

OCTOBER 10, 2023

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023, 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  
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner  
Norma N. Alvarez, Commissioner  
Edna Lopez, Commissioner

**CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:**

Ann Marie Torres, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark McLaughlin, City Manager  
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary  
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney  
Kyle Benson, Director of Information & Technology  
Derek Williams, IT  
Emilio Garcia, Health Director  
Deborah Balli, Finance Director  
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director  
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director  
Joseph Ramirez, Engineer Assistant  
Kwabena Agyekum, Senior Planner/HPO  
Janine Reyes, Tourism Director  
Brad Lile, Interim Police Chief  
Rudy Mora, Engineer  
Mike Mora, Capital Improvements Manager

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. with four commission members present. Commissioner Torres 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)**

**Special Meeting – August 22, 2023**

**Regular Meeting – August 28, 2023**

**Regular Meeting – September 5, 2023**

**Regular Meeting – September 25, 2023**

**Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the of August 22, 2023, August 28, 2023, September 5, 2023, and September 25, 2023, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alvarez, Lopez, Fugate voting “FOR”.**

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

1. 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 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. Mark McLaughlin, City Manager reported that he will be interviewing a potential candidate for the position of Director of Planning & Development Services. He also gave a brief update on the position of Police Chief.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney reported that the next city commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023. The deadline for staff to submit agenda items for this meeting is Friday, October 13, 2023.

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

1. **Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for additional funding for professional services for the legal department. (City Attorney).**
2. **Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to appropriate funding for emergency repairs to water well #24. (Public Works Director).**
3. **Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to appropriate funding for surveying costs for the proposed utility easements within Farm Lots 11 and 14, Section 11, Kleberg Town and Improvement Company Subdivision. (City Engineer).**
4. **Motion to approve the reappointment of Alonzo Lopez to the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term ending on 10/27/2026. (Human Resources Director).**
5. **Motion to approve the reappointment of Ms. Jeri Morey to the Historical Development Board for a three-year term. (Interim Planning & Economic Services Director).**

##### REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

6. **Consider appointment of Michael A. McAdams, PhD to the Health Board for a three-year term. (Health Director).**

**Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the appointment of Michael A. McAdams, PhD to the Health Board for a three-year term, seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Lopez, Hinojosa, Alvarez, Fugate voting "FOR".**

7. **Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances Chapter VII, Article 5, Traffic Schedules, amending the location of speed limit zones on West King Avenue and reducing the speed limit to 45 mph; providing for appropriate penalties, fines, and fees regarding the regulation thereof. (per TxDOT request). (City Attorney).**

Ms. Alvarez stated that this was a request submitted to the city from Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). It is requested that the reduction of speed be approved within this area from 55mph to 45mph.

Mayor Fugate commented that there have been some fatal accidents within this area. Reducing the speed may prevent future accidents.

Introduction item.

**8. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances Chapter VII, Article 5, Traffic Schedules, providing for a revised school zone for the Santa Gertrudis Independent School District's Elementary and Intermediate School on King Street. (per TxDOT request). (City Attorney).**

It is requested by TXDOT that a 35mph school zone be established from the west city limits of Kingsville a point of 0.031 miles East of the west city limits.

Introduction item.

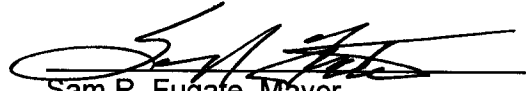
**9. Consider a resolution approving the City of Kingsville's 2023 Tax Roll as submitted by the Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collector pursuant to the Texas Property Tax Code, Chapter 26, Section 26.09(e). (Finance Director).**

Mrs. Deborah Balli, Finance Director stated that the city has received certified values from the Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collector.

**Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution approving the City of Kingsville's 2023 Tax Roll as submitted by the Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collector pursuant to the Texas Property Tax Code, Chapter 26, Section 26.09(e), seconded by Commissioner Hinojosa. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Hinojosa, Alvarez, Lopez, Fugate voting "FOR".**

**VI. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 P.M.

  
Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Mary Valenzuela  
Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary