

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016 -6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Ruben Guajardo	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
	Armando Lopez	Commissioner
	James Howard Wade, Jr.	Commissioner
	Juan Molina	City Attorney
	Ricardo Garcia	City Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Amanda Morales, Hernan Gonzalez, Jaime Sandoval, Frank Rios, and Arturo Garcia.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

A quorum of the commission was present.

3.) INVOCATION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM

Mayor Hinojosa presented a plaque to Alvaro Lomas, who is retiring from the public works department after 36 years of service with the city.

Rafael Lorenzana spoke about a problem he had with a subdivision he was developing. He said the issue had already been resolved by city Manager Ricardo Garcia.

Leonel Benavides began to speak regarding the City budget, but since he has spoken on this subject several times before, he was not allowed to continue.

6.) CONSENT AGENDA (ORDINANCE NO. 98-21):

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD MARCH 1, 2016. B.) REQUEST APPROVAL FOR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION. C.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY SACKKS FLOWER SHOP FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER PAVILION ON APRIL 29, 2016.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve all items under consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

7.) PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC. MONTHLY REPORT.

Executive Director Hernan Gonzalez made a presentation regarding ongoing projects.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT WITH CH2MHILL FOR WORK PERFORMANCE.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the payment arrangement with CH2MHill for work performance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF HIDALGO ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR 2016 CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION. (#2016/03/15A)

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve entering into contract with County of Hidalgo Elections Department for 2016 City Officer's election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

10.) PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.

There was no action taken on this item.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m.

11.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER. -TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 -PERSONNEL.

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-DISCUSSION REGARDING HHG L.L.C. MERCEDES HOTEL, LTD./PHG REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, LEASE AGREEMENT, MARKETING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT, PURCHASER SELLER AGREEMENT, AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT.. - SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. -

-DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT LAW. - SECTION 551.087 AND SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 8:04 p.m.

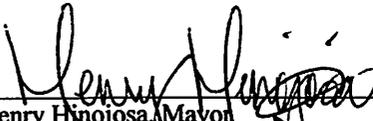
12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

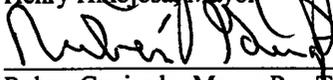
Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to proceed as discussed regarding HHG L.L.C. Mercedes Hotel Ltd. /PHG. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

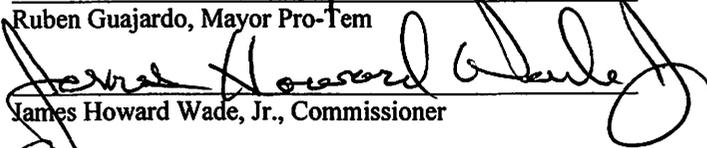
Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding Project Law. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

13.) ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

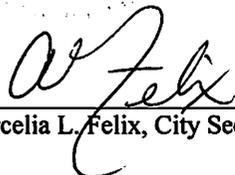

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ATTEST:

Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary