

NOVEMBER 27, 2023

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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 (arrived at 5:11 p.m.)  
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner  
Norma N. Alvarez, Commissioner  
Edna Lopez, Commissioner  
Ann Marie Torres, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney  
Kyle Benson, Director of Information & Technology  
Derek Williams, IT  
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director  
Kwabena Agyekum, Senior Planner/HPO  
Brad Lile, Interim Police Chief  
Rudy Mora, Engineer  
Mike Mora, Capital Improvements Manager  
Susan Ivy, Parks Director  
Charlie Sosa, Purchasing Manager  
Emilio Garcia, Health Director

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Hinojosa opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. with four commission members present. Mayor Fugate arrived at 5:11 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.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**Regular Meeting – November 13, 2023**

**Motion made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Torres. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Torres, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa voting “FOR”.**

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

**1. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the advisability of the improvements to be financed by for the Somerset at Kingsville Public Improvement District No. 1.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hinojosa opened this public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Hinojosa announced that this is a public hearing and if anyone would like to speak on behalf of this item they may do so now with a five-minute limit. Additional time cannot be extended by the City Commission.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney stated that as the City Secretary did not receive any comments regarding this public hearing or for the public comment section of this meeting, it is being recommended to suspend this public hearing and conclude it at the next City Commission meeting on December 11, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Hinojosa commented that this public hearing will be suspended until December 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further comments Mayor Pro Tem Hinojosa 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, 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."*

Ms. Alvarez thanked staff, community partners, and volunteers for their hard work during the Ranch Hand Weekend festivities. Ms. Alvarez further announced upcoming events that will be taking place in the downtown area. She further reported that Mr. John Blair has accepted the position of Police Chief and will begin mid-January 2024. She also reported that under the Local Government Code 143 staff will bring to the commission an item to confirm or ratify the hiring of Mr. Blair. Ms. Alvarez further reported that the next commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023, with a deadline for staff to submit their agenda items no later than Friday, December 1, 2023.

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

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

Mr. Lance Hamm, 912 South Creek, commented that he would like to speak about traffic safety. He thanked the commission for having the police department monitor the speed on Hwy 77. He further commented that he had seen a sidewalk by Harvey Elementary coming from the crosswalk over to King Street. Hamm stated that he had gone to Gillett School and noticed that if you go on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Santa Gertrudis there is no school zone speed reduction in that area. It is on the other side of Santa Gertrudis which is odd coming from the main road on Santa Gertrudis there is no flashing lights that will notify traffic that the speed is reduced. He further stated that his main reason for speaking tonight was to speak about General Cavazos's speed limit. He stated that he had spoken with the City Manager and the City's Engineer about the issue. Currently, the speed limit posted is 45 mph and he thinks that if the city was built or formed today with a speed limit assigned to that street the City Manager, City Engineer, and City Commissioners would come up with a speed limit of 35 mph. He stated that the research that he has done, the ordinance for the speed limit on General Cavazos is 35 mph with a posted speed limit of 45 mph. He stated that his request is for one of the commissioners to ask the question what the speed limit for General Cavazos is and if it is 35 mph then why it is posted at 45 mph. He stated that he has spoken with TxDOT on this, and they have it on their list to do a safety study on this road. Mr. Hamm commented that it is about safety, especially with a high school and baseball fields near that road.

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

**1. Motion to approve final passage of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to appropriate funding for the purchase orders rolled forward from the prior fiscal year. (Finance Director).**

**2. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to appropriate funding for the CO Series 2023A bond issue. (Finance Director).**

**3. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to accept and expend donations from sponsors of the Park Healthy Family Events. (Parks Director).**

**4. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to appropriate additional ARP funding for the fire station design fees. (Purchasing Manager).**

**5. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to appropriate funding for a Stonegarden Grant awarded Police Vehicle purchase. (Purchasing Manager).**

6. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to accept and expend grant funding from Borderstar for Police Department personnel costs. (subset of Local Border Security Program). (Interim Police Chief).
7. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to appropriate funding for the Police Department P25 Phase 2 Radio System Upgrade. (IT Director).
8. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget to appropriate funding for a change order for the Wastewater Main Replacement Line (Project #3) included in the D218 GLO Grant. (Change Order#1A). (City Engineer).
9. Motion to approve final passage an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinance §15-4-3 and §15-4-4 of Chapter XV, Article 4, Flood Damage Prevention, providing for updated map dates and correction. (City Attorney/City Engineer).

## REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

10. Consider introduction of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to accept and expend grant funding from Lone Star for Police Department personnel, training & travel, computer equipment, vehicle and associated equipment. (Interim Police Chief).

Mr. Bradley Lile, Interim Police Chief stated that the Kingsville Police Department has received and award from Operation Lone Star for \$336,106.00 of which \$. 158,001.00 will be for the complete pay and benefits for 1.5 officers for a year; \$20,000 for overtime for dispatchers who work the border grant and \$20,000 in fuel, mileage and incidentals for operation Lonestar related training, \$138,105.00 for various equipment.

Introduction item.

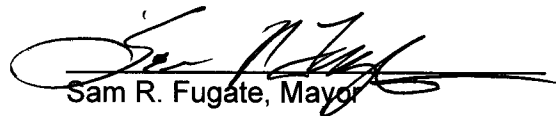
11. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Construction Contract with Gerke Excavating, Inc. for Project 4 of the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) General Land Office (GLO) State Contract Number 22-082-016-D218. (City Engineer).

Mr. Rudy Mora, City Engineer, stated that this just to allow the City Manager to sign the contract as it was awarded at the previous meeting.

**Motion made by Commissioner Alvarez to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Construction Contract with Gerke Excavating, Inc. for Project 4 of the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) General Land Office (GLO) State Contract Number 22-082-016-D218, seconded by Commissioner Lopez. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Torres, Lopez, Alvarez, Hinojosa, Fugate voting "FOR".**

#### VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

  
Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

#### ATTEST:

Mary Valenzuela  
Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary