

July 13, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 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 Fugate opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with all five commission members present.

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)**

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**Special Meeting – June 29, 2026**

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of June 29, 2026 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

**II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).<sup>1</sup>**

**1. Public Hearing on request for an alcohol variance for a Late Hours Certificate for the establishment known as Kwik Pantry #2, at 730 W. Corral, Kingsville, Texas 78363. (Note: They received a variance for Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit (BG) on 7/14/25). (Planning and Development Services Director).**

Mayor Fugate read and opened this public hearing at 5:01 p.m. Mayor Fugate 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.

Mr. Manny Salazar, Planning and Development Services Director, stated that this location currently holds a BG Alcohol License and is requesting to add Late Hours (LH) to it. Letters were mailed to those within 300 feet. Staff received no feedback from those who were mailed a notice.

Mayor Fugate commented that this location has always been a convenience store with the sale of alcohol beverages.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Fugate closed this public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

**2. Public Hearing on request to amend 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).**

Mayor Fugate read and opened this public hearing at 5:02 p.m. Mayor Fugate 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.

Mr. Salazar stated that his department has received an application for a special use permit submitted by Ernesto Perez. The applicant is requesting a special use permit to install a mobile home/manufactured home on a tract of land that is currently zoned Agricultural. The Planning and Zoning Board met on this item on July 1, 2026, where they voted unanimously to approve the recommendation for a special use permit. Notices were mailed to individuals, and staff received one call from an individual who was notified. The individual only wanted to make sure that the setbacks stated on city ordinances were being followed. No other objections were raised by the caller.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if the special use permit was a permanent permit.

Ms. Alvarez responded that the special use permit is limited only to this property owner.

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

**III. Reports from Commission & Staff.<sup>2</sup>**

*"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 report on street projects. He further mentioned upcoming festivals in the city. Mr. Sosa stated that he had received word from Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid, who would like to thank the City of Kingsville for their participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, reported that the next scheduled commission meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2026. At the next city commission meeting, it is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. with a workshop presentation made by Halff regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Lopez asked for staff to email the budget workshop calendar to the city commission. Lopez further stated that she would like to see citizen input on the city's budget.

**IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.<sup>3</sup>**

- 1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.
- No public comments were made.

**V. Consent Agenda  
Notice to the Public**

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

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

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

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

- 1. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to appropriate funds for the 2026 Independence Day celebration. (Interim Tourism Director).
- 2. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to accept and expend grant funds from the Operation Stonegarden Grant #3194311. (for PD; grant performance period 3/01/26-2/28/27). (Police Chief).
- 3. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to appropriate funds for increased software maintenance, licensing, and support renewal costs necessary to maintain critical technology systems and operations. (IT Director).

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:**

**VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.<sup>4</sup>**

- 4. Discuss and consider approval of an alcohol variance for a Late Hours Certificate for the establishment known as Kwik Pantry #2, at 730 W. Corral, Kingsville, Texas 78363. (Note: They received a variance for Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit (BG) on 7/14/25). (Planning and Development Services Director).

Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the alcohol variance for a Late Hours Certificate for the establishment known as Kwik Pantry #2, at 730 W. Corral, Kingsville, Texas, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".

- 5. Discuss and consider the introduction 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).

Mayor Fugate asked if the Naval Air Station had been notified of this.

Mr. Salazar responded Yes, they are ok with it.

Introduction item.

- 6. 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 Law Enforcement Association for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. (Human Resources Director).

Mrs. Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director, stated that the current one (1) year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Kingsville (City) and the Kingsville Law Enforcement Association (KLEA) is set to expire on September 30, 2026. The City and KLEA met to negotiate certain items as mandated by the Texas Local Government Code for entities that have voted in collective bargaining. Meetings were held on the following dates in 2026: March 26<sup>th</sup>; April 28<sup>th</sup>; May 13<sup>th</sup>; June 9<sup>th</sup>; and June 10<sup>th</sup>. Meetings were conducted, and a tentative agreement between the City and KLEA was reached during negotiations. On June 24, 2026, the City was notified that KLEA association members voted to approve the proposals tentatively agreed upon during negotiations. Below is a summary of articles with proposed changes:

| ARTICLE                                                         | CHANGE                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Article 7 Entry Level Hiring<br>Section 2A<br><br>Section 2B& 3 | Decrease alternate hire certification requirement from intermediate to basic certification<br>Clarification only                                        |
| Article 9 Promotions<br>Section 1 (1)<br><br>Section 7          | Decrease the number of personnel required for competitive testing from three (3) to two (2)<br>Clarification only                                       |
| Article 21 Vacations<br>Section 2                               | Adding time restrictions and limits to sell-back eligibility of vacation leave accruals at separation for those with less than 36 months of employment. |

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| Article 22 Sick Leave<br>Section 3 | Adding time restrictions and limits to sell-back eligibility of sick leave accruals at separation for those with less than 36 months of employment.      |
| Article 29 Compensation            | Update compensation plan with new agreement dates and references Appendix A for wage changes.                                                            |
| Article 28 Duration                | One (1) year – October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027                                                                                                     |
| Appendix A – Wage Schedule         | October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027<br>4.5% for Non-ranking civil service police officers 12+ months<br>3.0% for Ranking civil service police officers |

The financial impact is as follows: One (1) year agreement, October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026; 4.5% increase for non-ranking civil service police personnel; 3.0% for ranking civil service police personnel; Estimated new costs, based on full department staffing, equal \$145,830. The breakdown is: \$109,787 Base wage increase; \$ 12,473 Anniversary increase; and \$ 23,570 Fringe for a total additional \$ 145,830. The proposed added costs are included in preliminary budget calculations.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked how much money did they give up as in collective bargaining you give a dollar and you get a dollar back. He further asked how much did the police officer give the city and who is on the committee.

Mrs. Gonzales responded that for the city it is herself and the city attorney.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if Finance was part of the committee.

Mrs. Gonzales responded no, but they are consulted on the meetings.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that he would like to see someone from Finance, such as the Finance Director in the negotiations so that they may hear what is going on and not hear second-hand information. He further stated that he is requesting that for the future, that the Finance Department be part of this committee. He also stated that he doesn't see where you give up a dollar and we give you a dollar.

Ms. Alvarez commented that this is not typically how it works in any city. Sometimes the city is able to obtain other concessions that the city feels is beneficial for the them, the entity or the organization that is harder to put on a monetary value.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked what other concessions are the city received.

Ms. Alvarez responded that the items are mentioned in the memo provided by staff such as individuals under 30 six months of experience that won't be getting paid out their accrued vacation or sick leave if they should leave before 36 months, which will save the city a good amount of money.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked how much the city would save.

Ms. Gonzales responded that this would depend on the turnover rate. It would depend on how many people would leave; therefore, an exact amount cannot be given. Looking for history, it could be provided and wouldn't even be able to be provided by the Finance Department, what the savings could be. Staff could estimate based on history, but to give an exact number would not be possible.

Commissioner Hinojosa responded that he understands that Finance would not be able to tell us the amount, but what he is asking is that Finance be part of the collective bargaining negotiations so that Finance can hear the information firsthand and not hear it second hand.

Ms. Gonzales stated that at no time is finance not welcome to attend these meetings, give information or ask questions.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that he would like to see finance involved in the future

**Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Kingsville, Texas and the Kingsville Law Enforcement Association for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR.**

**7. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of requesting grant funding on behalf of the City for the 2025 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program for additional firefighters for the Kingsville Fire Department with an anticipated cash match; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such program. (cash match). (Fire Chief).**

Mr. J.J. Adame, Fire Chief, stated that the Kingsville Fire Department is requesting approval to apply for the FY 2025-2026 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant. The grant program provides funding directly to Fire Departments to help communities meet industry minimum standards. If awarded, we would be adding thirteen firefighters. The grant would partially cover the salaries and benefits for thirteen firefighters for three years. The total grant request is for \$3,721,536.78. At the end of the three years, the city will be responsible for the employee cost. The SAFER grant requires the city to provide a 25% cost share at \$310,128.07 for the first year, a 25% cost share at \$310,128.07 the second year, and a 65% cost share at \$806,332.97 for the third year. The remaining \$2,294,947.67 would be provided through federal resources. The SAFER is a reimbursement-type grant. Chief Adame stated that we are requesting a total of \$3,721,536.78 in costs for hiring firefighters.

Commissioner Alvarez asked what the chances are for the city of being awarded this grant.

Chief Adame responded that it is a very competitive grant and in the past, we have not been successful in receiving.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if staff had submitted for this type of grant about 2-3 years ago. Chief Adame responded yes.

Commissioner Lopez asked for clarification on the fiscal year and asked if the item should read FY 2025-2026. Chief Adame responded that it would be for 2025-2026.

**Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of requesting grant funding on behalf of the City for the 2025 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program for additional firefighters for the Kingsville Fire Department with an anticipated cash match; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such program. (cash match), seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**8. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant requesting grant funding for two ambulances on behalf of the Kingsville Fire Department with an anticipated cash match; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such grant program. (Grant #EMV-2025-FG-04372) (cash match). (Fire Chief).**

Commissioner Lopez asked who wrote the grants for the Fire Department. Chief Adame responded that they are done in-house by staff.

**Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the resolution authorizing the City to submit an application to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant requesting grant funding for two ambulances on behalf of the Kingsville Fire Department with an anticipated cash match; authorizing the Fire Chief to act on the City's behalf with such grant program. (Grant #EMV-2025-FG-04372) (cash match), seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa and Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**9. 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 for the Kingsville Police Department; authorizing the Police Chief to act on the City's behalf with such grant program. (no cash match). (Police Chief).**

Chief Blair stated that this resolution authorizes the Police Department to apply to the 1PointFive First Responder Donations Program for the purchase of five Harris XL-200 portable radios. The 1PointFive Responder Donations Program provides funding to support public safety agencies by purchasing essential response equipment. This funding request is to purchase five Harris XL-200 portable radios. The total project cost is \$38,854.00 with no required local matching contribution.

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 for the Kingsville Police Department; authorizing the Police Chief to act on the City's behalf with such grant program. (no cash match), seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".

**10. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend and the Kingsville Police Department relating to protocols for reports of abuse and neglect of children. (Police Chief).**

Chief Blair stated that this resolution will allow the Kingsville Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Working Protocol Agreements with the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend. This collaborative effort will aid in minimizing the re-victimization of children, disabled adults, and proactive family members as they navigate the investigation, assessment, intervention, and prosecution process. No cost is associated with the MOU or the working agreements.

Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend and the Kingsville Police Department relating to protocols for reports of abuse and neglect of children, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR".

**11. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Kingsville Police Department and U.S. Marshal Service for Fugitive Task Force. (Police Chief).**

Chief Blair stated that this item is for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kingsville Police Department and the United States Marshals Service (USMS) for participation in the South Texas Violent Offender Task Force. The United States Marshal's Service Coordinates Regional Fugitive Task Forces through partnerships with federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies to locate and apprehend violent fugitives. Participation in the South Texas Violent Offender Task Force enhances regional collaboration, improves officer safety through access to federal resources and intelligence, and strengthens the Kingsville Police Department's ability to investigate and apprehend violent offenders. The agreement also provides opportunities for reimbursement of eligible operational expenses, subject to the availability of federal funding. Chief Blair stated that there is no direct fiscal impact associated with this MOU. The agreement requires no local cash match or additional city funding. Eligible operational expenses may be reimbursed by the United States Marshals Service, subject to the availability of federal funding.

Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Kingsville Police Department and U.S. Marshal Service for Fugitive Task Force, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".

**12. Discuss and consider awarding RFP#26-04 for GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 7: BU 77/6<sup>th</sup> Street near Loop 428 to Escondido Creek storm water improvements project, as per recommendation of outside engineer. (City Engineer).**

Mr. Charlie Cardenas, City Engineer, stated that this item is for approval to award the eleventh GLO CDBG-MIT Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition Round 1 Grant. Project 7 is Business 77, 6<sup>th</sup> Street Near Loop 428 to Escondido Creek Storm Water Improvements is a critical component of the city's flood management infrastructure upgrades. This project includes which consist of installation reinforced concrete box culverts, stormwater inlets with items associated with the installation, and related appurtenances to improve stormwater drainage and reduce future flood risks. The total bid ranges from \$3,838,942 to \$6,878,152. After review, staff recommends awarding the project at the lowest bidder, JE Construction LLC, for the total bid amount of \$3,838,942. Also, the bid is 48.6% below the engineer's estimate, which is considered reasonable.

Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the award of RFP#26-04 for GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 7: BU 77/6<sup>th</sup> Street near Loop 428

to Escondido Creek stormwater improvements project, as per recommendation of outside engineer, seconded by Commissioner Alarcon. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".

**13. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Grant Administration Services Agreement between the City of Kingsville and Grantworks, Inc. for Program Year 2025 for O3J-Water Improvements under the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant Program. (RFQ#25-07 was awarded 11/11/24). (City Engineer).**

Mr. Cardenas stated that this is for approval to execute a grant administrative services contract to GrantWorks Inc for grant pre-application and implementation services for the City of Kingsville 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

**Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Grant Administration Services Agreement between the City of Kingsville and Grantworks, Inc. for Program Year 2025 for O3J-Water Improvements under the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant Program. (RFQ#25-07 was awarded 11/11/24), seconded by Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**14. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #6 to the Construction Contract with Donald Hubert Construction Co. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-082-016-D218 Project 1: 14<sup>th</sup> Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. (Loop 428 Lift Station). (City Engineer).**

Mr. Cardenas stated that this item approves Change Order 6 for the General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Contract No. 22-082-016-D218. This will increase the contract time by 35 calendar days and result in an increase of the contract by the amount of \$534.25.

**Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #6 to the Construction Contract with Donald Hubert Construction Co. for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-082-016-D218 Project 1: 14<sup>th</sup> Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. (Loop 428 Lift Station), seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR"**

**15. Discuss and consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #6 to the construction contract with R.S. Parker Construction LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 2: N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street- Storm Water Improvements Project. (City Engineer).**

Mr. Cardenas stated that this Change Order will add a 60-day extension and increase the cost of \$29,475.00 for water line tie-ins and isolation valves.

**Motion made by Commissioner Alarcon to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #6 to the construction contract with R.S. Parker Construction LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract 22-085-009-D237 Project 2: N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street- Storm Water Improvements Project, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**16. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #5 for the Construction Contract with D&J Utility Services LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 10: N. Armstrong Ave. Storm Water Improvements. (City Engineer).**

Mr. Cardenas stated that this change order is for an extension of 60 calendar days. The adjusted completion date was July 17, 2026, and is now September 15, 2026.

**Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #5 for the Construction Contract with D&J Utility Services LLC for the GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-009-D237 Project 10: N. Armstrong Ave. Storm Water Improvements, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alvarez, Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**17. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing submission of Step 2 of an application to the Texas Water Development Board for Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant Funds for City Water Projects. (City Engineer).**

Mr. Cardenas stated that in 2025, the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas passed House Bill 500, creating the Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant through the Texas Water Development Board. On April 1, 2026, the TWDB issued a call for projects. The application is a two-step process. Step 1 is to submit a preliminary application by May 1, 2026, including that the City of Kingsville is consistent with the Coastal Bend Regional Water Plan. Step 2: Submit a detailed application by July 30, 2026. Once the PIF is approved and awarded, the city would be notified in the Fall of 2026 and placed on a conditional project list for anticipated funding 2027 of \$21 million. Eligible project activities: two new ground water wells, ground storage tanks, pump stations, pump houses, properties, and pipelines. These locations are to be studied, verified, and determined.

**Motion made by Commissioner Hinojosa to approve the resolution authorizing submission of Step 2 of an application to the Texas Water Development Board for Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant Funds for City Water Projects, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Fugate "FOR".**

**18. Discuss and consider the introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to setup budget for rolled over purchase order for South Drainage Project. (Finance Director).**

No discussion or action taken on this item.

**19. Discuss Texas House Bill 2844 passed in the 89<sup>th</sup> State Legislative session and its impact on mobile food trucks, push carts, and the City of Kingsville Health Department. (Health Director).**

Mr. Emilio Garcia, Health Director, stated that on May 16, 2025, the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2844, the Food Truck Freedom Bill. The Texas Department of State Health Services will take over permitting and inspection of mobile food units and push carts in Texas, effective July 1, 2026. The City of Kingsville Health Department Food Service Division will no longer permit and inspect mobile food units or pushcarts in the city. This bill allows mobile food unit operators to travel across Texas selling their food product with just one State Permit. The purpose of this is to create a single statewide mobile food vendor license and replace multiple local permits; standardize mobile food vending regulations across Texas; foster small businesses and innovation in the mobile food industry; and allow cities to maintain authority over time, place, and manner restrictions on food trucks. Currently, 39 mobile food units are permitted at a cost of \$175 annual permit fee.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if food trucks were to be parked on cement and not grassy areas. Mr. Garcia responded yes.

Discussion item only.

**20. Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations Exception, the City Commission shall convene in executive session to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations. (City Manager).**

Mayor Fugate read, opened, and convened the meeting into executive session at 5:57 p.m.

Mayor Fugate reconvened the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**21. Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Kingsville, Texas and MVGG, LLC. (City Manager).**

Mayor Fugate commented that this is a development agreement that will assist the developer with the Flato School project.

**Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Kingsville, Texas and MVGG LLC, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez.**

Mayor Fugate commented that this agreement will provide up to \$150,000 in incentives for the project. This is not a cash match is money that the city will be giving back on potential sales tax, valorem, and property taxes. The city will also be waiving some of the city's permitting fees.

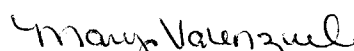
**The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Alarcon, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**VI. Adjournment.**

As there was no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

  
Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary