

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RANDY GARZA (MAYOR), ALBERTO BALDARRAMOS (DISTRICT 1), FELIPE LEAL (DISTRICT 2), BRANDON BRIONES (DISTRICT 3), MAGGIE GONZALES (DISTRICT 4), GARY RICHARDS (DISTRICT 5)  
**CITY PRESENT:** BARBARA SHAW (CITY MANAGER), AMANDA HINES (CITY SECRETARY), JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ (PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR), DUANE DUBOSE (POLICE CHIEF), LANNY HOLLAND (BUILDING OFFICIAL), ROBERT PATTON (MUNICIPAL JUDGE)

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**1. Call meeting to order and announce a quorum is present. Mayor Garza**

Mayor Randy Garza called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Prayer.**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**4. Issue and provide Oath of Office to Appointed District 5 Council Member Gary Richards.**

City Secretary Amanda Hines issued the Oath of Office to Councilman Gary Richards, District No. 5.

**5. Consider and possible action on an Ordinance to amend 1.A.1 minimum monthly charge for residential water rates inside the city limits. Mayor Garza**

Mayor Randy Garza asked City Council to reconsider rates for residential accounts inside city limits. Mayor Garza expressed his concerns for the senior citizens and those on fixed incomes and believes the first step is to take care of the senior citizens. He has spoken with City Manager Barbara Shaw and Engineer David Underbrink about lowering the rates and its effects. Mayor Garza proposed to lower the residential water rates inside the city limits from \$20 to \$12, an \$8 decrease.

Brandon Briones asked if rates are lowered, will the budget need to be amended? City Manager stated the budget will be amended, but repairs and improvements will still proceed. Felipe Leal expressed his concerns with repairs being incomplete and the lack of water in the City. Mayor Garza stated that if the City has to work harder, we will.

Gary Richards made a motion to amend 1.A.1 minimum monthly charge for residential water rates inside the city limits from \$20 to \$12. Albert Baldarramos seconded the motion. Felipe Leal and Maggie Gonzales voted in favor.

Brandon Briones abstained from voting.

6. **Consider and possible action in regard to the selection and/or renewal of employee group insurance coverage(s): Hospital and Medical, Dental, Vision, Long-Term Disability, and Life. Barbara/Amanda/TML. Barbara/Amanda**

Joe Munoz with TML presented insurance rates to City Council. Felipe Leal asked if the insurance coverage would change the doctors that can be used inside and outside of the network. Mr. Munoz stated United Healthcare and BCBSTX have a lot of doctors in network in common and should remain closely similar.

Felipe Leal made a motion to renew the employee group insurance coverage including Hospital and Medical, Dental, Vision, Long-Term Disability, and Life with Texas Municipal League. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. **Consider and possible action in regard to Resolution 17-29 of The City Of Kenedy Approving Cooperation With The Steering Committee of Cities Served by Centerpoint to Review Centerpoint Energy Entex And Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas South Texas Division's Requested Rate Change; to Hire Legal and Consulting Services and to Negotiate with the Company and Direct any Necessary Litigation and Appeals; Authorizing Intervention in GUD No. 10669 At The Railroad Commission; Authorizing Legal Representation; 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. Thomas Brocato**

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve Resolution 17-29 of The City Of Kenedy Approving Cooperation With The Steering Committee of Cities Served by Centerpoint to Review Centerpoint Energy Entex And Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas South Texas Division's Requested Rate Change; to Hire Legal and Consulting Services and to Negotiate with the Company and Direct any Necessary Litigation and Appeals; Authorizing Intervention in GUD No. 10669 At The Railroad Commission; Authorizing Legal Representation; 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. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor.

8. **Consider and possible action to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide input regarding the street closure request of Bob Alexander representing the First Baptist Church, for all of Victoria Street at the 500 hundred Block. Lanny**

Building Official Lanny Holland requested that the Council direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide input regarding the street closure request of Bob Alexander.

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve the request to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide input regarding the street closure request of Bob Alexander representing the First Baptist Church, for all of Victoria Street at the 500 hundred Block. Albert Baldarramos seconded the motion. All in favor.



9. Consider and possible action to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide input regarding the street closure request of the City of Kenedy Parks & Recreation Board for the closure of Brentwood Drive from Bellaire Boulevard to the East entrance of the proposed convention center. Lanny

Building Official Lanny Holland stated the request is part of the process for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Gary Richards made a motion to approve the request to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide input regarding the street closure request of the City of Kenedy Parks & Recreation Board for the closure of Brentwood Drive from Bellaire Boulevard to the East entrance of the proposed convention center. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor.

10. Consider and possible action to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide input regarding the street closure request of the City of Kenedy Parks and Recreation Board for the closure of Brentwood Drive from FM 2102 to the West entrance of the proposed convention center. Lanny

Building Official Lanny Holland stated this is a Parks Board request change.

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve the request to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide input regarding the street closure request of the City of Kenedy Parks and Recreation Board for the closure of Brentwood Drive from FM 2102 to the West entrance of the proposed convention center. Gary Richards seconded the motion. All in favor.

11. Consider and possible action in regard to selecting an engineering solution for the East Main Drainage Project. Mayor Garza/Brandon

Mayor Randy Garza stated the engineering solution being recommended will still be in budget with a \$15,000 increase. The engineering plan in mind will be plans 5 & 8 combined, not to exceed \$600,000.

Brandon Briones made a motion to select engineering solution plans 5 & 8 combined, not to exceed \$600,000. Albert Baldarramos seconded the motion. All in favor.

12. Adjourn.

Brandon Briones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Felipe Leal seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

  
Randy Garza, Mayor

  
Amanda Hines, City Secretary