Both meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

No public comments made.

V.

Consent Agenda

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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 Alarcon to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting “FOR”.

1. **Consider final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to appropriate additional funding for Health Department chemicals. (Health Director).**

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

2. **Workshop: Discussion on proposed Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget and funds for the City of Kingsville. (City Manager).**

Mr. Sosa stated that this workshop will go over Funds 016 through Fund 087.

Mrs. Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager, presented the budget for Stonegarden 016. This fund is used to account for the Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant. The OPSG Program funds investments in joint efforts to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders. From Stonegarden Fund 016 audited balance sheet for period ending September 30, 2025, total equity and current surplus (deficit) \$0.00. Restricted Federal State Program Fund Balance

FY 25-26 beginning fund balance is \$0.00. Beginning fund balance for FY 26-27 is \$0.00 with DR revenues and DR expenditures at \$0.00. Estimated ending fund balance for FY 26-27 is \$0.00. This fund is a grant fund and is never budgeted until a current grant award is received.

Building Security Fund 025: This fund is used to purchase items related to building security for the Municipal Court. Revenues are generated from certain fees collected. For FY 26-27, the state mandated that Fund 031 Technology Fund be merged with Fund 025. Audited beginning fund balance for FY 25-26, total equity and current surplus (deficit) \$58,251.54, and restricted building security fund balance FY 25-26 beginning fund balance \$58,251.54.

PD Federal Seizure Fund 028: This fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures resulting from federal seizure awards. This fund is not appropriated until federal seizures have been awarded. Audited beginning fund balance FY 25-26 total equity and current surplus (deficit) \$136,742.02 and restricted building security fund balance FY 25-26 beginning fund balance \$136,742.02. Beginning fund balance for FY 25-26 is \$136,742.02 with EA revenues at 140.00 and EA expenditures at \$5,000 with an estimated ending fund balance for FY 25-26 of \$131,882.02. Beginning fund balance FY 26-27 with DR revenues at \$0.00 and DR expenditures at \$0.00 with an estimated ending funding balance for FY 26-27 of \$131,882.02. Nothing has been identified as being needed for FY 26-27.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if these accounts have a separate account.

Commissioner Alvarez asked why it is being asked if these accounts have a separate account.

Commissioner Hinojosa stated that this is federal funds, and he didn't think it could be comingled with another account.

Mrs. Salinas responded that they have separate line items, but on the same account.

Mrs. Balli stated that at Kleberg Bank, we do have some federal seizure funds that have their bank account but just not sure what that bank account is, but will get that information and provide it to Commissioner Hinojosa.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that this should be in the investment report that is provided to the commission every quarter.

Mrs. Balli stated that there is pending state and pending for federal as well as the ones that are no longer pending funds which are at Kleberg Bank. A lot of the funds don't have separate bank accounts, as it is part of pool cash but for the seizure funds the city does have separate bank accounts.

Mrs. Salinas continued with the budget workshop presentation.

PD Federal Seizure Fund 028 FY 26-27 Expenditure Budget comparison for FY 25-26: 30-Services is \$30,000.00, FY 25-26 EA's is \$5,000.00, and DR's for FY 26-27 is \$30,000.00.

Municipal Court Technology Fund 031: This fund was used to provide technology needs of Municipal Court. Revenues are generated by Municipal Court fees. Beginning in FY 25-26, this fund has been consolidated with Fund 025 as per State requirements. Audited balance sheet for period ending September 30, 2025, total equity and current surplus (deficit) is \$46,422.85, and restricted building security fund balance for FY 25-26 beginning fund balance is \$46,422.85. Beginning fund balance for FY 26-27 is \$46,422.85 with DR revenues at \$0.00 and DR expenditures at \$46,422.85 with an estimated ending fund balance for FY 26-27 at \$0.00. This fund has been merged with Fund 025 and will no longer be needed.

Utility Fund 051: This fund accounts for utility activities, including fees for water and wastewater services. The chart below shows the funded positions for FY 26-27.

Division	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	# of Positions Changed	Explanation
	# of EE Funded	# of EE Funded		
6001-Water Construction	13	13	0	
6002-Water Production	5	5	0.00	
6101-Ground Maintenance	4	4	0.00	
6201-Utility Billing/Collections	6	5.5	(0.50)	Changed over to 3rd party biller
7001-Waste Water North Plant	9	9	0.00	
7002-Waste Water South Plant	2	2	0.00	
7003-Sewer Construction	8	8	0.00	
8000-Engineering	7	6	(1.00)	Capital Projects Mgr eliminated
8020-Facilities	5	5	0.00	
Total Budget Positions	59	57.5	(1.50)	

Mayor Fugate asked why there are 9 employees at Wastewater North Plant.

Mr. Sosa responded that historically it has always been this way.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if, if needed, some of those could be moved to other areas. Mr. Sosa responded yes.

Utility fund 051 audited balance sheet for period ending September 30, 2025, total equity and current surplus (deficit) is \$22,070,608.76. Less investments is fixed assets equity is \$20,008,434.61, and unrestricted fund balance is \$2,062,174.15. Beginning fund balance for FY 25-26 is \$2,062,174.15 with EA revenues at \$11,619,746.69 and EA expenditures at \$10,750,962.12 with an estimated ending fund balance for FY 25-26 at \$2,930,958.72 which is 27.26%. Beginning fund balance for FY 26-27 is \$2,930,958.72 with DR revenues at \$12,086,153.73 and DR expenditures at \$11,958,883.01, with an estimated ending fund balance for FY 26-27 of \$9,058,229.44, which is 25.57%. FY 26-27 budgeted revenues are 750, transfers-in 1.33% for an amount of \$160,468.21. Utility services at 97.64% for \$11,800,685.52. Interest and other is 1.03% for \$125,000.00 for total revenues of \$12,086,153.73. FY 26-27 Budgeted expenditures are listed: Personnel Services at 33.66%, \$4,028,055.11; Supplies 6.07%, \$725,979.00; Services 20.91%, \$2,501,101.38; Repairs 0.78%, \$93,639.00; Maintenance 7.09%, \$848,100.00; Leases 0.20%, \$23,415.00; Transfers Out 28.78%, \$3,441,593.52; Budget amend reserves 2.51%, \$300,000.00, for total expenditures of \$11,958,883.01.

Mr. Sosa stated that the expenditures budget has notable changes for Utility Fund 051 FY 26-27, Expenditures Budget Notable Changes: 10 Personnel Services. Overall, this category saw increases in health insurance premiums and a 3% COLA. One CSR position will be split-funded with General Fund. 20 Supplies – this category increased due to cost increases for various supplies. 30 Services – the largest increase in this category was due to the increase in software expenditures, as this was always charged to General Fund along with the STWA water contract increase. 50 Maintenance – this category increased due to the sewer line boring needed for the Flato building area. 80 Transfers Out – this category increased due to the Utility Fund transfer to General Fund. The transfer was adjusted for inflation, and the catch-up for FY 25-26 was also added. Approved Utility Fund 057 IT Supplementals for FY 26-27:

CITY OF KINGSVILLE
FY 26-27 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUESTS

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
6001-Water Construction			
All-Data Software-Manage Work Orders, Parts and Repairs to City Fleet Vehicles and Equipment 051-5-6001-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$2,988	\$2,988
Software-Require for City Vehicle Fleet Repairs 051-5-6001-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$3,160	\$3,160
Autel Software-Required-City Fleet Repairs, 2 Yr Renewal 051-5-6001-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	One-Time	\$4,500	\$4,500
Technlogy Solution-LEAF/ Free it Data Solutions 051-5-6001-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$24,640	\$24,640

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
Overall Renewal Increase 051-5-6001-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$24,750	\$24,750
Firewalls & Antivirus Software Renewal 051-5-6001-31410-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$14,400	\$14,400
H2 Analytics Software Setup Fee 051-5-6201-314100-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	One-Time	\$25,000	\$25,000
H2 Analytics Software Monthly Support 051-5-6201-314100-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$12,500	\$12,500
H2 Analytics Software Monthly Alerts 051-5-6201-314100-ProfSrv-Sftware Mnt	Recurring	\$6,720	\$6,720
Total Utilty Fund 051 IT Requests Approved		\$118,658	\$118,658

Utility Fund 051 FY 2627 approved expenditure supplementals:

CITY OF KINGSVILLE
FY 26-27 EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
6002-Water Productions			
Chemicals-Due to Rising Costs 051-5-6002-21400-Chemicals	Permanent	\$10,000	\$10,000
(4) Full-Face Respirators w/Cartridges 051-5-6002-21700-Minor Eq/Furniture	One-Time	\$2,000	\$2,000
(2) Backflow Prevention ASSY Test Kits for Potable and Nopotable Water 051-5-6002-21700-Minor Eq/Furniture	One-Time	\$2,000	\$2,000

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
6002-Water Productions			
TCEQ Compliance-Disinfection Equipment and Chlorine Analyzers 051-5-6002-21700-Minor Eq/Furniture	Permanent	\$3,000	\$3,000
(4) Cylinder & Valve Assy for SKA-Pac 051-5-6002-21700-Minor Eq/Furniture	One-Time	\$3,600	\$3,600
Postage-Annual Water Quality Reports 051-5-6002-31300-Postage & Freight	Permanent	\$500	\$500
Emergency Generator Maintenance-Water Well 14 051-5-6002-31400-Professional Service	Permanent	\$5,000	\$5,000

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
6002-Water Productions			
UCMR5 Samples 051-5-6002-31400-Professional Service	One-Time	\$10,000	\$10,000
Printing-Due to Rising Costs 051-5-6002-31500-Printing & Publishing	Permanent	\$500	\$500
TCEQ Licenses and Certification 051-5-6002-31600-Travel & Training	Permanent	\$1,100	\$1,100
(5) Employees-Uniform Laundry Services 051-5-6002-32400-Laundry	Permanent	\$700	\$700

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
6002-Water Productions			
Annual Increase to Purchase Surface Water 051-5-6002-34301-Other Services-STWA	Permanent	\$10,000	\$10,000
Unit 609- Engine Replacement 051-5-6002-41100-Vehicle/Machinery Maintenance	One-Time	\$3,689	\$3,689
Unit 6012-Hood Repairs \$1,500 051-5-6002-41100-Vehicle/Machinery Maintenance	One-Time	\$1,500	\$1,500
Budget Adjustment Increase \$2,250 051-5-6002-41100-Vehicle/Machinery Maintenance	Permanent	\$2,250	\$2,250

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
7001-Wastewater North Plant			
Laboratory Chemicals-Due to Rising Costs for Lab Testing and Equipment 051-5-7001-22100-Lab Supplies & Chemicals	Permanent	\$5,500	\$5,500
7002-Wastewater South Plant			
Unit 7450 051-5-7002-41100-Vehicle Maintenance	One-Time	\$2,000	\$2,000
John Deere Skid Steer Repairs 051-5-7002-21700-Equipment Maintenance	One-Time	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Utility Fund 051 Expenditure Requests Approved		\$62,339	\$62,339

Utility Fund 051 FY 26-27 approved capital outlay supplementals:

CITY OF KINGSVILLE
FY 26-27 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

Description	Type	Amount	CM Approved
7001-WW North Plant			
Annual Preventive Maintenance on Centrifuge from Global WET 051-5-7001-31400 Professional Services	Carry-Over	\$20,000	\$20,000
Boring Sewer Line - Flato Bldg Area 051-5-7001-55100 Sewer Line	One Time	\$100,000	\$100,000
7003-Wastewater Sewer Collection			
Lift Station Repairs South Creek 051-5-7003-31400 Professional Services	One Time	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Utility Fund 051 Capital Outlay Requests Approved		\$135,000	\$135,000

Utility Fund Capital Projects Fund 054: This fund is used to account for capital projects that are non-debt related. This fund has no restrictions other than expenditures that must be related to Utility Capital Projects. Funding comes from the Utility Fund, and restrictions are set by the City Commission. From UF Capital Projects Fund 054 audited balance sheet for period ending September 30, 205: Total equity and current surplus (deficit) \$14,831.11 and restricted capital outlay fund balance \$14,831.11.

UF Stormwater Drainage CAP Projects Fund 055: This fund is used to account for debt service payments for storm water drainage bond projects. Revenues are generated from fees and Expenditures are transferred out to pay for the debt service. As debt service is paid down, storm water drainage related projects can be funded. Audited beginning fund balance FY 25-26, \$736,885.68. Beginning fund balance FY 25-26 \$736,885.68. EA revenues estimated interest earnings \$570,849.70 and EA expenditures \$489,932.62 with an estimated ending fund balance FY 25-26 \$808,802.76. Beginning fund balance FY 26-27 \$808,802.76 with DR revenues of \$575,224.00 and DR expenditures of \$225,000.00. Estimated ending fund balance FY 26-27 \$1,159,026.76.

CO Series 2013-Drainage Fund 068: These funds are used to account for capital bond projects approved in the respective bond issue. Once the funds are expended, the assets are transferred to the Utility Fund. This fund needs to close this FY 25-26 and will if projects slated are finished. Audited beginning fund balance FY 25-26 \$442,963.55. Beginning fund balance FY 25-26 \$442,963.55 with EA revenues estimated interest earnings \$6,495.35 and EA expenditures of \$447,576.37. Estimated ending fund balance FY 25-26 \$1,882.53. Beginning fund balance \$1,882.53 with DR revenues and DR expenditures of \$0.00. Estimated ending fund balance for FY 26-27: \$1,882.53.

Solid Waste Capital Projects Fund 087: This fund is used to account for solid waste capital projects. Total equity and current surplus, deficit, \$278,678.75. Committed Sanitation Capital Outlay fund balance \$278,678.75.

VI. Adjournment.

As there was no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC HEARING #1

OPINION

AUGUST 20, 2026

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Wild Horse Dispatch

More than a Mission

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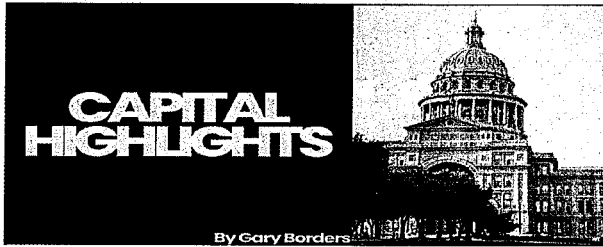


By Dylan Dozier
Publisher

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Texas schools see little change in TEA grading

Texas public school campuses and districts received their state report cards late last week from the Texas Education Agency, with most showing little change from the previous school year, The Texas Tribune reported.

Of the more than 9,000 campuses in the 2025-26 school year, 24% earned an A; 34% earned a B; 23% earned a C; 10% earned a D; and 4% earned an F. Some schools did not receive grades. About one in four schools saw their grades improve, while about the same number of campuses saw a drop.

TEA Commissioner Mike Morath praised the ratings, noting the hundreds of campuses in high-poverty communities that earned an A.

"We are teaching them handwriting. They are memorizing the timetables. They are thinking through more and more advanced math problems. All children can learn and achieve," Morath said.

The grades are based on three main metrics: how students perform on the state exam and meet other college- and career-readiness benchmarks; improvement on state tests over time; and how well schools educate underserved students.

How the voucher numbers stack up thus far

As Texas gears up for the first year of its school voucher program, The Dallas Morning News reported that more than 27,000 students have returned their school vouchers.

More than two-thirds were previously enrolled in public schools.

Although more than 122,000 students have been awarded vouchers, critics say using them can be challenging. Private schools can deny admission, charge more in tuition than the voucher covers, or be located too far away.

"Just because you got an award does not mean you have a seat in a private school," said Dee Carney, director of the Texas Center for Voucher Transparency. "They have to pick you."

The program offers \$10,474 to families to offset private education costs. Special-needs students can receive up to \$30,000, while homeschooled students can get \$2,000.

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Using the proposed tax rate, which is the rate the budget is based on, this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$276,542 or 2.76%, and of that amount \$87,220 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

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Baffin Bay to receive \$850,000 for boat ramp, fishing pier improvements

By Dylan Dozier
Publisher

Baffin Bay is set to receive \$850,000 in federal funding for construction of a boat ramp and improvements to an existing fishing pier and parking lot, a project local officials say will support public access, ecotourism, commercial fishing and law enforcement operations.

U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez joined Kleberg County Judge Rudy Ma-

drid, Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate and other local officials Wednesday to announce the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding secured for the project.

"What an honor it is to receive this appropriations grant," Madrid said. "Funds are dedicated to support ecotourism, our commercial fishing industry and will support local law enforcement, game wardens and border protection."

Gonzalez said the improvements will also help mitigate shoreline

erosion and support expanded marine research throughout the Laguna Madre.

"Coastal Bend families deserve modern infrastructure, and these funds will be used to enhance public access to Baffin Bay, mitigate shoreline erosion, support local law enforcement operations, and serve as a catalyst for expanded marine research throughout Laguna Madre," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said the project was secured through his partnership

with Madrid, Fugate and other local leaders.

Fugate credited Gonzalez with helping bring the federal funding to the area.

"What a great project, and as usual, Vicente Gonzalez made it happen," Fugate said. "We're fortunate to have him as our congressman."

Madrid also said the funding would support Texas A&M University-Kingsville's upcoming marine biology program.

"Kleberg County is very grateful

to Congressman Vicente Gonzalez for spearheading our efforts on securing this funding," Madrid said. "These monies will go directly toward ecotourism, law enforcement, border protection, and will be utilized by Texas A&M University's upcoming Marine Biology Program."

Gonzalez secured \$12.6 million in federal funding for 15 community projects over the past year, including recreational and public safety improvements at Baffin Bay.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on September 14, 2026, at the Kenedy County Appraisal District Hearings Room in Sarita, TX to consider adopting the proposed 2027 budget and proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026. The proposed budget is \$241,451.00 and the proposed tax rate is \$0.017138 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate will not increase taxes in the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

Visit [Texas.gov/Property Taxes](https://www.texas.gov/property-taxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings on each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.



U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez joins Kleberg County community leaders for a ceremonial check presentation at Baffin Bay announcing \$850,000 in federal funding for a new boat ramp and improvements to the existing fishing pier and parking lot. (Photo courtesy of Vicente Gonzalez)

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PUBLIC HEARING #2

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keep an aircraft operating. The helicopters are OH-6 Cayuse aircraft, a model with a history dating to the Vietnam War. The Hughes OH-6A Cayuse was developed as a light observation helicopter for the U.S. Army and was used extensively for reconnaissance and observation during the war. The aircraft was commonly known by the nickname "Loach," derived from "light observation helicopter."

Kirkpatrick said the aircraft's relatively simple design is one reason he believes the sheriff's office can maintain it without placing an unreasonable financial burden on the county.

"Because it was military, they just don't make things like that anymore," Kirkpatrick said. "The reality was, this thing doesn't have servos. It's all manual control."

That description is consistent with historical accounts of the OH-6A. The aircraft did not use a hydraulic flight-control system, contributing to its relatively simple design and maintenance.

Kirkpatrick said several qualified pilots have expressed an interest in flying for the sheriff's office, with some willing to do so without compensation. He said his primary pilot has extensive experience with the aircraft and has offered to fly without charging the county.

Maintenance also could be performed locally. Kirkpatrick said an individual working at the airport has the knowledge and experience necessary to work on the aircraft.

The sheriff said his intention is to use grants, asset forfeiture funds and other available funding sources to operate and maintain the aviation program rather than placing the expense on local taxpayers.

"We are not looking to go to the commissioner's court or the taxpayers to say, 'Hey, you know what? We have this asset and now we're going to burden the taxpayers to absorb that,'" Kirkpatrick said. "Absolutely not. That is not the intent."

Kirkpatrick also envisions the helicopter becoming a regional asset.

He said he has spoken with sheriffs in neighboring counties about using the aircraft during emergencies. Those counties have indicated they would be willing to help pay fuel costs when the helicopter is requested for their jurisdictions, Kirkpatrick said. Memorandums of understanding are being developed to establish those arrangements.

The helicopter could be used for search-and-rescue operations, surveillance, pursuits and searches for fleeing suspects, Kirkpatrick said.

He said an aircraft also could prove valuable because of Kleberg County's geography, which includes large ranches and remote areas that can be difficult to search by patrol vehicle, tracking dogs or drones.

"We do" use drones, Kirkpatrick said. "And sometimes drones just are limited at their capability and at their flight time."

The sheriff stressed that the helicopters are not intended to replace drones or assistance from other agencies, including the Texas Department of Public Safety, U.S. Border Patrol or U.S. Coast Guard.

Instead, he said, the aircraft would provide another option when those resources are unavailable or too far away to respond quickly.

Kirkpatrick pointed to the portion of Padre Island within Kleberg County as an example. Deputies responding from Kingsville by vehicle must travel through Corpus Christi, cross onto the island and then drive south into Kleberg County.

An aircraft, he said, could reach the area in a fraction of the time.

"Sometimes you don't know what you need till you need it," Kirkpatrick said. "I'd rather have it and not need it than to not have it and then desperately need it."

Kirkpatrick said the helicopters could also assist during vehicle pursuits when continuing a ground pursuit becomes dangerous, as well as during searches for suspects

and other law enforcement operations.

He said the sheriff's office will continue requesting assistance from state and federal agencies when necessary.

"They can't possibly be everywhere," Kirkpatrick said. "I think some of the questions that folks have are, are we able to maintain this going through? And the answer is yes."

Kirkpatrick said county commissioners are aware of the project. Because the helicopters are federal military-surplus property, the sheriff's office must follow the

federal acquisition and transfer process before bringing the matter before commissioner's court, he said.

No firm date has been established for when the helicopters will become operational. At least one needs maintenance before it can be certified as airworthy, Kirkpatrick said.

The supply of spare parts, however, gives him confidence that the aircraft can be maintained for the foreseeable future.

"I have extra rotor blades," Kirkpatrick said. "Those things are costly at best, and

we have spares."

If operating the aircraft eventually becomes financially impractical or the helicopters are not being used enough to justify keeping them, Kirkpatrick said they can be returned to the federal program because the county does not own them.

For Kirkpatrick, the project ultimately comes down to providing another public-safety resource for Kleberg County and the surrounding region.

"I am always looking out for the best interests of our citizens and their safety,"

Kirkpatrick said. "This is something that I believe is a next level of protection."

Kirkpatrick said he believes the aircraft's durability, available spare parts, volunteer pilots and potential grant funding put the sheriff's office in a position to operate an aviation program without creating a significant new burden for residents.

"I think when people realize that we're doing this at no burden to them, then I really don't see that there's an ongoing issue," Kirkpatrick said. "I think we're in a good position."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.77777 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF KINGSVILLE.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.77777 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.74140 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.77778 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF KINGSVILLE from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF KINGSVILLE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF KINGSVILLE is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2026 AT 5:00 p.m. AT City Hall, Helen Kleberg Groves Community Room, 400 W King, Kingsville, TX 78363.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF KINGSVILLE is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City of Kingsville Commission of CITY OF KINGSVILLE at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal:

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF KINGSVILLE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF KINGSVILLE this year.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.76918	\$0.77777	increase of 0.00859 per \$100, or 1.12%
Average homestead taxable value	\$130,620	\$140,490	increase of 7.56%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,004.70	\$1,092.69	increase of \$87.99, or 8.76%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$10,033,028	\$10,309,570	increase of \$276,542, or 2.76%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF KINGSVILLE at 361-595-8542 or vvaladez@co.kleberg.tx.us, or visit cityofkingsville.com for more information.

Escobar CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ology from the University of Texas-Pan American in 1978.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam and was wounded in action in 1970. He rose to the rank of sergeant and was later assigned to Marine Barracks Washington at 8th and I, where he served as a palibearer for Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry S. Truman.

Escobar later served in the Marine Corps Reserve, where he was promoted to staff sergeant and served as a platoon sergeant with a reconnaissance unit.

In 1978, Escobar began a career with the U.S. Border Patrol. He served for several years as patrol agent in charge at the Sarita checkpoint and was later promoted to senior special agent with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. He retired from the U.S. Department of

That same year, Escobar was elected to the Texas House in a special election to succeed the late state Rep. Irma Lerma Rangel. During his legislative career, he served on committees involving defense affairs, criminal jurisprudence, House administration, border and intergovernmental affairs, and land and resource management.

Escobar served in the House until January 2009. He was elected Kleberg County judge in 2010 and served through December 2014.

Escobar lived in Kingsville with his wife of 43 years, Maria del Rosario "Rosie" Escobar. He was a lay minister and former administrator at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kingsville and served as a major in the Civil Air Patrol.

His family includes his children, Yvonne Yvette and Eduardo Eden; daughter-in-law Marleena; and grandsons Brandon Luke and Jacob

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #1

CITY OF KINGSVILLE

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Budget
Amend.

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

CC: Charlie Sosa, City Manager

FROM: Juan J. Adame, Fire Chief

DATE: 8/11/2026

SUBJECT: New Station 2 Generator, Hurricane Beryl Grant #4798(HMGP)

Summary:

The Kingsville Fire Department has been awarded the HMGP Hurricane Beryl, FEMA DR-4798 Grant to replace the generator for fire station 2.

Background:

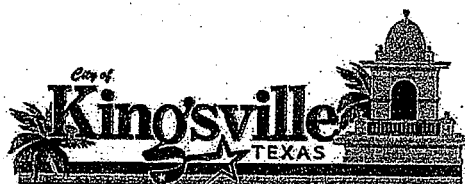
The Kingsville Fire Department (KFD) is involved in the prevention and mitigation of multiple hazards. Having well maintained and operable station generators is crucial in having the ability to provide emergency services. The current Fire Department's station 2 generator was manufactured on 2/6/2004 making over 21 years old. Being beyond its intended life span, the unit is growing obsolete due to increasing maintenance needs, associated repair costs and undependability. In response, we are requesting a new generator through grant funding. TDEM's HMGP funding will be used for the sole purpose of purchasing a state-of-the-art 26Kw stand-alone generator that will replace the current aged unit. The new generator will be used for powering the station's utilities, apparatus, radio systems and equipment in the event of a loss of power. The application will request \$18,972.44 for the purchase, delivery, installation of the new generator and associated labor costs. Please place this item on the next available agenda. Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter.

Financial Impact:

The Severe Storms HMGP4798 grant requires the City to provide a 25% cost share at \$4,743.11. The remaining \$14,229.33 will be provided through federal resources. The grant is a reimbursement type grant. We are requesting \$18,972.44 in costs for the new generator.

Recommendation:

We would request a resolution approving the acceptance of this grant via the TDEM grants portal by the grantee's authorized official as designated by the City Manager, Chief J. J. Adame.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE HURRICANE BERYL GRANT #4798(HMGP) AWARDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT GENERATOR FOR FIRE STATION 2.

WHEREAS, it was unforeseen when the budget was adopted that there would be a need for funding for these expenditures this fiscal year.

I.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville that the Fiscal Year 2025-2025 budget be amended as follows:

CITY OF KINGSVILLE
DEPARTMENT EXPENSES
BUDGET AMENDMENT – BA#38

Dept No.	Dept Name	Account Name	Account Number	Budget Increase	Budget Decrease
Fund 601 – Hurricane Beryl Grant #4798					
<u>Revenues</u>					
0000	Non Dept	Federal Grants	72005	\$14,229.33	
0000	Non Dept	Transfer from Fund 001	75001	\$4,743.11	
<u>Expenditures</u>					
2200	Fire	Machinery & Equipment	71200	\$18,972.44	
Fund 001 – General Fund					
6900	Transfers	Transfer to Fund 601	80601	\$4,743.11	
1030	City Special	Budget Amend Reserve	86000		\$4,743.11

[To amend the City of Kingsville FY 25-26 budget to appropriate funding for the Hurricane Beryl Grant #4798(HMGP) awarded for the purchase of a replacement generator for Fire Sation 2. Funding for the City's 25% match will come from the General Fund Budget Amendment Reserve accounts.

II.

THAT all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT if for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Commission that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

IV.

THAT this Ordinance shall not be codified but shall become effective on and after adoption and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED on this the 24th day of August, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 8th day of September, 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM #2

**City of Kingsville
Human Resource Department**

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners
CC: Charles L. Sosa, City Manager
FROM: Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
DATE: August 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Fire Department – Number of Classified Positions

Summary: Increase the number of Fire Department positions in the classified service from 41 to 42 eligible positions effective for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS
Fire Chief	1
Captains	4
Lieutenants	3
Engineers	6
Fire Fighters	26 <u>27</u>
Fire Marshal	1

Background: Previous changes to number of Firefighters occurred as follow:

FY 2017-2018 addition of 1 Firefighter position

FY 2021-2022 addition of 2 Firefighter positions

FY 2022-2023 addition of 2 Firefighter positions

FY 2023-2024 addition of 1 Firefighter and 1 Captain position

FY 2024-2025 addition of 2 Firefighters

FY 2026-2027 propose adding 1 Firefighter

Texas Local Government Code § 143.021 *Classification; Examination Requirement*

- (a) The commission shall provide for the classification of all fire fighters and police officers. The municipality's governing body shall establish the classifications by ordinance. The governing body by ordinance shall prescribe the number of positions in each classification.

Financial Impact: The range of the annual financial impact for one new position is approximately \$ 74,498 - \$95,424 depending on certification, education and fringe benefits. The additional firefighter position is included in FY 26-27 proposed budget for the City of Kingsville.

Recommendation: Update the ordinance to increase the number of classified positions in the Fire Department to correspond to the number of personnel in the FY 2026-2027 proposed budget.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING CLASSIFICATIONS AND PRESCRIBING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN SUCH CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BY ADDING ONE NEW CIVIL SERVICE POSITION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is necessary to protect the public safety, health, and welfare of the City of Kingsville;

WHEREAS, the City desires to add one (1) position to the Kingsville Fire Department as follows:

One (1) Fire Fighter position in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, increasing the number of those positions from 26 to 27;

WHEREAS, the expenses related to these positions are incorporated in the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget for the City of Kingsville.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS:

I.

THAT one (1) position of Fire Fighter is hereby added to the Kingsville Fire Department beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

II.

THAT in accordance with section 143.021, Texas Local Government Code, the City Commission ratifies the following previously established classifications and hereby prescribes the number of positions in each classification by Ordinance duly passed, to wit:

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>
Fire Chief	1
Captain	4
Lieutenant	3
Engineer	6
Firefighter	26 <u>27</u>
Fire Marshal	1

Notes: Previously increased by two (2) firefighter positions in October 2021; by two (2) firefighter positions in October 2022; by one (1) firefighter position and (1) captain position in October 2023; by two (2) firefighter positions in October 2024.

III.

THAT all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

IV.

THAT if for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Commission that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

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Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #3

AGENDA ITEM #4

City of Kingsville Downtown

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

CC: Charlie Sosa, City Manager

FROM: Alicia Tijerina, Downtown Manager/Special Events Coordinator

DATE: August 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for City Support for Event

Summary:

The City Commission has a tradition of granting support for certain community parades and events that are held each year downtown. A one-day event (Kingsville Art Walk) will replace the two-day Viva el Centro event this year to be held September 18th in conjunction with TAMUK's Family Weekend. It is requested that the City Commission waive the street closing fees and support costs for this event for this fiscal year.

Background:

For any event requiring temporary closure of one or more streets, City ordinances require a fee to be paid for the requisite street closure(s) and require that City be reimbursed any actual costs and expenses incurred by them in support of the event. Ordinances also allow the City Commission to waive these requirements. Event organizers are still required to comply with all City ordinances and state laws with regards to health and safety issues. And are still required to submit a request for a permit for the required street closure(s).

Financial Impact:

The total cost to the City for September 18, 2026 event is \$1,160 of which \$300 are street closing fees.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that street closing fees be waived and the services provided by the city in support of this event be considered as in-kind sponsorship.

KINGSVILLE ART WALK EVENT REQUIRING STREET CLOSURE FOR FY '25

Kingsville Art Walk, Fri., Sept. 18, 2026 (Friday, 5-9pm)

EVENT COSTS TO THE CITY FY 2024-2025

COMMUNITY EVENT (1)

Kingsville Art Walk, September 18th

Public Works

Barricades: Build-up & Tear-down \$30/hr (3men/4hrs) x 3 = \$360

Trash & Recycling: Delivery/Pickup/Dumping \$10 each x 10 containers x 1 = \$100

Street closing permit for large events = \$300

Police Department

Security: 2 officers for Friday, \$50/hr (2 officers/4hrs) x 2 = \$400

TOTAL EVENT COSTS \$1,160

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AGENDA ITEM #5

Urban -
Budget

OPINION

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Wild Horse Dispatch

More than a Mission

The Kingsville Record's Commitment to South Texas

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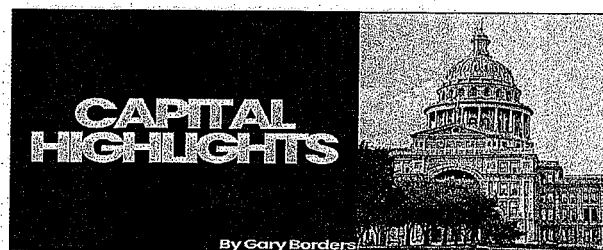
By Dylan Dozier
Publisher

Integrity: We lead by example. We are deeply dedicated to publishing factual, sourced, and verifiable information because our community deserves absolute truth. Because our journalists live, work, and invest here, we embrace an uncommon level of accountability. We never hide behind anonymity or distance. Our names, reputations, and convictions stand behind every story.

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Texas schools see little change in TEA grading

Texas' public school campuses and districts received their state report cards late last week from the Texas Education Agency, with most showing little change from the previous school year, The Texas Tribune reported.

Of the more than 9,000 campuses in the 2025-26 school year, 24% earned an A; 34% earned a B; 23% earned a C; 10% earned a D; and 4% earned an F. Some schools did not receive grades. About one in four schools saw their grades improve, while about the same number of campuses saw a drop.

TEA Commissioner Mike Morath praised the ratings, noting the hundreds of campuses in high-poverty communities that earned an A.

"We are teaching them handwriting. They are memorizing the timetables. They are thinking through more and more advanced math problems. All children can learn and achieve," Morath said.

The grades are based on three main metrics: how students perform on the state exam and meet other college- and career-readiness benchmarks; improvement on state tests over time; and how well schools educate underserved students.

How the voucher numbers stack up thus far

As Texas gears up for the first year of its school voucher program, The Dallas Morning News reported that more than 27,000 students have returned their school vouchers.

More than two-thirds were previously enrolled in public schools.

Although more than 122,000 students have been awarded vouchers, critics say using them can be challenging. Private schools can deny admission, charge more in tuition than the voucher covers, or be located too far away.

"Just because you got an award does not mean you have a seat in a private school," said Dee Carney, director of the Texas Center for Voucher Transparency. "They have to pick you."

The program offers \$10,474 to families to offset private education costs. Special-needs students can receive up to \$30,000, while homeschooled students can get \$2,000.

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Baffin Bay to receive \$850,000 for boat ramp, fishing pier improvements

By Dylan Dozier
Publisher

Baffin Bay is set to receive \$850,000 in federal funding for construction of a boat ramp and improvements to an existing fishing pier and parking lot, a project local officials say will support public access, ecotourism, commercial fishing and law enforcement operations.

U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez joined Kleberg County Judge Rudy Ma-

drid, Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate and other local officials Wednesday to announce the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding secured for the project.

"What an honor it is to receive this appropriations grant," Madrid said. "Funds are dedicated to support ecotourism, our commercial fishing industry and will support local law enforcement, game wardens and border protection."

Gonzalez said the improvements will also help mitigate shoreline

erosion and support expanded marine research throughout the Laguna Madre.

"Coastal Bend families deserve modern infrastructure, and these funds will be used to enhance public access to Baffin Bay, mitigate shoreline erosion, support local law enforcement operations, and serve as a catalyst for expanded marine research throughout Laguna Madre," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said the project was secured through his partnership

with Madrid, Fugate and other local leaders.

Fugate credited Gonzalez with helping bring the federal funding to the area.

"What a great project, and as usual, Vicente Gonzalez made it happen," Fugate said. "We're fortunate to have him as our congressman."

Madrid also said the funding would support Texas A&M University-Kingsville's upcoming marine biology program.

"Kleberg County is very grateful

to Congressman Vicente Gonzalez for spearheading our efforts on securing this funding," Madrid said.

"These monies will go directly toward ecotourism, law enforcement, border protection, and will be utilized by Texas A&M Kingsville's upcoming Marine Biology Program."

Gonzalez secured \$12.6 million in federal funding for 15 community projects over the past year, including recreational and public safety improvements at Baffin Bay.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on September 14, 2026, at the Kenedy County Appraisal District Hearings Room in Sarita, TX to consider adopting the proposed 2027 budget and proposed tax rate for the tax year 2026. The proposed budget is \$241,451.00 and the proposed tax rate is \$0.017138 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate will not increase taxes in the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

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U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez joins Kleberg County community leaders for a ceremonial check presentation at Baffin Bay announcing \$850,000 in federal funding for a new boat ramp and improvements to the existing fishing pier and parking lot. (Photo courtesy of Vicente Gonzalez)

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CITY OF KINGSVILLE
Fiscal Year 2026-2027
Budget Cover Page
September 14, 2026

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$276,542, which is a 2.76 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$87,220.

The members of the governing body voted on the budget as follows:

FOR:

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Property Tax Rate Comparison

	2026-2027	2025-2026
Property Tax Rate:	\$0.77777/100	\$0.76918/100
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate:	\$0.74140/100	\$0.769190/100
No-New-Revenue Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate:	\$0.60798/100	\$0.018470/100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate:	\$0.77778/100	\$0.000000/100
Debt Rate:	\$0.14627/100	\$0.15645/100

Total debt obligation for CITY OF KINGSVILLE secured by property taxes:
\$1,938,939

Steps Required for Discussion, Proposal, and Adoption of Budget

Entity Name: CITY OF KINGSVILLE

Date: 07/28/2026 12:30 PM

Steps for the Proposal of the Budget:

This year's property tax levy will raise more revenue from property taxes than in the preceding year. The governing body must hold a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. This vote must be in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or the vote to set the tax rate. Counties that maintain a website must post the proposed budget when it is filed with the county clerk. The adopted budget must also be posted on the website when it is filed with the county clerk.

The following statement must be included on the notices of public hearing on proposed budget. It must also be included on the cover page of the proposed budget, in 18-point type or larger.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$276,542 OR 2.76%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$87,220 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Steps for the Adoption of the Budget:

-A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.

-An adopted budget must contain a cover page stating a record vote of each member of the governing body by name, the property tax rates for the current and preceding fiscal year, the total amount of debt obligations, and the following statement in 18 point font:

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-The budget and cover page must be filed with the clerk and posted on the entity's website at least until the date of the first anniversary the budget is adopted.

Taxpayer Impact Statement (Required when Discussing or Adopting the Budget):

If the taxing unit will be discussing or adopting the budget, add the below statement to the open meeting notice. The taxing unit also must post the proposed budget on the taxing unit's homepage.

Taxpayer Impact Statement

Fiscal Year (Tax Year)	Median-Valued Homestead	Tax Rate Per \$100 of Value	Estimated Property Tax Bill
FY 2025-2026 (TY 2025)	\$155,435	Adopted 2025 Tax Rate: \$0.76918	\$1,195.57
FY 2026-2027 (TY 2026)	\$159,112	2026 No New Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.74140	\$1,179.66

FY 2026-2027 (TY 2026)	\$159,112	Proposed 2026 tax rate based on the proposed budget for 2026-27: \$0.77777	\$1,237.53
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET, AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 01, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 IN THE PARTICULARS HEREINAFTER STATED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, that the budget for FY 2026-2027 is adopted as follows:

Section One: The official budget for the City of Kingsville for the fiscal year beginning October 01, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 has been presented to the City Commission by the City Manager, several budget workshops were conducted on such budget, along with a duly noticed public hearing, and the budget is hereby approved.

Section Two: The budget contains a complete financial statement of the City and shows (1) the outstanding obligations of the City of Kingsville, Texas, (2) the cash on hand to the credit of each fund, (3) the funds received from all sources during the preceding year, (4) the funds available from all sources during the ensuing year, (5) the estimated revenue available to cover the proposed budget, and, (6) the estimated tax rate required to cover the proposed budget. The budget shows each of the projects for which expenditures are set up and the estimated amount of money appropriated for each project.

Section Three: The sum of \$99,722,395.88 is hereby appropriated for the budget revenues and expenses in the amounts shown on the attached Consolidated Statement of all Operating and General Obligation Debt Service Funds – Summary of Revenues and Expenditures. The General Obligation Debt Service principle is \$1,203,381.88 and interest is \$921,066.89.

Section Four: The budget and all the attached support material as outlined in the above sections shall be deemed the official budget for the City of Kingsville, Texas, for the fiscal year starting October 01, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027. A copy of the official budget shall be kept by the City Secretary with the designation thereon as the official budget for FY 2026-2027, with the date of the adoption clearly stated, and filed with the County Clerk's Office. The official budget shall be available for inspection by any taxpayer.

Section Five: The City Commission is authorized to levy taxes in accordance with this budget. The City Commission may authorize the expenditure of City funds only in strict compliance with the budget, except in an emergency. The City Commission may authorize an emergency expenditure as an amendment to the original budget only in case of grave public necessity to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not have been included in the original budget through the use of reasonably diligent care and attention. If the City Commission amends the original official budget to meet an emergency, the City Commission shall file a copy of its ordinance amending the budget with the City Secretary, and the City Secretary shall attach it to the original budget. The

City Manager shall provide for the filing of true copy of the approved budget in the office of the County Clerk of Kleberg County. The City Commission reserves the right to make changes in the official budget for municipal purposes.

Section Six: All Ordinances of parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

Section Seven: If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Commission that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

Section Eight: This Ordinance shall NOT be codified but will become effective on and after adoption and publication as required by law.

Section Nine: This Ordinance was considered, passed, and approved at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and Chapter 102 of the Texas Local Government Code.

INTRODUCED on this the 8th day of September, 2026.

PASSED on this the 14th day of September, 2026.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

AGENDA ITEM #6

NEWS

6A THE KINGSVILLE RECORD

AUGUST 20, 2026

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keep an aircraft operating.

The helicopters are OH-6 Cayuse aircraft, a model with a history dating to the Vietnam War. The Hughes OH-6A Cayuse was developed as a light observation helicopter for the U.S. Army and was used extensively for reconnaissance and observation during the war. The aircraft was commonly known by the nickname "Loach," derived from "light observation helicopter."

Kirkpatrick said the aircraft's relatively simple design is one reason he believes the sheriff's office can maintain it without placing an unreasonable financial burden on the county.

"Because it was military, they just don't make things like that anymore," Kirkpatrick said. "The reality was, this thing doesn't have service. It's all manual control."

That description is consistent with historical accounts of the OH-6A. The aircraft did not use a hydraulic flight-control system, contributing to its relatively simple design and maintenance.

Kirkpatrick said several qualified pilots have expressed an interest in flying for the sheriff's office, with some willing to do so without compensation. He said his primary pilot has extensive experience with the aircraft and has offered to fly without charging the county.

Maintenance also could be performed locally, Kirkpatrick said, an individual working at the airport has the knowledge and experience necessary to work on the aircraft.

The sheriff said his intention is to use grants, asset forfeiture funds and other available funding sources to operate and maintain the aviation program rather than placing the expense on local taxpayers.

"We are not looking to go to the commissioner's court or the taxpayers to say 'Hey, you know what? We have this asset and now we're going to burden the taxpayers to absorb that,'" Kirkpatrick said. "Absolutely not. That is not the intent."

Kirkpatrick also envisions the helicopter becoming a regional asset.

He said he has spoken with sheriffs in neighboring counties about using the aircraft during emergencies. Those counties have indicated they would be willing to help pay fuel costs when the helicopter is requested for their jurisdictions, Kirkpatrick said. Memorandums of understanding are being developed to establish those arrangements.

The helicopter could be used for search-and-rescue operations, surveillance, pursuits and searches for fleeing suspects, Kirkpatrick said.

He said an aircraft also could prove valuable because of Kleberg County's geography, which includes large ranches and remote areas that can be difficult to search by patrol vehicle, tracking dogs or drones.

"We do" use drones, Kirkpatrick said. "And sometimes drones just are limited at their capability and at their flight time."

The sheriff stressed that the helicopters are not intended to replace drones or assistance from other agencies, including the Texas Department of Public Safety, U.S. Border Patrol or U.S. Coast Guard.

Instead, he said, the aircraft would provide another option when those resources are unavailable or too far away to respond quickly.

Kirkpatrick pointed to the portion of Padre Island within Kleberg County as an example. Deputies responding from Kingsville by vehicle must travel through Corpus Christi, cross onto the island and then drive south into Kleberg County.

An aircraft, he said, could reach the area in a fraction of the time.

"Sometimes you don't know what you need till you need it," Kirkpatrick said. "I'd rather have it and not need it than to not have it and then desperately need it."

Kirkpatrick said the helicopters could also assist during vehicle pursuits when continuing a ground pursuit becomes dangerous, as well as during searches for suspects

and other law enforcement operations.

He said the sheriff's office will continue requesting assistance from state and federal agencies when necessary.

"They can't possibly be everywhere," Kirkpatrick said. "I think some of the questions that folks have are, are we able to maintain this going through? And the answer is yes."

Kirkpatrick said county commissioners are aware of the project. Because the helicopters are federal military-surplus property, the sheriff's office must follow the

federal acquisition and transfer process before bringing the matter before commissioner's court, he said.

No firm date has been established for when the helicopters will become operational. At least one needs maintenance before it can be certified as airworthy, Kirkpatrick said.

The supply of spare parts, however, gives him confidence that the aircraft can be maintained for the foreseeable future.

"I have extra rotor blades," Kirkpatrick said. "Those things are costly at best, and

we have spares."

If operating, the aircraft eventually becomes financially impractical or the helicopters are not being used enough to justify keeping them, Kirkpatrick said; they can be returned to the federal program because the county does not own them.

For Kirkpatrick, the project ultimately comes down to providing another public-safety resource for Kleberg County and the surrounding region.

"I am always looking out for the best interests of our citizens and their safety,"

Kirkpatrick said. "This is something that I believe is a next level of protection."

Kirkpatrick said he believes the aircraft's durability, available spare parts, volunteer pilots and potential grant funding put the sheriff's office in a position to operate an aviation program without creating a significant new burden for residents.

"I think when people realize that we're doing this at no burden to them, then I really don't see that there's an ongoing issue," Kirkpatrick said. "I think we're in a good position."

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ology from the University of Texas-Pan American in 1978.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam and was wounded in action in 1970. He rose to the rank of sergeant and was later assigned to Marine Barracks Washington at 8th and J, where he served as a platoon leader for Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry S. Truman.

Escobar later served in the Marine Corps Reserve, where he was promoted to staff sergeant and served as a platoon sergeant with a reconnaissance unit.

In 1978, Escobar began a career with the U.S. Border Patrol. He served for several years as patrol agent in charge at the Santa checkpoint and was later promoted to senior special agent with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. He retired from the U.S. Department of

That same year, Escobar was elected to the Texas House in a special election to succeed the late state Rep. Irma Lerna Rangel. During his legislative career, he served on committees involving defense affairs, criminal jurisprudence, House administration, border and intergovernmental affairs, and land and resource management.

Escobar served in the House until January 2009. He was elected Kleberg County judge in 2010 and served through December 2014.

Escobar lived in Kingsville with his wife of 43 years, Maria del Rosario "Rosita" Escobar. He was a lay minister and former administrator at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kingsville and served as a major in the Civil Air Patrol.

His family includes his children, Yvonne Yvette and Eduardo Eden; daughter-in-law Marleena; and grandsons Brandon, Luke and Jacob.

Obituaries

In Loving Memory



Paul Martin West

September 29, 1950 - August 22, 2026

Paul Martin West, known to many as Marty, passed away on August 22, 2026, at the age of 75. Born on September 29, 1950, he lived a life marked by devotion to his family, commitment to his community, and a warm spirit that made him loved by many.

Marty attended Military Academy and graduated from B.M. King High School. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in finance from Texas A&M University, now Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Those early foundations helped shape a life of hard work, leadership, and steady involvement in the community he called home.

He began his career in banking before becoming the owner of local establishments as well as other businesses in Alice, Texas. Through his work, Marty became a prominent community figure and business owner, and he participated in numerous local boards and civic groups. His presence in the community reflected both his dedication and his belief in staying connected to the people and places around him.

Marty will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and as a genuine man whose kindness and character left a lasting impression. He enjoyed Berzerka, being "Captain" to all the kids, and listening to Spanish music. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family, especially

by his grandchildren, who brought him great joy.

Paul Martin West's life was one of love, involvement, and deep personal connection. He will be remembered with affection by all who knew him, and his memory will remain in the hearts of those whose lives were brightened by his presence.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Vivian (Erard) West; and sister, Carol "Dee" Wilson.

Among those left to cherish his memory are the love of his life, Wilva (Perez) West; children, Barclay (Brittany) West, Camille (Chad) Chamberlain, Savannah (Chase) Drake, and Nocky (Caitlin) Garza; grandchildren, Caden and Aurora Drake, Vivian, Beau, and Ila Chamberlain, Margaret, Thad, and Vivian West, and Evelyn Garza; and many loving relatives.

The family will receive condolences from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Turcotte-Piper Mortuary with a eulogy at 10:45 a.m. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 12 p.m. at St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church. Services will conclude following the church mass.

Honoring: Marty as pallbearers are Caden, Drake, Chase Drake, Barclay West, Chad Chamberlain, Martin, Lusk, Cross Morales, and Ricky Perez. Honorary pallbearers, Fred Ketchum and Brian Birdwell.

Bill

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"Look at it again, \$5 million," I said. "What?"

Garza said he immediately believed the amount was a mistake and was not concerned that his water would be disconnected. He contacted the city Thursday morning and was told the bill resulted from a glitch.

Garza said he was told someone would get back to him with the correct amount. He said he was able to reach someone quickly but was disappointed with how his concerns were handled.

"I kind of felt like they had a little attitude, too," Garza said. "I felt like it was to blame for it, honestly."

Garza said he believed the response could have been more apologetic.

"They could have been more apologetic, you know," Garza said.

Sosa said no customers paid the \$5 million amount and refunds would not be necessary.

Sosa also said the city is preparing to launch leak-detection software associated with its newer water meters. The city has undertaken an approximately \$6 million project to install new water meters throughout Kingsville.

The leak-detection system is expected to launch by Oct. 1 and will allow customers to use an app connected to their billing accounts. Sosa said the system will learn a customer's normal water usage and send an alert when it detects usage outside that normal range, such as from a leaking toilet, running faucet or water hose.

The city is working with H2 Analytics on the system, Sosa said. Information on downloading and using the app is expected to be placed on the city's social media page before the launch.

Sosa said customers who currently experience a water leak can provide documentation showing the leak was repaired and may receive a water leak adjustment.

As for the billing glitch that generated the multimillion-dollar charges, Sosa said the problem had been corrected.

Garza said he hopes the incident encourages greater attention to bills before they are sent to customers and urged citizens to double-check their water bill.

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2026 Governing Body Summary #1A*

Benchmark 2026 Tax Rates

CITY OF KINGSVILLE

Date: 08/17/2026 10:07 AM

DESCRIPTION OF TAX RATE	TAX RATE PER \$100	THIS YEAR'S TAX LEVY	ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY
No-New-Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.74140	\$9,827,475	
One Percent \$100 Tax Increase***	\$0.74881	\$9,925,696	\$98,221
One Cent per \$100 Tax Increase***	\$0.75140	\$9,960,028	\$132,553
De Minimis Rate	\$0.79197	\$10,497,795	\$670,320
VAR NOT adjusted for Unused Increment Rate	\$0.77503	\$10,273,250	\$445,775
VAR adjusted for Unused Increment Rate	\$0.77778	\$10,309,702	\$482,227
Last Year's Tax Rate	\$0.76918	\$10,195,707	\$368,232
Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.77777	\$10,309,570	\$482,095

*These figures are provided as estimates of possible outcomes resulting from varying the tax rate. Please be aware that these are only estimates and should not be used alone in making budgetary decisions.

**Tax levies are calculated using line 22 of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet and this year's frozen tax levy on homesteads of the elderly or disabled.

***Tax increase compared to no-new-revenue tax rate.

Notice of Adopted 2026 Tax Rate

CITY OF KINGSVILLE ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.87 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$18.77.

Notice About 2026 Tax Rates

Property tax rates in CITY OF KINGSVILLE.

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This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.74140/\$100
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To see the full calculations, please visit 700 E. KLEBERG, KINGSVILLE, TX 78363 for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
M&O unassigned fund balance	7,894,829
GO debt service I&S	640,815

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues *(or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)*.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
debt 2027	1,010,177	912,863	15,900	1,938,940
Total required for 2026 debt service				\$1,938,940
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2026				\$1,938,940
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2026				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$1,938,940

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by MARIA VICTORIA VALADEZ, TAC, KLEBERG COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR on 07/28/2026.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

**§26.05(b) of Property Tax Code
Steps Required for Adoption of Tax Rate & Budget**

Entity Name: CITY OF KINGSVILLE

Date: 07/28/2026 12:29 PM

Language Required in the Motion Setting This Year's Tax Rate:

This year's proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be a record vote and 60% of the governing body must vote in favor of the adoption of the tax rate. A motion to adopt the ordinance, resolution, or order must be made in the following form:

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.77777, which is effectively a 4.91 percent increase in the tax rate.

Statement Required in the Ordinance, Resolution, or Order Setting:

This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. The following statements must be included in the ordinance, resolution, or order setting this year's tax rate. The statements must be in larger type than the type used in any other portion of the document.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.87 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$18.77.

Statement That Must be Posted on the Home Page of Any Internet Website Operated by the Taxing Unit:

This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. The following statements must be included in the ordinance, resolution, or order setting this year's tax rate. The statements must be in larger type than the type used in any other portion of the document.

CITY OF KINGSVILLE ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.87 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$18.77.

Section 26.05(b) of Property Tax Code
Worksheet for Determination of Steps Required for Adoption of Tax Rate
CITY OF KINGSVILLE

M&O Tax Increase in Current Year	
1. Last year's taxable value, adjusted for court-ordered reductions. Enter Line 8 of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$1,285,800,498
2. Last year's M&O tax rate. Enter Line 29 of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$0.61273/\$100
3. M&O taxes refunded for years preceding tax year 2025.	\$112,324
4. TIF Adjustment. Enter Line 32B of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$0
5. Last year's M&O tax levy. Multiply line 1 times line 2 and divide by 100. To the result, add line 3 and subtract line 4.	\$7,990,809
6. This year's total taxable value. Enter line 22 of the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$1,325,529,348
7. This year's proposed M&O tax rate. Enter the proposed M&O tax rate approved by the Governing Body.	\$0.63150/\$100
8. This year's M&O tax levy. Multiply line 6 times line 7 and divide by 100.	\$8,370,718
9. M&O Tax Increase (Decrease). Subtract line 5 from line 8.	\$379,909
Comparison of Total Tax Rates	
10. No-New-Revenue Total Tax Rate.	\$0.74140/\$100
11. This year's proposed total tax rate.	\$0.77777/\$100
12. This year's rate minus No-New-Revenue rate. Subtract line 10 from line 11.	\$0.03637
13. Percentage change in total tax rate. Divide Line 12 by line 10.	4.91%
Comparison of M&O Tax Rates	
14. No-New-Revenue M&O Tax Rate. Enter line 40 of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet.	\$0.60798/\$100
15. This year's proposed M&O tax rate.	\$0.63150/\$100
16. This year's rate minus No-New-Revenue rate. Subtract line 14 from line 15.	\$0.02352
17. Percentage change in M&O tax rate. Divide line 16 by line 14.	3.87%
Raised M&O Taxes on a \$100,000 Home	
18. This year's taxable value on a \$100,000 home.	\$100000
19. Last year's M&O tax rate.	\$0.61273/\$100
20. This year's proposed M&O tax rate.	\$0.63150/\$100
21. This year's raised M&O taxes. Subtract line 19 from line 20 and multiply result by line 18.	\$18.77
22. Percentage change in M&O taxes.	\$3.06

2026 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet

Taxing Units Other Than School Districts or Water Districts

Form 50-856

CITY OF KINGSVILLE

361-595-8009

Taxing Unit Name

Phone (area code and number)

400 W King Avenue, Kingsville, TX 78363

www.cityofkingsville.com

Taxing Unit's Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Taxing Unit's Website Address

GENERAL INFORMATION: Tax Code Section 26.04(c) requires an officer or employee designated by the governing body to calculate the no-new-revenue (NNR) tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for the taxing unit. These tax rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated. The calculation process starts after the chief appraiser delivers to the taxing unit the certified appraisal roll and the estimated values of properties under protest. The designated officer or employee shall certify that the officer or employee has accurately calculated the tax rates and used values shown for the certified appraisal roll or certified estimate. The officer or employee submits the rates to the governing body by Aug. 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

School districts do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-859 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District without Chapter 313 and JETI Agreements* or Comptroller Form 50-884 *Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, School District with Chapter 313 and JETI Agreements*.

Water districts as defined under Water Code Section 49.001(1) do not use this form, but instead use Comptroller Form 50-858 *Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet for Low Tax Rate and Developing Districts* or Comptroller Form 50-860 *Developed Water District Voter-Approval Tax Rate Worksheet*.

The Comptroller's office provides this worksheet to assist taxing units in determining tax rates. The information provided in this worksheet is offered as technical assistance and not legal advice. Taxing units should consult legal counsel for interpretations of law regarding tax rate preparation and adoption.

Taxing units must include a hyperlink to a document that evidences the accuracy of each entry in the worksheet other than an entry making a mathematical calculation.¹ Source materials must contain data for all worksheets used, including supplemental worksheets.

Insert hyperlink:

SECTION 1: No-New-Revenue Tax Rate

The NNR tax rate enables the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the prior year and for the current year based on a tax rate that would produce the same amount of taxes (no new taxes) if applied to the same properties that are taxed in both years. When appraisal values increase, the NNR tax rate should decrease.

The NNR tax rate for a county is the sum of the NNR tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies.

While uncommon, it is possible for a taxing unit to provide an exemption for only maintenance and operations taxes. In this case, the taxing unit will need to calculate the NNR tax rate separately for the maintenance and operations tax and the debt tax, then add the two components together.

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
1.	Prior year total taxable value. Enter the amount of the prior year taxable value on the prior year tax roll today. Include any adjustments since last year's certification; exclude Tax Code Section 25.25(d) one-fourth and one-third over-appraisal corrections from these adjustments. Exclude any property value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42 as of July 25 (will add undisputed value in Line 6). This total includes the taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 2) and the captured value for tax increment financing (adjustment is made by deducting TIF taxes, as reflected in Line 17). ²	\$ 1,284,744,368
2.	Prior year tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior college districts. Enter the prior year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision last year or a prior year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ³	\$ 0
3.	Preliminary prior year adjusted taxable value. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1.	\$ 1,284,744,368
4.	Prior year total adopted tax rate.	\$ 0.76918 /\$100
5.	Prior year taxable value lost because court appeals of ARB decisions reduced the prior year's appraised value. A. Original prior year ARB values:..... \$ 0 B. Prior year values resulting from final court decisions:..... - \$ 0 C. Prior year value loss. Subtract B from A. ⁴	\$ 0

¹ Tex. Tax Code §§5.07(g)(4) and 26.04(d-1)

² Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)

³ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(14)

⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)

Line	No-New-Revenue-Tax-Rate-Worksheet	Amount/Rate
6.	Prior year taxable value subject to an appeal under Chapter 42, as of July 25. A. Prior year ARB certified value: \$ 5,875,780 B. Prior year disputed value: - \$ 4,819,650 C. Prior year undisputed value. Subtract B from A.⁵ \$ 1,056,130	
7.	Prior year Chapter 42 related adjusted values. Add Line 5C and Line 6C.	\$ 1,056,130
8.	Prior year taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Add Line 3 and Line 7.	\$ 1,285,800,498
9.	Prior year taxable value of property in territory the taxing unit deannexed after Jan. 1 of the prior year. Enter the prior year value of property in deannexed territory.⁶	\$ 0
10.	Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for an exemption in the current year. If the taxing unit increased an original exemption, use the difference between the original exempted amount and the increased exempted amount. Do not include value lost due to freeport, goods-in-transit, temporary disaster exemptions. Note that lowering the amount or percentage of an existing exemption in the current year does not create a new exemption or reduce taxable value. A. Absolute exemptions. Use prior year market value: \$ 336,680 B. Partial exemptions. Current year exemption amount or current year percentage exemption times prior year value: + \$ 37,187,669 C. Value loss. Add A and B.⁷ \$ 37,524,349	
11.	Prior year taxable value lost because property first qualified for agricultural appraisal (1-d or 1-d-1), timber appraisal, recreational/scenic appraisal or public access airport special appraisal in the current year. Use only properties that qualified for the first time in the current year; do not use properties that qualified in the prior year. A. Prior year market value: \$ 0 B. Current year productivity or special appraised value: - \$ 0 C. Value loss. Subtract B from A.⁸ \$ 0	
12.	Total adjustments for lost value. Add Lines 9, 10C and 11C.	\$ 37,524,349
13.	Prior year captured value of property in a TIF. Enter the total value of the prior year captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment financing zone for which the prior year taxes were deposited into the tax increment fund.⁹ If the taxing unit has no captured appraised value in line 18D, enter 0.	\$ 0
14.	Prior year total value. Subtract Line 12 and Line 13 from Line 8.	\$ 1,248,276,149
15.	Adjusted prior year total levy. Multiply Line 4 by Line 14 and divide by \$100.	\$ 9,601,490
16.	Taxes refunded for years preceding the prior tax year. Enter the amount of taxes refunded by the taxing unit for tax years preceding the prior tax year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for the prior tax year. This line applies only to tax years preceding the prior tax year.¹⁰	\$ 142,908
17.	Adjusted prior year levy with refunds. Add Lines 15 and 16.¹¹	\$ 9,744,398

⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(15)⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.03(c)¹⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13)¹¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(13) and (15)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
18.	Total current year taxable value on the current year certified appraisal roll today. This value includes only certified values or certified estimate of values and includes the total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings (will deduct in Line 20). These homesteads include homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. ¹² A. Certified values: \$ 1,206,673,485 B. Counties: Include railroad rolling stock values certified by the Comptroller's office: + \$ 0 C. Pollution control and energy storage system exemption: Deduct the value of property exempted for the current tax year for the first time as pollution control or energy storage system property: - \$ 0 D. Tax increment financing: Deduct the current year captured appraised value of property taxable by a taxing unit in a tax increment reinvestment zone for which the current year taxes will be deposited into the tax increment fund. Do not include any new property value that will be included in Line 24 below.¹³ Adjustments to the taxable value must be calculated separately for each reinvestment zone using Form 50-110.¹⁴ Enter the total from Form 50-110: - \$ 0 E. Total current year value. Add A and B, then subtract C and D.	\$ 1,206,673,485
19.	Total value of properties under protest or not included on certified appraisal roll. ¹⁵ A. Current year taxable value of properties under protest. The chief appraiser certifies a list of properties still under ARB protest. The list shows the appraisal district's value and the taxpayer's claimed value, if any, or an estimate of the value if the taxpayer wins. For each of the properties under protest, use the lowest of these values. Enter the total value under protest.¹⁶ \$ 118,855,863 B. Current year value of properties not under protest or included on certified appraisal roll. The chief appraiser gives taxing units a list of those taxable properties that the chief appraiser knows about but are not included in the appraisal roll certification. These properties also are not on the list of properties that are still under protest. On this list of properties, the chief appraiser includes the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the preceding year and a reasonable estimate of the market value, appraised value and exemptions for the current year. Use the lower market, appraised or taxable value (as appropriate). Enter the total value of property not on the certified roll.¹⁷ + \$ 0 C. Total value under protest or not certified. Add A and B.	\$ 118,855,863
20.	Current year tax ceilings. Counties, cities and junior colleges enter current year total taxable value of homesteads with tax ceilings. These include the homesteads of homeowners age 65 or older or disabled. Other taxing units enter 0. If your taxing unit adopted the tax ceiling provision in the prior year or a previous year for homeowners age 65 or older or disabled, use this step. ¹⁸	\$ 0
21.	Anticipated contested value. Affected taxing units enter the contested taxable value for all property that is subject to anticipated substantial litigation. ¹⁹ An affected taxing unit is wholly or partly located in a county that has a population of less than 500,000 and is located on the Gulf of Mexico. ²⁰ If completing this line, the taxing unit must include supporting documentation in Section 9. ²¹ Taxing units that are not affected, enter 0.	\$ 0
22.	Current year total taxable value. Add Lines 18E and 19C, then subtract Lines 20 and 21. ²²	\$ 1,325,529,348
23.	Total current year taxable value of properties in territory annexed after Jan. 1, of the prior year. Include both real and personal property. Enter the current year value of property in territory annexed. ²³	\$ 0
24.	Total current year taxable value of new improvements and new personal property located in new improvements. New means the item was not on the appraisal roll in the prior year. An improvement is a building, structure, fixture or fence erected on or affixed to land. New additions to existing improvements may be included if the appraised value can be determined. New personal property in a new improvement must have been brought into the taxing unit after Jan. 1, of the prior year and be located in a new improvement. New improvements do include property on which a tax abatement agreement has expired for the current year. ²⁴	\$ 11,214,070

¹² Tex. Tax Code §§26.012(6) and 26.04(c-2)¹³ Tex. Tax Code §26.03(c)¹⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.03(e)¹⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c) and (d)¹⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(c)¹⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.01(d)¹⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)(B)¹⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)(C) and 26.012(1-b)²⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(1-a)²¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(d-3)²² Tex. Tax Code §26.012(6)²³ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(17)²⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(17)

Line	No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
25.	Total adjustments to the current year taxable value. Add Lines 23 and 24.	\$ 11,214,070
26.	Adjusted current year taxable value. Subtract Line 25 from Line 22.	\$ 1,314,315,278
27.	Current year NNR tax rate. Divide Line 17 by Line 26 and multiply by \$100. ²⁵	\$ 0.74140 /\$100
28.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the NNR tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the current year county NNR tax rate. ²⁶	\$ _____ /\$100

Voter Approval Tax Rate

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that a taxing unit may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the tax rate. The type of taxing unit will determine the rate components that apply to a taxing unit's overall voter-approval tax rate.

The voter-approval tax rate for a county is the sum of the voter-approval tax rates calculated for each type of tax the county levies. In most cases the voter-approval tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate, but occasionally decreases in a taxing unit's debt service will cause the NNR tax rate to be higher than the voter-approval tax rate.

SECTION 2: Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet

This section calculates two components of the voter-approval tax rate:

- Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Tax Rate:** The M&O portion is the tax rate that is needed to raise the same amount of taxes that the taxing unit levied in the prior year plus the applicable percentage allowed by law. This rate accounts for such things as salaries, utilities and day-to-day operations.
- Debt Rate:** The debt rate includes the minimum dollar amount required to be paid toward debt service for the current year.²⁷ This rate accounts for principal and interest on bonds and other debt secured by property tax revenue.

Line	M&O and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
29.	Prior year M&O tax rate. Enter the prior year M&O tax rate.	\$ 0.61273 /\$100
30.	Prior year taxable value, adjusted for actual and potential court-ordered adjustments. Enter the amount in Line 8 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,285,800,498
31.	Total prior year M&O levy. Multiply Line 29 by Line 30 and divide by \$100.	\$ 7,878,485
32.	Adjusted prior year levy for calculating NNR M&O rate. A. M&O taxes refunded for years preceding the prior tax year. Enter the amount of M&O taxes refunded in the preceding year for taxes before that year. Types of refunds include court decisions, Tax Code Section 25.25(b) and (c) corrections and Tax Code Section 31.11 payment errors. Do not include refunds for tax year 2025. This line applies only to tax years preceding the prior tax year..... + \$ 112,324 B. Prior year taxes in TIF. Enter the amount of taxes paid into the tax increment fund for a reinvestment zone as agreed by the taxing unit. If the taxing unit has no current year captured appraised value in Line 18D, enter 0..... - \$ 0 C. Prior year transferred function. If discontinuing all of a department, function or activity and transferring it to another taxing unit by written contract, enter the amount spent by the taxing unit discontinuing the function in the 12 months preceding the month of this calculation. If the taxing unit did not operate this function for this 12-month period, use the amount spent in the last full fiscal year in which the taxing unit operated the function. The taxing unit discontinuing the function will subtract this amount in D below. The taxing unit receiving the function will add this amount in D below. Other taxing units enter 0. +/- \$ 0 D. Prior year M&O levy adjustments. Subtract B from A. For taxing unit with C, subtract if discontinuing function and add if receiving function..... \$ 112,324 E. Add Line 31 to 32D.	\$ 7,990,809
33.	Adjusted current year taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 26 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,314,315,278
34.	Current year NNR M&O rate (unadjusted). Divide Line 32E by Line 33 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.60798 /\$100

²⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

²⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(d)

²⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(3)

Line	M&O and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
35.	Rate adjustment for state criminal justice mandate. ²⁸ A. Current year state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose. \$ <u>0</u> B. Prior year state criminal justice mandate. Enter the amount spent by a county in the 12 months prior to the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced. Do not include any state reimbursement received by the county for the same purpose. Enter zero if this is the first time the mandate applies. - \$ <u>0</u> C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100	
36.	Rate adjustment for indigent health care expenditures. ²⁹ A. Current year indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year, less any state assistance received for the same purpose. \$ <u>0</u> B. Prior year indigent health care expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a taxing unit providing for the maintenance and operation cost of providing indigent health care for the period beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, less any state assistance received for the same purpose. - \$ <u>0</u> C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100	
37.	Rate adjustment for county indigent defense compensation. ³⁰ A. Current year indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose. \$ <u>0</u> B. Prior year indigent defense compensation expenditures. Enter the amount paid by a county to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals and fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure for the period beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, less any state grants received by the county for the same purpose. \$ <u>0</u> C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 D. Multiply B by 0.05 and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 E. Enter the lesser of C and D. If not applicable, enter 0. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100	
38.	Rate adjustment for county hospital expenditures. ³¹ A. Current year eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, of the prior tax year and ending on June 30, of the current tax year. \$ <u>0</u> B. Prior year eligible county hospital expenditures. Enter the amount paid by the county or municipality to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital for the period beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025. \$ <u>0</u> C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 D. Multiply B by 0.08 and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 E. Enter the lesser of C and D, if applicable. If not applicable, enter 0. \$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100	

²⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.044²⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.0441³⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.0442³¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.0443

Line	M&O and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
39.	Rate adjustment for defunding municipality. This adjustment only applies to a municipality that is considered to be a defunding municipality for the current tax year under Chapter 109, Local Government Code. Chapter 109, Local Government Code only applies to municipalities with a population of more than 250,000 and includes a written determination by the Office of the Governor. See Tax Code Section 26.0444 for more information. A. Amount appropriated for public safety in the prior year. Enter the amount of money appropriated for public safety in the budget adopted by the municipality for the preceding fiscal year. \$ 0 B. Expenditures for public safety in the prior year. Enter the amount of money spent by the municipality for public safety during the preceding fiscal year. \$ 0 C. Subtract B from A and divide by Line 33 and multiply by \$100 \$ 0.00000 /\$100 D. Enter the rate calculated in C. If not applicable, enter 0.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
40.	Adjusted current year NNR M&O rate. Add Lines 34, 35D, 36D, 37E, and 38E. Subtract Line 39D.	\$ 0.60798 /\$100
41.	Adjustment for prior year sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Cities, counties and hospital districts that collected and spent additional sales tax on M&O expenses in the prior year should complete this line. These entities will deduct the sales tax gain rate for the current year in Section 3. Other taxing units, enter zero. A. Enter the amount of additional sales tax collected and spent on M&O expenses in the prior year, if any. Counties must exclude any amount that was spent for economic development grants from the amount of sales tax spent \$ 2,175,444 B. Divide Line 41A by Line 33 and multiply by \$100 \$ 0.16551 /\$100 C. Add Line 41B to Line 40.	\$ 0.77349 /\$100
42.	Current year voter-approval M&O rate. Enter the rate as calculated by the appropriate scenario below. Special Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit qualifies as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 41C by 1.08. - or - Other Taxing Unit. If the taxing unit does not qualify as a special taxing unit, multiply Line 41C by 1.035.	\$ 0.80056 /\$100
D42.	Disaster Line 42 (D42): Current year voter-approval M&O rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. ³² If the taxing unit is located in an area declared a disaster area and at least one person is granted an exemption under Tax Code Section 11.35 for property located in the taxing unit, the governing body may direct the person calculating the voter-approval tax rate to calculate a rate equal to the lesser of: A. The voter-approval tax rate calculated in the manner provided for a special taxing unit. Multiply line 41C by 1.08 ³³ \$ 0.00000 /\$100 - or - B. The voter-approval M&O tax rate calculated in the manner provided for a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit plus the disaster relief rate. ³⁴ Complete Section 5 through Line 68 to complete D42(B). a. Enter the disaster relief cost. \$ 0 b. Disaster relief rate. Divide Line D42(B)(a) by Line 26 and multiply by 100 \$ 0.00000 /\$100 c. Add Line D42(B)(b) to Line 42. \$ 0.00000 /\$100 d. Enter the current year unused increment rate from Line 68 \$ 0.00000 /\$100 e. Add Line D42(c) to Line D42(d). \$ 0.00000 /\$100 The taxing unit shall continue to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in this manner until the earlier of: 1) the first year in which total taxable value on the certified appraisal roll exceeds the total taxable value of the tax year in which the disaster occurred; or 2) the third tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred. C. Enter Line D42(A) if less than Line D42(B)(e). If Line D42(B)(e) is less than line D42(A), enter Line D42(B)(c). ³⁵	\$ 0.00000 /\$100

If the taxing unit does not qualify, do not complete Disaster Line 42 (Line D42).

³² Tex. Tax Code §26.042

³³ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(a-2)(1)

³⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(a-1) and 26.042(a-2)(2)

³⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(a-2)

Line	M&O and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
43.	Total current year debt to be paid with property taxes and additional sales tax revenue. Debt means the interest and principal that will be paid on debts that: (1) are paid by property taxes; (2) are secured by property taxes; (3) are scheduled for payment over a period longer than one year; and (4) are not classified in the taxing unit's budget as M&O expenses. A. Debt also includes contractual payments to other taxing units that have incurred debts on behalf of this taxing unit, if those debts meet the four conditions above. Include only amounts that will be paid from property tax revenue. Do not include appraisal district budget payments. If the governing body of a taxing unit authorized or agreed to authorize a bond, warrant, certificate of obligation, or other evidence of indebtedness on or after Sept. 1, 2021, verify if it meets the amended definition of debt before including it here. ³⁶ Enter debt amount \$ 1,938,940 B. Subtract unencumbered fund amount used to reduce total debt. - \$ 0 C. Subtract certified amount spent from sales tax to reduce debt (enter zero if none) - \$ 0 D. Subtract amount paid from other resources - \$ 0 E. Adjusted debt. Subtract B, C and D from A.	\$ 1,938,940
44.	Certified prior year excess debt collections. Enter the amount certified by the collector. ³⁷	\$ 0
45.	Adjusted current year debt. Subtract Line 44 from Line 43E.	\$ 1,938,940
46.	Current year anticipated collection rate. A. Enter the current year anticipated collection rate certified by the collector. ³⁸ 100.00 % B. Enter the prior year actual collection rate 95.96 % C. Enter the 2024 actual collection rate 97.93 % D. Enter the 2023 actual collection rate 97.34 % E. If the anticipated collection rate in A is lower than actual collection rates in B, C and D, enter the lowest collection rate from B, C and D. If the anticipated rate in A is higher than at least one of the rates in the prior three years, enter the rate from A. Note that the rate can be greater than 100%. ³⁹	100.00 %
47.	Current year debt adjusted for collections. Divide Line 45 by Line 46E.	\$ 1,938,940
48.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,325,529,348
49.	Current year debt rate. Divide Line 47 by Line 48 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.14627 /\$100
50.	Current year voter-approval M&O rate plus current year debt rate. Add Lines 42 and 49.	\$ 0.94683 /\$100
D50.	Disaster Line 50 (D50): Current year voter-approval M&O and debt tax rate for taxing unit affected by disaster declaration. Complete this line if the taxing unit calculated the voter-approval M&O tax rate in the manner provided by Line D42. Add Line D42(C) and 49.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
51.	COUNTIES ONLY. Add together the voter-approval M&O and debt tax rates for each type of tax the county levies. The total is the current year county voter-approval M&O and debt tax rate.	\$ _____ /\$100

³⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(f)³⁷ Tex. Tax Code §926.012(10) and 26.04(b)³⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(b)³⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(h), (h-1) and (h-2)

SECTION 3: Adjustments for Additional Sales Tax to Reduce Property Taxes

Cities, counties and hospital districts may levy a sales tax specifically to reduce property taxes. Local voters by election must approve imposing or abolishing the additional sales tax. If approved, the taxing unit must reduce its NNR and voter-approval tax rates to offset the expected sales tax revenue.

This section should only be completed by a county, city or hospital district that is required to adjust its NNR tax rate and/or voter-approval tax rate because it adopted the additional sales tax.

Line	Additional Sales and Use Tax Worksheet	Amount/Rate
52.	Taxable Sales. For taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November of the prior tax year or May of the current tax year, enter the Comptroller's estimate of taxable sales for the previous four quarters. ⁴⁰ Estimates of taxable sales may be obtained through the Comptroller's Allocation Historical Summary webpage. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November of the prior year, enter 0.	\$ 0
53.	Estimated sales tax revenue. Counties exclude any amount that is or will be spent for economic development grants from the amount of estimated sales tax revenue. ⁴¹ Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November of the prior tax year or in May of the current tax year. Multiply the amount on Line 52 by the sales tax rate (.01, .005 or .0025, as applicable) and multiply the result by .95. ⁴² - or - Taxing units that adopted the sales tax before November of the prior year. Enter the sales tax revenue for the previous four quarters. Do not multiply by .95.	\$ 2,277,372
54.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,325,529,348
55.	Sales tax adjustment rate. Divide Line 53 by Line 54 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.17180 /\$100
56.	Current year NNR tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ⁴³ Enter the rate from Line 27 or 28, as applicable, on the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.74140 /\$100
57.	Current year NNR tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Taxing units that adopted the sales tax in November the prior tax year or in May of the current tax year. Subtract Line 55 from Line 56. Skip to Line 58 if you adopted the additional sales tax before November of the prior tax year.	\$ 0.74140 /\$100
58.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, unadjusted for sales tax. ⁴⁴ Enter the rate from Line 50, Line D50 (disaster) or Line 51 (counties) as applicable, of the <i>M&O and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.94683 /\$100
59.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for sales tax. Subtract Line 55 from Line 58.	\$ 0.77503 /\$100

SECTION 4: Adjustment for Pollution Control

A taxing unit may raise its rate for M&O funds used to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution. This includes any land, structure, building, installation, excavation, machinery, equipment or device that is used, constructed, acquired or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed pollution control requirements. The taxing unit's expenses are those necessary to meet the requirements of a permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The taxing unit must provide the tax assessor with a copy of the TCEQ letter of determination that states the portion of the cost of the installation for pollution control.

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that uses M&O funds to pay for a facility, device or method for the control of air, water or land pollution.

Line	Adjustment for Pollution Control Requirements Worksheet	Amount/Rate
60.	Certified expenses from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Enter the amount certified in the determination letter from TCEQ. ⁴⁵ The taxing unit shall provide its tax assessor-collector with a copy of the letter. ⁴⁶	\$ 0
61.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount from Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,325,529,348
62.	Additional rate for pollution control. Divide Line 60 by Line 61 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
63.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for pollution control. Add Line 62 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 50, Line D50 (disaster), Line 51 (counties) or Line 59 (taxing units with the additional sales tax).	\$ 0.77503 /\$100

⁴⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.041(d)

⁴¹ Tex. Tax Code §26.041(i)

⁴² Tex. Tax Code §26.041(d)

⁴³ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

⁴⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)

⁴⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(d)

⁴⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.045(i)

SECTION 5: Unused Increment Rate

The unused increment rate is the rate equal to the sum of the prior 3 years Foregone Revenue Amounts divided by the current taxable value. ⁴⁷ The Foregone Revenue Amount for each year is equal to that year's adopted tax rate subtracted from that year's voter-approval tax rate adjusted to remove the unused increment rate multiplied by that year's current total value. ⁴⁸

The difference between the adopted tax rate and adjusted voter-approval tax rate is considered zero in the following scenarios:

- a tax year in which a taxing unit affected by a disaster declaration calculates the tax rate under Tax Code Section 26.042; ⁴⁹
- a tax year in which the municipality is a defunding municipality, as defined by Tax Code Section 26.0501(a); ⁵⁰ or
- after Jan. 1, 2022, a tax year in which the comptroller determines that the county implemented a budget reduction or reallocation described by Local Government Code Section 120.002(a) without the required voter approval. ⁵¹

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit. ⁵²

Line	Unused Increment Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
64.	Year 3 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2025 unused increment rate and 2025 actual tax rate from the 2025 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2025 current total value	
	A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 69).....	\$ 0.76919 /\$100
	B. Unused increment rate (Line 68).....	\$ 0.01847 /\$100
	C. Subtract B from A.....	\$ 0.75072 /\$100
	D. Adopted Tax Rate.....	\$ 0.76918 /\$100
	E. Subtract D from C.....	\$ -0.01846 /\$100
	F. 2025 Total Taxable Value (Line 61).....	\$ 1,288,128,770
	G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by 100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero.....	\$ 0
65.	Year 2 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2024 unused increment rate and 2024 actual tax rate from the 2024 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2024 current total value	
	A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 68).....	\$ 0.79793 /\$100
	B. Unused increment rate (Line 67).....	\$ 0.02814 /\$100
	C. Subtract B from A.....	\$ 0.76979 /\$100
	D. Adopted Tax Rate.....	\$ 0.77000 /\$100
	E. Subtract D from C.....	\$ -0.00021 /\$100
	F. 2024 Total Taxable Value (Line 60).....	\$ 1,176,951,016
	G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by 100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero.....	\$ 0
66.	Year 1 Foregone Revenue Amount. Subtract the 2023 unused increment rate and 2023 actual tax rate from the 2023 voter-approval tax rate. Multiply the result by the 2023 current total value	
	A. Voter-approval tax rate (Line 67).....	\$ 0.76311 /\$100
	B. Unused increment rate (Line 66).....	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
	C. Subtract B from A.....	\$ 0.76311 /\$100
	D. Adopted Tax Rate.....	\$ 0.76000 /\$100
	E. Subtract D from C.....	\$ 0.00311 /\$100
	F. 2023 Total Taxable Value (Line 60).....	\$ 1,175,807,894
	G. Multiply E by F and divide the results by 100. If the number is less than zero, enter zero.....	\$ 36,567
67.	Total Foregone Revenue Amount. Add Lines 64G, 65G and 66G	\$ 36,567
68.	2026 Unused Increment Rate. Divide Line 67 by Line 22 of the No-New-Revenue Rate Worksheet. Multiply the result by 100	\$ 0.00275 /\$100
69.	Total 2026 voter-approval tax rate. Add Line 68 to one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 50, Line D50 (only if Line D42(B) was used), Line 51 (counties), Line 59 (taxing units with additional sales tax) or Line 63 (taxing units with pollution)	\$ 0.77778 /\$100

⁴⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.013(b)

⁴⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.013(a)(1-a), (1-b), and (2)

⁴⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c)(2)(A) and 26.042(a)

⁵⁰ Tex. Tax Code §26.0501(a) and (c)

⁵¹ Tex. Local Gov't Code §120.007(d)

⁵² Tex. Local Gov't Code §26.04(c)(2)(B)

SECTION 6: De Minimis Rate

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for a taxing unit.⁵³

This section should only be completed by a taxing unit that is a municipality of less than 30,000 or a taxing unit that does not meet the definition of a special taxing unit.⁵⁴

Line	De Minimis Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
70.	Adjusted current year NNR M&O tax rate. Enter the rate from Line 40 of the <i>M&O and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.60798 /\$100
71.	Current year total taxable value. Enter the amount on Line 22 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,325,529,348
72.	Rate necessary to impose \$500,000 in taxes. Divide \$500,000 by Line 71 and multiply by \$100.	\$ 0.03772 /\$100
73.	Current year debt rate. Enter the rate from Line 49 of the <i>M&O and Debt Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.14627 /\$100
74.	De minimis rate. Add Lines 70, 72 and 73.	\$ 0.79197 /\$100

SECTION 7: Adjustment for Emergency Revenue Rate

In the tax year after the end of the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a), a taxing unit that calculated its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit due to a disaster must calculate its emergency revenue rate and reduce its voter-approval tax rate for that year.⁵⁵

This section will apply to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit that:

- directed the designated officer or employee to calculate the voter-approval tax rate of the taxing unit in the manner provided for a special taxing unit in the prior year; and
- the current year is the first tax year in which the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit as shown on the appraisal roll for the taxing unit submitted by the assessor for the taxing unit to the governing body exceeds the total taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit on January 1 of the tax year in which the disaster occurred or the disaster occurred four years ago.

Note: This section does not apply if a taxing unit is continuing to calculate its voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit because it is still within the disaster calculation time period detailed in Tax Code Section 26.042(a) because it has not met the conditions in Tax Code Section 26.042(a)(1) or (2).

Line	Emergency Revenue Rate Worksheet	Amount/Rate
75.	2025 adopted tax rate. Enter the rate in Line 4 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 0.76918 /\$100
76.	Adjusted 2025 voter-approval tax rate. Use the taxing unit's Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets from the prior year(s) to complete this line. ⁵⁶ If a disaster occurred in 2025 and the taxing unit calculated its 2025 voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 42 (D42) of the 2025 worksheet due to a disaster, complete the applicable sections or lines of <i>Form 50-856-a, Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> . - or - If a disaster occurred prior to 2025 for which the taxing unit continued to calculate its voter-approval tax rate using a multiplier of 1.08 on Disaster Line 42 (D42) in 2025, complete <i>Form 50-856-a, Adjusted Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Taxing Units in Disaster Area Calculation Worksheet</i> to recalculate the voter-approval tax rate the taxing unit would have calculated in 2025 if it had generated revenue based on an adopted tax rate using a multiplier of 1.035 in the years following the disaster. ⁵⁷ Enter the final adjusted 2025 voter-approval tax rate from the worksheet.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
77.	Increase in 2025 tax rate due to disaster. Subtract Line 76 from Line 75.	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
78.	Adjusted 2025 taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 14 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,248,276,149
79.	Emergency revenue. Multiply Line 77 by Line 78 and divide by \$100.	\$ 0
80.	Adjusted current year taxable value. Enter the amount in Line 26 of the <i>No-New-Revenue Tax Rate Worksheet</i> .	\$ 1,314,315,278
81.	Emergency revenue rate. Divide Line 79 by Line 80 and multiply by \$100. ⁵⁸	\$ 0.00000 /\$100
82.	Current year voter-approval tax rate, adjusted for emergency revenue. Subtract Line 81 from one of the following lines (as applicable): Line 50, Line D50 (disaster), Line 51 (counties), Line 59 (taxing units with the additional sales tax), Line 63 (taxing units with pollution control) or Line 69 (taxing units with the unused increment rate).	\$ 0.77778 /\$100

⁵³ Tex. Tax Code §26.012(b-a)

⁵⁴ Tex. Tax Code §26.063(a)(1)

⁵⁵ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(b)

⁵⁶ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(c)

⁵⁷ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(b)

⁵⁸ Tex. Tax Code §26.042(b)

SECTION 8: Total Tax Rate

Indicate the applicable total tax rates as calculated above.

No-new-revenue tax rate. \$ 0.74140 /\$100

As applicable, enter the current year NNR tax rate from: Line 27, Line 28 (counties), or Line 57 (adjusted for sales tax).

Indicate the line number used: 27.000**Voter-approval tax rate.** \$ 0.77778 /\$100

As applicable, enter the current year voter-approval tax rate from: Line 50, Line D50 (disaster), Line 51 (counties), Line 59 (adjusted for sales tax), Line 63 (adjusted for pollution control), Line 69 (adjusted for unused increment), or Line 82 (adjusted for emergency revenue).

Indicate the line number used: 69**De minimis rate.** \$ 0.79197 /\$100

If applicable, enter the current year de minimis rate from Line 74.

SECTION 9: Addendum

An affected taxing unit that enters an amount described by Tax Code Section 26.012(6)(C) in line 21 must include the following as an addendum:

1. Documentation that supports the exclusion of value under Tax Code Section 26.012(6)(C); and
2. Each statement submitted to the designated officer or employee by the property owner or entity as required by Tax Code Section 41.48(c)(2) for that tax year.

Insert hyperlinks to supporting documentation:

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SECTION 10: Taxing Unit Representative Name and SignatureEnter the name of the person preparing the tax rate as authorized by the governing body of the taxing unit. By signing below, you certify that you are the designated officer or employee of the taxing unit and have accurately calculated the tax rates using values that are the same as the values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal roll or certified estimate of taxable value, in accordance with requirements in the Tax Code.⁹⁹**print
here** ➡

Maria Victoria Valadez

Printed Name of Taxing Unit Representative

**sign
here** ➡

Taxing Unit Representative

Date

⁹⁹ Tex. Tax Code §26.04(c-2) and (d-2)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 01, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, DISTRIBUTING THE TAX LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS, AND PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, that the ad valorem tax rate for all taxable property within the city limits of Kingsville, Texas for FY 2026-2027 be established and adopted as follows:

Section One: **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.87 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$18.77.

Section Two: That there be and there is hereby levied and ordered collected on each One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation of all taxable property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of the City of Kingsville, Texas, for the tax corporate limits of the City of Kingsville, Texas, for the tax year 2026 starting October 01, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$.77777 based on 100% of the fair market value.

Section Three: Said levy shall be distributed in the following manner:

FOR GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES (Maintenance & Operations), the sum of \$.63150 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of such property.

FOR DEBT SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES of annual principal, interest, and service fees of all General Obligation Bonds, Warrants, Certificates of Obligation, and Combination Tax and Junior Lien Revenue

Certificates of Obligations, of the City of Kingsville, the sum of \$.14627 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of such property.

Section Four: That said taxes shall be due and payable at the time and in the manner provided by ordinances of the City of Kingsville and laws of the State of Texas, relating to the payment of taxes and providing for penalties and interest on delinquent taxes.

Section Five: There is hereby fixed, levied on each and every item of taxable property a lien for the purpose of securing the certain payment of the taxes assessed against said item of property and said lien shall continue to exist against any item of property against which a tax is assessed hereunder until such tax together with all penalties and interest shall be paid.

Section Six: This ordinance shall be in full force and effective ten days from and after the date of the second publication in a local newspaper as provided by law and the City Charter of the City of Kingsville.

Section Seven: The tax rate established and adopted by this ordinance and a copy of this ordinance shall be filed in the office of the Tax Assessor Collector.

Section Eight: That no discounts or split payments are allowed for the 2026 tax year.

Section Nine: That an exemption of \$8,400.00 be granted for any person of age sixty-five (65) or over.

Section Ten: The Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collector is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of Kingsville employing the above tax rate.

INTRODUCED on this the 8th day of September, 2026.

PASSED on this the 14th day of September, 2026.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

AGENDA ITEM #7

AGENDA ITEM #8

City of Kingsville
Human Resource Department

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners
CC: Charles Sosa, City Manager
FROM: Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
DATE: August 18, 2026
SUBJECT: Ordinance – City of Kingsville Classification & Compensation Plan FY26-27

Summary: In preparation for the beginning of each new fiscal year, the City of Kingsville Classification & Compensation Plan is brought before the City Commission. This plan includes all non-civil service positions and incorporates classification and title changes included in the City Manager's budget. See attached proposed FY26-27 City of Kingsville Classification & Compensation Plan which notes changes from the FY25-26 plan.

Changes from FY25-26 to FY26-27

Position Removal

Class 11 – Golf Pro Shop Attendant
Class 13 – Customer Billing Specialist I
Class 14 – Customer Billing Specialist II
Class 18 – Foreman-Parks & Recreation - Golf
Class 20 – Project Engineer
Class 23 – Golf Course Superintendent
Class 27 – Capital Improvements Manager
Class 28 – Economic Development Manager

Class/Title Change

City Secretary Class 25 to Class 31
Safety & Training Coordinator (Class 16) to Risk Manager (Class 27)
Planning & Development Services Director to Economic Development and Planning Director

New Position (Grant Funded)

Multidisciplinary Victim's Case Manager - Class 22

Class Removal – Not Utilized

Class 36 & Class 37

Additional class titled Recruits with minimum rates added for Fire and Police Probationary Recruits as positions are not included in collective bargaining agreements.

Background: The Classification and Compensation Plan is drafted annually based on the City Manager's proposed budget and presented to City Commission for consideration. The plan covers City of Kingsville positions except for civil service fire and police positions covered under their respective collective bargaining agreements.

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Financial Impact: The approximate financial impact of the wage schedule for *non-civil service* positions is \$15,504,095.05 which includes fringe benefits paid by the City such as (taxes, life insurance, health insurance, workers compensation, unemployment and TMRS retirement contributions) and is incorporated in the City Manager's proposed budget. The above number does not include wages and fringe benefits for civil service fire and police personnel of approximately \$9,260,000.

Included in the total financial impact:

- Continuation of Anniversary Program
- Continuation of Longevity Program

Recommendation: Approve the recommended FY26-27 City of Kingsville Classification & Compensation Plan as presented and included in the City Manager's proposed budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AMENDING THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER III, ARTICLE 7, PERSONNEL POLICIES AND APPROVING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN REFLECTED IN THE FY26-27 BUDGET; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is necessary to protect the public safety, health, and welfare of the City of Kingsville.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS:

I.

THAT Section 3-7-1 of Article 7: Personnel Policies of Chapter III. Administration of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kingsville, Texas, shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 3-7-1 ADOPTION OF THE JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN.

The City of Kingsville Classification and Compensation Plan dated effective as of October 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 is hereby adopted by reference providing for certain classifications and positions as more particularly defined therein. Classified positions and incumbents thereof shall be subject to the terms and conditions of all policies incorporated by reference and adopted by the City Commission by resolution. All employees serve at will, at the pleasure of the City Manager, or designee, or at the pleasure of the City Commission if appointed by the City Commission, and shall have and continue such at-will status, notwithstanding any other provision of this Classification Plan, any other City Ordinance, or any rule or regulation of the City.

All Employees (excluding civil service personnel) of the City of Kingsville are placed on the City of Kingsville FY ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 Employee Wage Schedule in a corresponding step for the specified position.

New hires shall be placed at the compensation Class for the designated positions. New hires may be placed in the Step within the designated Class corresponding to the years of experience the new employee brings to the City correlating to the designated duties of the position.

Employees promoted, transferred or temporarily assigned to a position in a higher classification range shall commence at a step of the higher Class. Each promoted, transferred or temporarily assigned employee shall then proceed to the next step after one (1) year in their current position and shall proceed to each step thereafter on the 3rd, 6th, 10th, 15th, 20th, and 25th year or until the employee reaches the final step of the compensation schedule.

Employees demoted, transferred, temporarily assigned, or accepting a position in a lower Class shall commence at a step of pay in the lower Class. Employees shall proceed to the next step of the compensation plan, as scheduled, based on years of City service.

Executive Level 1, 2, & 3 positions shall receive a cost of living adjustment when employees (excluding civil service personnel) receive a cost of living adjustment unless superseded by an employment agreement. The City Commission shall evaluate the performance of and recommend salaries for Executive Level 1, 2, & 3 positions each July to prepare for the up-coming fiscal year.

II.

THAT the FY~~25-26~~ 26-27 Classification and Compensation Plan referred to in this ordinance and reflected in the City Manager's budget for FY~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 be approved.

III.

THAT all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

IV.

THAT if for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Commission that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

V.

THAT this Ordinance shall be codified and become effective on and after adoption and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED on this the 8th day of September, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 14th day of September, 2026.

Effective Date: _____

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

CITY OF KINGSVILLE CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION PLAN

FISCAL YEAR ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027

103% Year 1: Classes = 5% & Steps=4%

PROPOSAL Draft - August 18, 2026

Class #

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
11	\$ 15.45	\$ 16.07	\$ 16.71	\$ 17.38	\$ 18.07	\$ 18.80	\$ 19.55	\$ 20.33
	\$ 15.91	\$ 16.55	\$ 17.21	\$ 17.90	\$ 18.61	\$ 19.36	\$ 20.14	\$ 20.94

Custodian

Customer Billing & Services Representative I

Golf Pro Shop Attendant

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Kennel Attendant

Meter Reader Technician

Public Maintenance Worker

Utility Worker

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
12	\$ 16.22	\$ 16.87	\$ 17.55	\$ 18.25	\$ 18.98	\$ 19.74	\$ 20.53	\$ 21.35
	\$ 16.71	\$ 17.38	\$ 18.08	\$ 18.80	\$ 19.55	\$ 20.33	\$ 21.15	\$ 21.99

Administrative Technician

Animal Care Attendant

Customer Billing & Services Representative II

Plant Helper Records Clerk (new)

Pump Operator

Services Technician

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
13	\$ 17.03	\$ 17.71	\$ 18.42	\$ 19.16	\$ 19.93	\$ 20.72	\$ 21.55	\$ 22.42
	\$ 17.54	\$ 18.24	\$ 18.97	\$ 19.73	\$ 20.53	\$ 21.34	\$ 22.20	\$ 23.09

Animal Services Specialist

Customer Billing Specialist I

Deputy Clerk

Evidence Technician

Intake & Placement Specialist

Light Equipment Operator

Recycling Technician

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
14	\$ 17.89	\$ 18.60	\$ 19.34	\$ 20.12	\$ 20.92	\$ 21.76	\$ 22.63	\$ 23.54
	\$ 18.43	\$ 19.16	\$ 19.92	\$ 20.72	\$ 21.55	\$ 22.41	\$ 23.31	\$ 24.25

Accounting Assistant

Administrative Assistant

Code Compliance Inspector

Customer Billing Specialist II

Inventory Technician

Lab Technician

Recreation Coordinator

Telecommunications Operator

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
15	\$ 18.78	\$ 19.53	\$ 20.31	\$ 21.12	\$ 21.97	\$ 22.85	\$ 23.76	\$ 24.71
	\$ 19.34	\$ 20.12	\$ 20.92	\$ 21.75	\$ 22.63	\$ 23.54	\$ 24.47	\$ 25.45

Administrative Coordinator

Engineering Technician

GIS Technician

Heavy Equipment Operator

Maintenance Technician

Payroll Specialist

Welder/Fabricator

Wastewater Operator

Water Production Operator

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
16	\$ 19.72	\$ 20.51	\$ 21.33	\$ 22.18	\$ 23.07	\$ 23.99	\$ 24.95	\$ 25.95
	\$ 20.31	\$ 21.13	\$ 21.97	\$ 22.85	\$ 23.76	\$ 24.71	\$ 25.70	\$ 26.73

Human Resource Specialist

Safety & Training Coordinator

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
17	\$ 20.70	\$ 21.53	\$ 22.39	\$ 23.29	\$ 24.22	\$ 25.19	\$ 26.20	\$ 27.25
	\$ 21.32	\$ 22.18	\$ 23.06	\$ 23.99	\$ 24.95	\$ 25.95	\$ 26.99	\$ 28.07

Health Inspector I

Help Desk Technician

Lead Maintenance Technician

Lead Telecommunications Operator

Paralegal

Senior Heavy Equipment Operator

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
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\$ 21.74	\$ 22.61	\$ 23.51	\$ 24.45	\$ 25.43	\$ 26.45	\$ 27.51	\$ 28.61
\$ 22.39	\$ 23.29	\$ 24.22	\$ 25.18	\$ 26.19	\$ 27.24	\$ 28.34	\$ 29.47

Crime Scene Specialist

Engineering Assistant

Foreman - Landfill

Foreman - Parks & Recreation

~~Foreman - Parks & Recreation - Golf~~

Foreman - Solid Waste

Foreman - Street

Foreman - Wastewater - Plants

Media & Content Specialist

19

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 22.83	\$ 23.74	\$ 24.69	\$ 25.68	\$ 26.70	\$ 27.77	\$ 28.88	\$ 30.04
\$ 23.51	\$ 24.45	\$ 25.43	\$ 26.45	\$ 27.50	\$ 28.60	\$ 29.75	\$ 30.94

Health Inspector II

20

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 23.97	\$ 24.93	\$ 25.92	\$ 26.96	\$ 28.04	\$ 29.16	\$ 30.33	\$ 31.54
\$ 24.69	\$ 25.68	\$ 26.70	\$ 27.77	\$ 28.88	\$ 30.03	\$ 31.24	\$ 32.49

Project Engineer

21

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 25.17	\$ 26.17	\$ 27.22	\$ 28.31	\$ 29.44	\$ 30.62	\$ 31.84	\$ 33.12
\$ 25.93	\$ 26.96	\$ 28.04	\$ 29.16	\$ 30.32	\$ 31.54	\$ 32.80	\$ 34.11

Collection's Supervisor

Communications Coordinator

Municipal Court Supervisor

Special Events/Downtown Manager

22

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 26.42	\$ 27.48	\$ 28.58	\$ 29.72	\$ 30.91	\$ 32.15	\$ 33.44	\$ 34.77
\$ 27.21	\$ 28.30	\$ 29.44	\$ 30.61	\$ 31.84	\$ 33.11	\$ 34.44	\$ 35.81

Systems Administrator

Multidisciplinary Victim's Case Manager

23

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 27.75	\$ 28.86	\$ 30.01	\$ 31.21	\$ 32.46	\$ 33.76	\$ 35.11	\$ 36.51
\$ 28.58	\$ 29.73	\$ 30.91	\$ 32.15	\$ 33.43	\$ 34.77	\$ 36.16	\$ 37.61

Golf Course Superintendent

Parks Manager

24

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 29.13	\$ 30.30	\$ 31.51	\$ 32.77	\$ 34.08	\$ 35.45	\$ 36.86	\$ 38.34
\$ 30.00	\$ 31.21	\$ 32.46	\$ 33.75	\$ 35.10	\$ 36.51	\$ 37.97	\$ 39.49

Garage Supervisor

Purchasing Manager

Solid Waste Supervisor

Street Supervisor

Wastewater Supervisor

Water Production Supervisor

Water Supervisor

Wastewater Collections/Stormwater Supervisor

25

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 30.59	\$ 31.81	\$ 33.09	\$ 34.41	\$ 35.79	\$ 37.22	\$ 38.71	\$ 40.25
\$ 31.51	\$ 32.76	\$ 34.08	\$ 35.44	\$ 36.86	\$ 38.34	\$ 39.87	\$ 41.46

City Secretary

26

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 32.12	\$ 33.40	\$ 34.74	\$ 36.13	\$ 37.58	\$ 39.08	\$ 40.64	\$ 42.27
\$ 33.08	\$ 34.40	\$ 35.78	\$ 37.21	\$ 38.71	\$ 40.25	\$ 41.86	\$ 43.54

Accounting Manager

Building Official

27

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 33.73	\$ 35.07	\$ 36.48	\$ 37.94	\$ 39.45	\$ 41.03	\$ 42.67	\$ 44.38
\$ 34.74	\$ 36.12	\$ 37.57	\$ 39.08	\$ 40.63	\$ 42.26	\$ 43.95	\$ 45.71

Capital Improvements Manager

Risk Manager

28

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 35.41	\$ 36.83	\$ 38.30	\$ 39.83	\$ 41.43	\$ 43.08	\$ 44.81	\$ 46.60
\$ 36.47	\$ 37.93	\$ 39.45	\$ 41.02	\$ 42.67	\$ 44.37	\$ 46.15	\$ 48.00

Economic Development Manager

29

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 37.18	\$ 38.67	\$ 40.22	\$ 41.82	\$ 43.50	\$ 45.24	\$ 47.05	\$ 48.93
\$ 38.30	\$ 39.83	\$ 41.43	\$ 43.07	\$ 44.81	\$ 46.60	\$ 48.46	\$ 50.40

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Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 39.04	\$ 40.60	\$ 42.23	\$ 43.92	\$ 45.67	\$ 47.50	\$ 49.40	\$ 51.38
\$ 40.21	\$ 41.82	\$ 43.50	\$ 45.24	\$ 47.04	\$ 48.93	\$ 50.88	\$ 52.92

Health Director

Park & Recreation Director

Information Technology Director

Tourism Services Director

31

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 40.99	\$ 42.63	\$ 44.34	\$ 46.11	\$ 47.96	\$ 49.87	\$ 51.87	\$ 53.94
\$ 42.22	\$ 43.91	\$ 45.67	\$ 47.49	\$ 49.40	\$ 51.37	\$ 53.43	\$ 55.56

City Secretary

32

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 43.04	\$ 44.76	\$ 46.56	\$ 48.42	\$ 50.35	\$ 52.37	\$ 54.46	\$ 56.64
\$ 44.33	\$ 46.10	\$ 47.96	\$ 49.87	\$ 51.86	\$ 53.94	\$ 56.09	\$ 58.34

Human Resource Director

33

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 45.20	\$ 47.00	\$ 48.88	\$ 50.84	\$ 52.87	\$ 54.99	\$ 57.19	\$ 59.47
\$ 46.56	\$ 48.41	\$ 50.35	\$ 52.37	\$ 54.46	\$ 56.64	\$ 58.91	\$ 61.25

Planning & Development Services Director

Public Works Director

Economic Development and Planning Director

34

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 47.46	\$ 49.35	\$ 51.33	\$ 53.38	\$ 55.52	\$ 57.74	\$ 60.05	\$ 62.45
\$ 48.88	\$ 50.83	\$ 52.87	\$ 54.98	\$ 57.19	\$ 59.47	\$ 61.85	\$ 64.32

City Engineer

Finance Director

35

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 49.83	\$ 51.82	\$ 53.89	\$ 56.05	\$ 58.29	\$ 60.62	\$ 63.05	\$ 65.57
\$ 51.32	\$ 53.37	\$ 55.51	\$ 57.73	\$ 60.04	\$ 62.44	\$ 64.94	\$ 67.54

Fire Chief

Police Chief

36

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 52.32	\$ 54.41	\$ 56.59	\$ 58.85	\$ 61.21	\$ 63.65	\$ 66.20	\$ 68.85

37

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
\$ 54.94	\$ 57.13	\$ 59.42	\$ 61.79	\$ 64.27	\$ 66.84	\$ 69.51	\$ 72.29

*Note: Exempt position hourly rates for illustrative purposes only.

Recruits

Minimum	Maximum
\$ 17.00	-----

Fire Probationary Recruit

Police Probationary Recruit

Other

Minimum	Maximum
\$ 10.00	-----

Seasonal/Temporary Positions

Step increases are calculated from Step placement at time of hire. Employees progress to the next Step upon completion of the following years: 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 20, and 25th year or until reach Step 8.

The hourly chart shall be relevant to all employees (excluding executive officers and civil service employees) maintaining a position in the same CLASS, unless otherwise approved by the City Manager.

LONGEVITY PROGRAM - \$ 5 per month per year of service - maximum 25 years

AGENDA ITEM #9



**City of Kingsville
Finance Department**

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners
CC: Charlie Sosa, City Manager
FROM: Deborah Balli, Finance Director
DATE: August 27, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposed Fee Increase for Sewer Rates

Summary:

The City contracted with Grady Reed with HDR Engineering to perform a rate study of Water and Wastewater rates which was completed 8/11/2023. The study indicated that rates would need to increase in 2026 by 8% for Wastewater with additional increases in future years.

The 8% increase in Wastewater rates will provide an estimated \$418,391.52 in additional sewer revenues, which are needed to sustain the system. The increase in revenues has been incorporated into the proposed budget in the sewer revenue line item of Fund 051.

The Utility Fund has several major projects identified that need to be completed. The additional revenues will be used to begin work on the Capital Improvements Plan and to insure the minimum fund balance requirements of Fund 051.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of the sewer rate increase as proposed in the FY 26-27 budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AMENDING THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 2-SEWERS, SECTION 2-USER CLASSIFICATIONS, SCHEDULE OF CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN SEWER RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the cost to provide this service has increased substantially in the year since the rates were last adjusted.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is necessary to protect the public safety, health, and welfare of the City of Kingsville.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS: 8% increase

I.

THAT Section 5-2-2 of Article 2: Sewers of Chapter V, Public Works, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kingsville, Texas, shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 5-2-2 USER CLASSIFICATIONS; SCHEDULE OF CHARGES.

(A) *Single-family residential*. Minimum monthly charge of ~~\$19.94~~ ~~\$18.46~~ with an allowance of 2,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons a charge of ~~\$5.72~~ ~~\$5.29~~ per 1,000 gallons will be levied to a maximum of 15,000 gallons after which no further charge shall be levied.

(B) *Duplex*. Minimum monthly charge of ~~\$24.46~~ ~~\$22.64~~ with an allowance of 2,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons a charge of ~~\$5.72~~ ~~\$5.29~~ per 1,000 gallons will be levied.

(C) *Multi-family residential (includes apartments of 3-4 units)*. Minimum monthly charge of ~~\$37.37~~ ~~\$34.60~~ with an allowance of 3,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 3,000 gallons, a charge of ~~\$5.72~~ ~~\$5.29~~ per 1,000 gallons shall be levied.

(D) *Commercial (includes hotels, motels, apartments over 4 units, and all others not meeting any other categories)*. Minimum monthly charge ~~\$45.98~~ ~~\$42.57~~ with an allowance of 3,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 3,000 gallons a charge of ~~\$6.02~~ ~~\$5.57~~ per 1,000 gallons will be levied.

(E) *Irrigation*. No customer using city water services solely for irrigation purposes shall be assessed a sewer charge.

(F) *Industrial plants.* By special contract with the city.

(G) *Billing charge.* All sewer customers who are not billed for water services shall be assessed a monthly billing charge of ~~\$3.33~~ ~~\$3.08~~ in addition to their sewer charges.

(H) (1) *Outside city limits.* All parts of this section apply to customers located outside the city limits and who receive city sewer service except for the rates to such customers shall be as follows:

(2) *Single-family residential.* Minimum monthly charge of ~~\$22.94~~ ~~\$21.24~~ with an allowance of 2,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons a charge of ~~\$6.56~~ ~~\$6.07~~ per 1,000 gallons of water consumed to a maximum of 15,000 gallons after which no further charge shall be levied.

(3) *Duplex.* Minimum monthly charge of ~~\$28.14~~ ~~\$26.05~~ with an allowance of 2,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons a charge of ~~\$6.56~~ ~~\$6.07~~ per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

(4) *Multi-family residential (includes apartments of 3-4 units).* Minimum monthly charge of ~~\$44.10~~ ~~\$40.83~~ with an allowance of 3,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 3,000 gallons a charge of ~~\$6.56~~ ~~\$6.07~~ per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

(5) *Commercial (includes hotels, motels, apartments over 4 units, and all others not meeting any of the above categories).* Minimum monthly charge of ~~\$52.86~~ ~~\$48.94~~ with an allowance of 3,000 gallons. For consumption in excess of 3,000 gallons a charge of ~~\$6.92~~ ~~\$6.40~~ per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

(6) Naval Air Station Kingsville sewer rate, as determined by the most current sewer rate study, is the Commercial Rate noted above and amended from time to time.

II.

THAT all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT if for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Commission that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

IV.

THAT this Ordinance shall be codified and become effective on and after adoption and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED on this the 8th day of September 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 14th day of September 2026.

Effective Date: _____

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM #10

RESOLUTION # 2026-____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN KLEBERG COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE FOR THE L. E. RAMEY GOLF COURSE AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County of Kleberg and the City of Kingsville have previously entered into interlocal agreements to share expenses for various departments for the residents of their respective entities; and

WHEREAS, these interlocal agreements were enacted to reduce duplicitous services and expenses from having each entity provide the same services; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to see the continued operation of the L.E. Ramey Golf Course and surrounding area within Kleberg County; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently responsible for the operation and maintenance of the golf course and both the County and the City believe the continued operation of the course will improve the health and quality of life of the residents of their jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the County and the City propose that the County should take over responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the golf course and surrounding area, which is had prior to the 2014 Interlocal Agreement between the parties approved on September 8, 2014 via Resolution #2014-51 and amended on March 26, 2018 via Resolution #2018-21, and

WHEREAS, the L. E. Ramey Golf Course and surrounding area are within the jurisdiction of the County and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City believe the continued operation of the park facilities, like the golf course, will improve the health and quality of life of the residents of their jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas:

I.

THAT the City intends to authorize and direct the Mayor, as an act of the City of Kingsville, Texas, to execute the Second Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Kleberg County and the City of Kingsville for the L.E.

Ramey Golf Course and surrounding property (534 acres of land the County is currently under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior, which includes the L. E. Ramey Golf Course for continued use as a golf course and recreation area).

II.

THAT all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT this Resolution shall be and become effective on and after adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the City Commission on the
____ 8th day of _____ September _____, 2026.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

**SECOND AMENDED
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE
AND
KLEBERG COUNTY
FOR L. E. RAMEY GOLF COURSE
AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY**

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement made, entered into and executed by and between the County of Kleberg, a body and corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "County") and the City of Kingsville, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "City"); pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code Annotated Chapter 791.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County of Kleberg and the City of Kingsville have previously entered into interlocal agreements to share expenses for various departments for the residents of their respective entities; and

WHEREAS, these interlocal agreements were enacted to reduce duplicitous services and expenses from having each entity provide the same services; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to see the continued operation of the L.E. Ramey Golf Course and surrounding area within Kleberg County; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently responsible for the operation and maintenance of the golf course and both the County and the City believe the continued operation of the course will improve the health and quality of life of the residents of their jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the County and the City propose that the County should take over responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the golf course and surrounding area, which is had prior to the 2014 Interlocal Agreement between the parties approved on September 8, 2014 via Resolution #2014-51 and amended on March 26, 2018 via Resolution #2018-21, and

WHEREAS, the L. E. Ramey Golf Course and surrounding area are within the jurisdiction of the County and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City believe the continued operation of the park facilities, like the golf course, will improve the health and quality of life of the residents of their jurisdictions, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and City, in consideration of these mutual covenants and agreements, agree as follows:

1. RESPONSIBILITIES-PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, INSURANCE, ETC.

- a. The City agrees that it will transfer the operation and maintenance of the golf course and surrounding property to the County starting October 1, 2026, which includes the use and maintenance of the real property, buildings, fixtures, inventory, and equipment. The County has its original ownership interest in the real property, buildings, fixtures, inventory, and equipment pursuant to the 2014 Interlocal Agreement.
- b. The County agrees that it will accept responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the golf course and surrounding property starting October 1, 2026. The County will assume responsibility for any legally existing written agreements for services and any legally existing lease payments on equipment for the operation and maintenance of the golf course that are to be provided by the City and that exist as a responsibility of the City as of the effective date of this Agreement, which the County will thereafter be responsible for making payments.
- c. The County will provide employment opportunities for City personnel employed to work at the golf course at the time of this agreement.
- d. The County shall have at its discretion the right to institute charges and fees for the use of the property and services covered by this agreement. Such charges shall, however, treat residents of the City and County equally. Any revenue derived from fees and charges shall be the property of the County.
- e. The County agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from any and all causes of action related to the use, operation or maintenance of golf course facilities covered by this agreement for incidents occurring on and after October 1, 2026. The County further agrees to acquire and maintain insurance in the amounts required by law and to name the City as an additional insured party to said policies. The City will be liable for any audits, claims, assessments, or liabilities of any nature arising from incidents occurring from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2026.

2. TERM AND RENEWAL.

- a. This agreement shall be for a Primary Term of five (5) years beginning on October 1, 2026 and expiring on September 30, 2031.
 - b. The City shall have the right to extend the term for up to two (2) additional ten (10) year periods (each an "Option Period") upon the same terms, conditions and provisions set out herein for the Primary Term. Each Option Period shall be deemed to be automatically exercised by City, unless City gives County written notice that City will not extend the Term, such notice to be given at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Primary Term with respect to the first Option Period, and at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Option Period then in effect with respect to the successive Option Periods thereafter.
 - c. This Agreement may be terminated by City at any time with or without cause upon sixty (60) days advance written notice.
 - d. Any notice of termination shall be sent to the other party to this interlocal agreement at the address listed in paragraph 9 of this agreement.
3. (Reserved).
4. **AUTHORIZATION FOR FUNDING.**

The City and the County each separately certify that payments made under this Agreement will be made from current revenues, and any future payments are subject to future appropriations. County appropriations are subject to verification and authorization by the County Auditor, pursuant to the attached form.

5. **COMPLAINTS.** In the event either party believes that the remaining party has not complied fully with the terms of this agreement, that party shall submit written notice stating fully the nature of the complaint. The remaining party shall have thirty (30) calendar days within which to correct the complaint. In the event the complaint is not corrected within thirty (30) days, the complaining party may request a joint meeting with the City and County Commissions to discuss the complaint and resolve the matter. In the event a joint meeting does not produce a resolution of the complaint, each party shall retain all legal rights, remedies and resources available to it prior to initiation of the complaint procedure.
6. **APPROVAL BY GOVERNING BODIES.** Each party represents that this Agreement has been duly passed and approved by the governing body of the party as required by the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.

7. **AMENDMENT OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.** This Agreement may be amended at any time. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing, agreed to by the governing bodies of the parties, and signed by an authorized representative of the City and the County. No officer or employee of any of the parties has authority to waive or otherwise modify the limitations in this Agreement, without the express action of the governing body of the party.
8. **SEVERABILITY.** If any portion of this agreement, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected and shall continue to be enforceable under the terms of this agreement.
9. **NOTICES.** Notices under this Agreement shall be addressed to the parties as indicated below, unless changed by written notice to such effect, and shall be effected when delivered or when deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, certified, return receipt requested.

City of Kingsville
Attn: City Manager
P.O. Box 1458
Kingsville, Texas 78364
Telephone: (361) 595-8002
Email: citymanager@cityofkingsville.com

Kleberg County
Attn: County Judge
P.O. Box 752
Kingsville, Texas 78364
Telephone: (361) 595-8585
Email: rmadrid@co.kleberg.tx.us

10. **PERFORMANCE/GOVERNING LAWS.** This agreement shall be performed in Kleberg County, Texas, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
11. **VENUE.** Venue for an action arising under this Agreement is in Kleberg County, Texas.
12. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement may not be assigned by any party without the written consent of all of the parties.
13. **NOT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIRD PARTIES.** This Agreement and all activities under this Agreement are solely for the benefit of the parties and not the benefit of any third party.

14. **EFFECT OF WAIVERS.** No waiver by either party of any default, violation, or breach of the terms, provisions, and covenants contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of any other violation or breach of any of the terms, provisions, and covenants of this Agreement.
15. **EXERCISE OF POLICE POWER.** This Agreement and all activities under this Agreement are undertaken solely as an exercise of the police power of the parties, exercised for the health, safety, and welfare of the public generally, and not for the benefit of any particular person or persons. The parties do not have and may not be deemed to have any duty to any particular person or persons.
16. **VALIDITY AND ENFORCEABILITY.** If any current or future legal limitations affect the validity or enforceability of a provision of this Agreement, then the legal limitations are made a part of this Agreement and operate to amend this Agreement to the minimum extent necessary to bring this Agreement into conformity with the requirements of the limitations, and so modified, this Agreement continues in full force and effect.
17. **WARRANTY.** The individuals executing this agreement on behalf of each party represent and warrant that they are each the duly authorized representatives of such party on whose behalf the individuals are signing, each with full power and authority to bind said party to each term and condition set forth in this agreement.
18. **IMMUNITIES NOT WAIVED.** Nothing in this Agreement waives any governmental, official, or other immunity or defense of any of the parties or their officers, employees, representatives, and agents as a result of the execution of this Agreement and the performance of the covenants contained in this Agreement.
19. **MUTUAL INDEMNIFICATION.** To the extent allowed by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, County and City agree that each party assumes any and all risks of liability, loss, damages, claims, or causes of action and related expenses, including attorney fees, caused or asserted to have been caused directly or indirectly by or as the result of the negligent acts or omissions of that party and the officers, employees, and agents thereof.
20. **CAPTIONS.** Captions to provision of this Agreement are for convenience and shall not be considered in the interpretation of the provisions.
21. **INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT APPLIES.** The parties enter into this Interlocal Agreement under the Texas Government Code Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Act). The parties agree that activities under this Agreement are "governmental functions and services" and that the parties are

a "local government" as that term is defined in this Agreement and in the Interlocal Cooperation Act.

22. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and may not be modified by any oral agreements or understandings. Any amendments must be made in writing and signed by all parties, as provided in paragraph 7 of this agreement.
23. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Agreement is effective on the date when the last party executes this agreement.
24. **MULTIPLE ORIGINALS.** Two (2) copies of this Agreement are executed; each shall be deemed an original.

EXECUTED on behalf of the County of Kleberg pursuant to an Order of the Kleberg County Commissioners Court authorizing such execution this ____ day of September, 2026.

Rudy Madrid
County Judge

ATTEST:

Salvador "Sonny" Barrera III
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kira Talip Sanchez
County Attorney

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available to the City to accomplish and pay the obligations of Kleberg County herein.

Melissa Salinas Green, County Auditor

EXECUTED by the City of Kingsville on the 14th day of September,
2026.

Sam R. Fugate
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez
City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM #11

RESOLUTION # 2026-____

A RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE CONCESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN KLEBERG COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE FOR THE L. E. RAMEY GOLF COURSE AND SURROUNDING PROPERTY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County of Kleberg and the City of Kingsville have previously entered into interlocal agreements to share expenses for various departments for the residents of their respective entities; and

WHEREAS, these interlocal agreements were enacted to reduce duplicitous services and expenses from having each entity provide the same services; and

WHEREAS, prior to October 1, 2014, the County was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the L.E. Ramey Golf Course located just outside the city limits within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County was not in a position at that time to continue the operation and maintenance of the course, and the City desired to see the continued operation of the L.E. Ramey Golf Course within Kleberg County; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City proposed that the City should take over responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the 534 acres that includes the L.E. Ramey Golf Course and its surrounding land for its continued use as parks and recreation purposes and approved an Interlocal Agreement between the parties for the L.E. Ramey Golf Course via Resolution #2014-51 on September 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the County obtained the land for the L.E. Ramey Golf Course and its surrounding land from the U.S. Department of the Interior, who required approval of any concession agreement the County enters into for the property, so a Concession Agreement between the parties was via Resolution #2014-58 on October 13, 2014;

WHEREAS, the County would like to resume the operation and maintenance of the L.E. Ramey Golf Course and surrounding areas, so the parties have prepared a Second Amended Interlocal Agreement for that purpose, which was approved via Resolution #2026-____ on September ____, 2026;

WHEREAS, the County and the City believe the continued operation of the golf course and surrounding area will improve the health and quality of life of the residents of their jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas:

I.

THAT the City Commission of the City of Kingsville hereby terminates the previously approved Concession Agreement between Kleberg County and the City of Kingsville for maintenance and operation of the 534 acres of land the County is currently under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior for which includes the L. E. Ramey Golf Course effective October 1, 2026; and, authorizes and directs the City Manager, as an act of the City of Kingsville, Texas, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate that purpose.

II.

THAT all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT this Resolution shall be and become effective on and after adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the City Commission on the _____ 8th day of _____ September, 2026.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM #12

RESOLUTION # 2026-__

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN KLEBERG COUNTY AND THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE FOR THE PARKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Kingsville owns several parks within the city limits and Kleberg County owns several parks within the city limits, which have been operated under an interlocal agreement for the past several decades;

WHEREAS, the City and County transferred operations and maintenance of all of the parks within the city limits from the County to the City via an Interlocal Agreement approved by the County on September 15, 2014 and by the City on September 8, 2014 via Resolution #2014-50;

WHEREAS, the County and the City decided to amend the 2014 Interlocal Agreement to revise the dollar amount for participant funding and to remove the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds from the agreement as the County wanted to retake responsibility for that facility as of October 1, 2020, which was approved by the City Commission on June 22, 2020 via Resolution #2020-50 and by the County;

WHEREAS, the County of Kleberg and the City of Kingsville have previously entered into interlocal agreements to share expenses for various departments for the residents of their respective entities;

WHEREAS, these interlocal agreements were enacted to reduce duplicitous services and expenses from having each entity provide the same services;

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to see the continued operation of the parks within the city limits;

WHEREAS, the County and the City believe the continued operation of the parks will improve the health and quality of life of the residents of their jurisdictions,

WHEREAS, the County and the City now desire to amend the Interlocal Agreement for Parks to revise the dollar amount for participant funding and to remove the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) from the agreement as the County desires to retake responsibility for that area as of October 1, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas:

I.

THAT the City authorizes and directs the Mayor, as an act of the City of Kingsville, Texas, to execute the Second Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the County of Kleberg and the City of Kingsville for the maintenance and operation of the parks within the city limits for continued use as a parks and recreation area, in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

II.

THAT all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

III.

THAT this Resolution shall be and become effective on and after adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the City Commission on the _____^{8th} day of _____ September _____, 2026.

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney

**SECOND AMENDED
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE
AND
THE COUNTY OF KLEBERG
FOR
PARKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS**

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF KLEBERG

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This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement made, entered into and executed by and between the County of Kleberg, a body and corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "County") and the City of Kingsville, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "City"); pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code Annotated Chapter 791.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City of Kingsville owns several parks within the city limits and Kleberg County owns several parks within the city limits, which have been operated under an interlocal agreement for the past several decades;

WHEREAS, the City and County transferred operations and maintenance of all of the parks within the city limits from the County to the City via an Interlocal Agreement approved by the County on September 15, 2014 and by the City on September 8, 2014 via Resolution #2014-50;

WHEREAS, the County and the City decided to amend the 2014 Interlocal Agreement to revise the dollar amount for participant funding and to remove the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds from the agreement as the County wanted to retake responsibility for that facility as of October 1, 2020, which was approved by the City Commission on June 22, 2020 via Resolution #2020-50 and by the County;

WHEREAS, the County of Kleberg and the City of Kingsville have previously entered into interlocal agreements to share expenses for various departments for the residents of their respective entities;

WHEREAS, these interlocal agreements were enacted to reduce duplicitous services and expenses from having each entity provide the same services;

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to see the continued operation of the parks within the city limits;

WHEREAS, the County and the City believe the continued operation of the parks will improve the health and quality of life of the residents of their jurisdictions,

WHEREAS, the County and the City now desire to amend the Interlocal Agreement for Parks to revise the dollar amount for participant funding and to remove the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) from the agreement as the County desires to retake responsibility for that area as of October 1, 2026. The area in question is depicted in Exhibit IV of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the terms, provisions and mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the City and County mutually agree as follows:

1. Properties Covered.

A. Generally

This contract provides for acquisition, development, maintenance, operation and improvement of public parks within the city limits of the City of Kingsville, Kleberg County, Texas, except for the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds and the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it). It is the intent of the parties that this agreement shall apply to those properties which are specifically listed in Exhibits I, II, and III which represent the current parks system as well as those properties which may be acquired and those improvements which may be constructed subsequent to this agreement.

B. City Property

The properties listed in Exhibit I and the improvements thereon are owned by the City of Kingsville. Such properties are to be located within the corporate limits of the City and are park properties to be used for public recreation. Exhibit I is incorporated in this agreement by reference.

C. County Property

The properties listed in Exhibit II and the improvements thereon are owned by the County of Kleberg. Such properties are located within the corporate limits of the City and are park properties to be used for public recreation. Exhibit II is incorporated into this agreement by reference.

D. Public Rights-of-Way

The properties listed in Exhibit III are located on public right-of-way within the corporate limits of the City. These properties and the improvements thereon have been developed to beautify the community. Exhibit III is incorporated into this agreement by reference.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES-PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, INSURANCE, ETC.

- A. The County agrees that it will transfer the operation and maintenance of the parks within the city limits to the City starting October 1, 2014, which includes the use and maintenance of the real property, buildings, fixtures, inventory, and equipment. The County will retain its ownership interest in the real property, buildings, fixtures, inventory, and equipment. The County shall be responsible for the maintenance and operations of the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds starting October 1, 2020, except for the City's scheduled events as agreed to by Parties under this Section and Section 2(D). The County will honor the following events previously scheduled by the City for the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds that occur after October 1, 2020, and the City will retain the revenues for those previously scheduled events, except as provided for in this Section:

JK Rental Anticipated	Concessions Anticipated	Client	# of Days	Date of Event
\$ 4,800.00	\$0	South Texas Show Series	4	November 6-8, 2020 and December 18-20, 2020
\$0	\$ 3,300.00**	Ranch Hand Weekend Concert**	1	November 21, 2020**
\$ 3,000.00	\$0	Big House Bash	1	October 30-31, 2020
\$ 1,200.00	\$0	Coastal Conservation Association	1	November 4, 2020

** Excess revenues shall be split evenly between the City and County.

As of October 1, 2020, the County will assume responsibility for any legally existing written agreements for services and any legally existing lease payments on equipment to be provided by the City, if any, for the operation and maintenance of the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds, provided that the City delivers said existing agreements to the County prior to the execution of this Agreement. The County agrees to allow the City to use the JK Northway coliseum and fairgrounds annually for the following events on dates mutually agreed to by both Parties and under the following applicable conditions:

- (1) "Ranch Hand Festival" under the condition that excess revenues shall be split evenly between the City and County;
- (2) "Meet the Blues" with event revenues belonging to the City;
- (3) "City-sponsored One-Day Premier Event" at a rental cost not to exceed the then existing rental rate with 100% of concession fees belonging to the City; and

The County agrees to the above-listed (1)-(3) annual events provided that the City shall be responsible for any and all costs to include, but not be limited to set-up, maintenance, cleaning, tear-down, liability, and a Five-Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day non-refundable utility fee to be paid prior to each

scheduled event by the City to the County for the use of the J.K Northway coliseum and fairgrounds.

As of October 1, 2026, the County will assume responsibility for any legally existing written agreements for services and any legally existing lease payments on equipment to be provided by the City, if any, for the operation and maintenance of the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it), provided that the City delivers said existing agreements to the County prior to the execution of this Agreement.

- B. The City agrees that it will accept responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the parks within the city limits starting October 1, 2014, and for the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds from October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2020. The City will assume responsibility for any legally existing written agreements for services and any legally existing lease payments on equipment to be provided by the County for the operation and maintenance of the parks within the city limits. The City will no longer be responsible for the maintenance and operations or liabilities of the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds starting October 1, 2020, except for the City's scheduled events as agreed to by Parties in Sections 2(A) and 2(D). The City will no longer be responsible for the maintenance and operations or liabilities of the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) starting October 1, 2026.
- C. As the County is assuming responsibility for the maintenance and operations of the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds on October 1, 2020, it will provide personnel for that venue. As the County is assuming responsibility for the maintenance and operations of the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) on October 1, 2026, it will provide personnel for that area.
- D. The City shall have at its discretion the right to institute charges and fees for the use of the property and services covered by this agreement. Such charges shall, however, treat residents of the City and County equally. Any revenue derived from fees and charges shall be the property of the City. The County will honor the events previously scheduled by the City for the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds that occur on and after October 1, 2020, subject to the conditions under this Agreement. The County will honor the events previously scheduled by the City for the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) that occur on and after October 1, 2026, subject to the conditions under this Agreement.

- E. The City agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless from any and all causes of action related to the use, operation or maintenance of park facilities covered by this agreement for incidents occurring on and after October 1, 2014, excluding: 1) the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds on and after October 1, 2020, except for the City's scheduled events as agreed to by Parties in Sections 2(A) and 2(D), and 2) the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) on and after October 1, 2026. The City further agrees to acquire and maintain insurance in the amounts required by law and to name the County as an additional insured party to said policies, excluding the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds on and after October 1, 2020 and excluding the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) on and after October 1, 2026, provided that the City names the County as an additional insured for the City's scheduled events as agreed to by Parties in Sections 2(A) and 2(D). The County will be liable for any audits, claims, assessments, or liabilities of any nature arising from incidents occurring prior to October 1, 2014 and arising from incidents occurring in areas returned to the County in 2020 and 2026. The City will be liable for any audits, claims, assessments, or liabilities of any nature arising from incidents occurring at the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds from the period of October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2020, from incidents occurring at area covered by this agreement in the City's control from the period of October 1, 2014 through the end of this Agreement, and any City scheduled events as agreed to by the Parties in Sections 2(A) and 2(D).

3. Term of the Agreement

- A. This amended agreement shall be effective on October 1, 2026 and shall not impact the original agreement's term. The agreement shall be for a Primary Term of twenty (20) years beginning on October 1, 2014 and expiring on September 30, 2034.
- B. The City shall have the right to extend the term for up to two (2) additional ten (10) year periods (each an "Option Period") upon the same terms, conditions and provisions set out herein for the Primary Term. Each Option Period shall be deemed to be automatically exercised by City, unless City gives County written notice that City will not extend the Term, such notice to be given at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Primary Term with respect to the first Option Period, and at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Option Period then in effect with respect to the successive Option Periods thereafter.
- C. This Agreement may be terminated by City at any time with or without cause upon one hundred-eighty (180) days advance written notice.

D. Any notice of termination shall be sent to the other party to this interlocal agreement at the address listed in paragraph 10 of this agreement.

4. Participant Funding

In consideration of the services provided by the City pursuant to this agreement, as of October 1, 2026, the County agrees to pay the City Four Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$400,000.00) per year. The sum of Four Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be paid in equal monthly installments within the first fifteen (15) days of each month. The amount in the original agreement was \$550,000. It was reduced to \$465,000 since the County took over the J.K. Northway coliseum and fairgrounds on October 1, 2020. It is now reduced to \$400,000 since the County will be taking over the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it) on October 1, 2026.

5. Complaints

In the event either party believes that the remaining party has not complied fully with the terms of this agreement, that party shall submit written notice stating fully the nature of the complaint. The remaining party shall have thirty (30) calendar days within which to correct the complaint. In the event the complaint is not corrected within thirty (30) days, the complaining party may request a joint meeting with the City and County Commissions to discuss the complaint and resolve the matter. In the event a joint meeting does not produce a resolution of the complaint, each party shall retain all legal rights, remedies and resources available to it prior to initiation of the complaint procedure.

6. Authorization for Funding

The City and the County each separately certify that payments made under this Agreement will be made from current revenues, and any future payments are subject to future appropriations. County appropriations are subject to verification and authorization by the County Auditor, pursuant to the attached form.

7. **Approval By Governing Bodies.** Each party represents that this Agreement has been duly passed and approved by the governing body of the party as required by the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.

8. **Amendment Of Interlocal Agreement.** This Agreement may be amended at any time. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing, agreed to by the governing bodies of the parties, and signed by an authorized representative of the City and the County. No officer or employee of any of the parties has authority to waive or otherwise modify the limitations in this Agreement, without the express action of the governing body of the party.

9. **Severability.** If any portion of this agreement, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected and shall continue to be enforceable under the terms of this agreement.
10. **Notices.** Notices under this Agreement shall be addressed to the parties as indicated below, unless changed by written notice to such effect, and shall be effected when delivered or when deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, certified, return receipt requested.

City of Kingsville
Attn: City Manager
P.O. Box 1458
Kingsville, Texas 78364
Telephone: (361) 595-8002
Emails: citymanager@cityofkingsville.com

Kleberg County
Attn: County Judge
P.O. Box 752
Kingsville, Texas 78364
Telephone: (361) 595-8585
Email: rmadrid@co.kleberg.tx.us

11. **Performance/Governing Laws.** This agreement shall be performed in Kleberg County, Texas, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
12. **Venue.** Venue for an action arising under this Agreement is in Kleberg County, Texas.
13. **Assignment.** This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement may not be assigned by any party without the written consent of all of the parties.
14. **Not For The Benefit Of Third Parties.** This Agreement and all activities under this Agreement are solely for the benefit of the parties and not the benefit of any third party.
15. **Effect Of Waivers.** No waiver by either party of any default, violation, or breach of the terms, provisions, and covenants contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of any other violation or breach of any of the terms, provisions, and covenants of this Agreement.
16. **Exercise Of Police Power.** This Agreement and all activities under this Agreement are undertaken solely as an exercise of the police power of the parties, exercised for the health, safety, and welfare of the public generally, and

not for the benefit of any particular person or persons. The parties do not have and may not be deemed to have any duty to any particular person or persons.

17. **Validity And Enforceability.** If any current or future legal limitations affect the validity or enforceability of a provision of this Agreement, then the legal limitations are made a part of this Agreement and operate to amend this Agreement to the minimum extent necessary to bring this Agreement into conformity with the requirements of the limitations, and so modified, this Agreement continues in full force and effect.
18. **Warranty.** The individuals executing this agreement on behalf of each party represent and warrant that they are each the duly authorized representatives of such party on whose behalf the individuals are signing, each with full power and authority to bind said party to each term and condition set forth in this agreement.
19. **Immunities Not Waived.** Nothing in this Agreement waives any governmental, official, or other immunity or defense of any of the parties or their officers, employees, representatives, and agents as a result of the execution of this Agreement and the performance of the covenants contained in this Agreement.
20. **Mutual Indemnification.** To the extent allowed by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, County and City agree that each party assumes any and all risks of liability, loss, damages, claims, or causes of action and related expenses, including attorney fees, caused or asserted to have been caused directly or indirectly by or as the result of the negligent acts or omissions of that party and the officers, employees, and agents thereof.
21. **Captions.** Captions to provision of this Agreement are for convenience and shall not be considered in the interpretation of the provisions.
22. **Interlocal Cooperation Act Applies.** The parties enter into this Interlocal Agreement under the Texas Government Code Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Act). The parties agree that activities under this Agreement are "governmental functions and services" and that the parties are a "local government" as that term is defined in this Agreement and in the Interlocal Cooperation Act.
23. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and may not be modified by any oral agreements or understandings. Any amendments must be made in writing and signed by all parties, as provided in paragraph 8 of this agreement.
24. **Effective Date.** This Agreement is effective on the date when the last party executes this agreement.
25. **Multiple Originals.** Two (2) copies of this Agreement are executed; each shall be deemed an original.

EXECUTED on behalf of the County of Kleberg pursuant to an Order of the Kleberg County Commissioners Court authorizing such execution this _____ day of September, 2026.

Rudy Madrid
County Judge

ATTEST:

Salvador "Sonny" Barrera III
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kira Talip Sanchez
County Attorney

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available to the City to accomplish and pay the obligations of Kleberg County herein.

Melissa Salinas Green, County Auditor

EXECUTED by the City of Kingsville on the _____ day of September, 2026.

Sam R. Fugate
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Courtney Alvarez
City Attorney

EXHIBIT I

1. Lots 17-30, Block 3 and Lots 17-32, Block 4, Fifth Addition (14th and Kenedy) a/k/a Kenedy Park.
2. All of Block 3, Ninth Addition (11th and Doddridge) a/k/a Flato Park.
3. Lots 1-32, Block 11, Tenth Addition (S. Armstrong and Caesar) a/k/a Thomson Park.
4. Lots 29-31, Block 5, Sims #2 and the area bordered by 12th Street, Santa Gertrudis Avenue, and Tranquitas Creek a/k/a Flores Park.
5. Plaza Colonia Mexicana Addition (6th and Avenue B) a/k/a/ Plaza Park.

EXHIBIT II

1. 2.52 acres out of Farm Lot 12, Section 6, KT&I (17th and Avenue B) a/k/a Brookshire I Park.
2. 3.00+ acres out of Farm Lot 10, Section 10, KT&I (20th and Kenedy) a/k/a Brookshire II Park.
3. Farm Lots 1, 2, 3, and 6, Section 32, KT&I and parts of Lots 4 and 5 North of Escondido Creek a/k/a Dick Kleberg Park.
4. All of Block 1, College Heights Addition (West Corral Street and 1st Street) a/k/a Corral Avenue Park*

*The City shall retain maintenance and operation of the Fire Department Training Tower if any located with Corral Avenue Park.

EXHIBIT III

1. West Santa Gertrudis Avenue Esplanade beginning at the 1100 Block of West Santa Gertrudis Avenue (intersection of Univ. Blvd. & Sta. Gert. Ave.) proceeding west to the intersection with King Avenue (S.H. 141).
2. University Boulevard Esplanade beginning at King Avenue (S.H. 141) and proceeding north to Santa Gertrudis Boulevard.
3. Palm trees within right-of-way of Sixth Street and U.S. 77 Business.
4. Vegetation within the right-of-way Park Street (100 South and 100-300 North Blocks).
5. All park areas shown and dedicated on the Lantana Park Subdivision as recorded in Volume 2, page 72 of the Map Records of Kleberg County except the area if any occupied by Fire Substation #2.
6. "Opal Cochran Park" located at the intersection of West Santa Gertrudis Avenue and Santa Rosa Avenue.

EXHIBIT IV

[Insert Map for the south end of the J.K. Northway to the south end of the adult softball fields (up to the north side of the access road and exclusive of the plane pad site and an area around it)]

AGENDA ITEM #13

AGENDA ITEM #14