

MAY 11, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, AT 5:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Edna Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem
Norma Alvarez, Commissioner
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner
Leo Alarcon, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Charlie Sosa, City Manager
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Derek Williams, Systems Administrator
Kyle Benson, IT Director
Leticia Salinas, Accounting Manager
Susan Ivy, Parks Director
Charlie Cardena, Engineer
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

I. Preliminary Proceedings.**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with four commission members present. Mayor Fugate was absent.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**Regular Meeting –April 27, 2026**

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the minutes of April 27, 2026 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez voting “FOR”.

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. Charlie Sosa, City Manager, gave a brief report on street projects/updates. Mr. Sosa further thanked the Health Department Director and staff for the Spring Fling Event that occurred over the weekend. Sosa further reported that he and other staff members attended the Hurricane Conference last week in Robstown. Mr. Sosa further stated that he would like to read a statement on behalf of Mr. Emilio Garcia, Health Director: Good afternoon, Mayor Pro Tem and City Commissioners. This past Saturday the City of

Kingsville Health Department Animal Control and Care Center Held their 2nd Annual Spring Fling Event at the Health Department from 10 to 2. We had coffee, donuts, popcorn, bottled water and sodas for all to enjoy. The Event was well attendant by our community, local organizations and sponsors. Dr. Galloway and TAMUK Vet Tech Students administered 71 Rabies Vaccinations. These were purchased by the City of Kingsville and administered by TAMUK for free to the Public. (46) dogs and (25) cats. Free DDAPT vaccines for (46) Dogs and Free HCP vaccines for (25) cats. They also administered 23 microchips (19) DOGS AND (4) CATS. We would like to Give a Big Thank You to: Dr. Cariann E. Galloway and her students from the TAMUK Vet Tech Program Joy Ansley and her staff/volunteers from ARK for their Photo Booth the Crystal Leigh Garcia Foundation and its members for sponsoring/paying the first 16 microchips. They also offered "Pawfect Painting" canvases. Edgar & Ivy's Cat Sanctuary supplied the microchips for only \$15.00 and the Free DDAPT/5-way Parvo/Distemper vaccines for dogs and HCP vaccines for cats. Marco Jimenez with D.I.A. Utilities for their donations of bottled waters and sodas, Jeremy Myers & Street Dept Staff for the use of Road Cones. Also, our Animal Control Staff did an amazing job setting up and coordinating the event!!!!

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, announced the date for the next City Commission meeting, May 26, 2026. She further stated that city offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day.

Commissioner Lopez read and presented a proclamation for National Police Officers Week and National Peace Officer's Day.

Mrs. Jeannette Price presented the winners of the Little Miss Kingsville 2026. She stated that she would like to see more city involvement in this event.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

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

Erik Spitzer, 729 Carmen Drive, Sandia, TX commented that two weeks have lapsed since the last time spoke of the City Manager's performance standard. The requirement for the highest paid employee in the city has to be shared with the public. I don't see it on the agenda for this evening. I'm sure if they exist or if this governing body who ever holds him accountable. Do you all remember voting for him last year based on his alleged experience. Let's distribute today how this alleged experience is serving this city since he was appointed and perhaps, we can use the following to rate his performance to date. First, the toxic work environment created. Anyone who challenges the City Manager for any of his inappropriate actions or intentional violation of ordinances is immediately terminated. The rest here live in fear at risk of losing their job. Repeatedly lies to the mayor to his face and the public when questioned about actions on various city issues. Third, told this body in the city for almost 5 months straight when Kleberg Ave. would be fixed started last September when he continued to state next month, next month, and when the work was finally complete early winter the rework failed yet again. Fourth, open records request indicates the City paid the former Tourism Director's legal fees. Why? What wrongdoing happened that according to those records, she cannot publicly speak on. Just prior to her departure when I can assume was due to a toxic work environment, I recall email correspondence from her about several employees being locked out of city social media pages due to sudden changes and how the city manager wanted social media to be managed. Speaking of tourism both he and the Economic Development Manager condescended the former Tourism Director success and bragged how they would make the recent annual ranch hand weekend so much better after she resigned. What a joke. The worst ranch hand weekend on record a totally abysmal concert turnout, nice work. Oh, instead of making tens of thousands of dollars, the city lost seven plus grand and lost the faith of the King Ranch as well. Sixth, unable to implement a simple easement for property at 808 Vela for almost two years. Property owner was squatting and building on city owned parcel; city paid \$6 grand for a survey to prove such. Owner agreed to buy land at market value, and the deal remains unexecuted. Illegal building permit waiver granted by city manager, without commission approval, for Kleberg County's Bus Transportation Center located south of Love's. I am pretty sure this governing body and the city attorney told him he does not have waiver authority. Pretty abysmal report card. This is what happens when you don't hold people to standards. Appears it is time to involve the State of Texas. The city has proven it can't govern itself.

V.

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commission Member in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence

after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

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

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

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

1. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to accept and expend donation from 1PointFive for the Parks Department Healthy Family Events. (Parks Director).

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

2. Discuss and consider authorizing Fire Captain James Creek to travel to Orlando, Florida from May 26-28, 2026 to inspect the new ambulance for the Fire Department. (Fire Chief).

Mr. James Creek, Fire Captain, stated that the Kingsville Fire Department requests the City Commission's approval to send Captain James Creek to Orlando, FL May 26-28, 2026, to perform the acceptance inspection of the new ambulance purchased for the Fire Department. This inspection is a critical step to ensure the vehicle meets all contractual specifications and operational requirements before delivery. All expenses related to this trip are included in the contract for the new ambulance, and no additional city funds are required.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to authorize Fire Captain James Creek to travel to Orlando, Florida from May 26-28, 2026, to inspect the new ambulance for the Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Lopez voting "FOR".

3. Discuss and consider authorizing Fire Captains James Creek & Terry Valentine and Engineer Clint Baird to travel to Appleton, Wisconsin, from June 1-4, 2026 to inspect the new pumper truck for the Fire Department. (Fire Chief).

Captain Creek stated that this item authorizes Captain James Creek, Terry Valentine, and Clint Baird to travel to Appleton, WI to conduct the inspection of the new Pierce Enforcer Pumper purchased for the Fire Department. This inspection is a critical step to ensure the vehicle meets all contractual specifications and operational requirements before delivery. All expenses related to this trip are included in the contract for the new Fire Engine, and no additional city funds are required.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to authorize Fire Captains James Creek & Terry Valentine and Engineer Clint Baird to travel to Appleton, Wisconsin, from June 1-4, 2026, to inspect the new pumper truck for the Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez and 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 City Manager to execute Change Order No.1 for the Construction Contract with Lowman Land Improvements Inc. for RFP#24-13 Landfill South Drainage Infrastructure-Lined Channel Project. (Public Works Director).

Mr. Bill Donnell, Public Works Director, stated that this item authorizes Changer Order No. 1 to the Construction Contract with Lowman Land Improvements Inc. for an increase of \$31,650.00 for material pricing adjustments for the Landfill South Drainage Project. The construction contract for this project was approved by the city commission on October 15, 2024, in the amount of \$299,814.00. This project is one of several that is required as part of the Landfill Permit Amendment to convey stormwater runoff. This project will convey stormwater across the southern end of Section 1 of the landfill to a detention pond at the southwest corner of the landfill property. After the material price increases, the new total construction contract price is \$331,464.00. Funds for the chance order are available through 090-5-1703-31400 Landfill Closure Fund in the amount of \$31,650.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No.1 for the Construction Contract with Lowman

Land Improvements Inc. for RFP#24-13 Landfill South Drainage Infrastructure-Lined Channel Project, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Alvarez, Lopez voting "FOR".

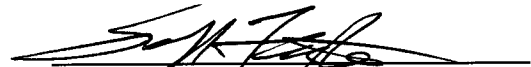
5. Discuss and consider approving a resolution of the City of Kingsville authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s Application to Amend its Rider Mobile Temporary Emergency Electric Energy Facilities before the commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd Gosselink attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. (City Attorney).

Ms. Alvarez stated that the purpose for this resolution is to suspend the rate increase due to AEP's filing of an application to Amend its Rider Mobile Temporary Emergency Electric Energy Facilities (TEEEF Rider) and authorize the city to intervene in the Company's rate case proceeding before the Public Utility Commission, with no cost to the city. AEP has a TEEEF Rider in place now and is requesting to amend its Rider. AEP is requesting a total revenue requirement of \$39,129,569. AEP's current revenue requirement under the TEEEF Rider is \$24,248,758. If this request is approved, it will result in a monthly wires charge billed to retail energy providers for residential customers to be approximately \$1.73, an increase of \$0.63 over the existing rates. The proposed effective date for the rates under the TEEEF Rider is September 1, 2026.

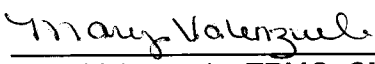
Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution of the City of Kingsville authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s Application to Amend its Rider Mobile Temporary Emergency Electric Energy Facilities before the commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd Gosselink attorneys and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Lopez voting "FOR".

VI. Adjournment.

As there was no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.


Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary