

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AT 5:30 P.M.

**CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor  
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner  
Norma N. Alvarez, Commissioner  
Edna Lopez, Commissioner  
Ann Marie Torres, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark McLaughlin, City Manager  
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary  
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney  
Janine Reyes, Tourism Director  
Kyle Benson, IT Manager  
Derek Williams, IT  
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director  
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief  
Deborah Balli, Finance Director  
Brenda Joyas, Downtown Manager

**STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL OR VIDEOSTREAM**

Emilio Garcia, Health Director

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with all five Commission members present.

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

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

None.

**\*\*AUDIENCE AND PRESENTER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC HEARING INPUT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION.**

To reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, public meetings will be held in a manner intended to separate, to the maximum practical extent, audience and presenters from personal contact with members of Community, City Staff, and City Commission. Public testimony and public hearing input for Public Comment and all items on the agenda at public meetings of the City Commission shall be provided in written format and presented to the City Secretary and/or designee prior to the start of each meeting of the City Commission. This testimony and/or public input shall be in accordance with the City Secretary's instructions, which shall be posted on the City Secretary's outdoor public bulletin board at City Hall and on the City website and allow for electronic submission. The written public testimony shall be provided to members of the City Commission prior to voting on measures for that meeting. Written testimony shall be limited in accordance with the City Secretary requirements and shall be placed into the record of each meeting. This written testimony shall serve as the required public testimony pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007 and shall constitute a public hearing for purposes of any public hearing requirement under law. The meeting may be held telephonically or via videoconference; and, if so conducted, the public may participate remotely by following the instructions of the City Secretary which would be posted on the City Secretary's outdoor public bulletin at City Hall and on the City website.

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

None.

**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, Library Board, Health Board, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Conner Museum, Keep Kingsville Beautiful, and Texas Municipal League. Staff reports include the following: Building & Development, Code Enforcement, Proposed Development Report; Accounting & Finance – Financial & Investment Information, Investment Report, Quarterly Budget Report, Monthly Financial Reports, Utilities Billing Update; Police-Communications Update; Police & Fire Department – Grant*

Update, Police & Fire Reports; Streets Update; Public Works; Building Maintenance, Construction Updates; Park Services - grant(s) update, miscellaneous park projects, Emergency Management, Administration –Workshop Schedule, Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, Hotel Occupancy Report, Quiet Zone, SEP, Legislative Update, Proclamations, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Main Street Downtown, Chapter 59 project, Financial Advisor, Landfill Update, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water And Wastewater Rate Study Presentation, Demolition Update, Planning Development Update, Golf Course Update, Municipal Court Update. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.”

Mr. Mark McLaughlin, City Manager welcomed the Commission and their guest. He further commented that he looks forward to working with each of the Commission.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez congratulated the Commission on their appointment. She further announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hinojosa and Commissioner Lopez congratulated the two newly elected City Commissioners and the encumbrance for their return.

Commissioner Alvarez commented that she is happy to be back on the City Commission. She served previously on the Commission back in 1994 to 1998.

Commissioner Torres thanked the voters for their votes and looks forward to working with the Commission and staff.

Mayor Fugate congratulated the Commission on their appointment. He further stated that he looks forward to serving another term. After completion of this term, Mayor Fugate would have served 20 years as Mayor for the City of Kingsville.

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

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.)*

None.

##### REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

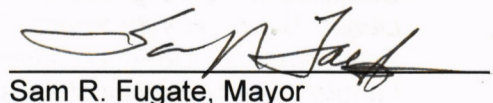
1. Swearing-in and official oath of newly elected Mayor. (City Commission).
2. Swearing-in and official oath of newly elected City Commissioners. (City Commission).

Mrs. Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary read the Certificate of Election for the record and signed by Mayor Fugate.

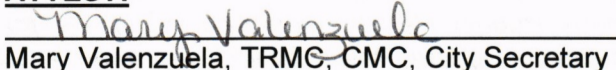
The swearing-in of the newly elected Mayor and four City Commission members was officiated by the City of Kingsville Municipal Court Judge, Michael Krueger.

#### VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

  
Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

#### ATTEST:

  
Mary Valenzuela, TRMG, CMC, City Secretary