

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
Armando Lopez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ruben Guajardo	Commissioner
Howard Wade	Commissioner
Jose Gomez	Commissioner
Juan R. Molina	City Attorney
Daniel Tijerina	Interim City Manager
Arcelia Felix	City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Arturo Garcia, Mecca Henry, Joselynn Castillo, Sergio Zavala, and Hernan Gonzalez from EDC.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

All members of the Commission were present, which constituted a full quorum after Commissioner Guajardo entered after the Pledge.

3.) INVOCATION.

Mr. Tijerina gave the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Ms. Lucy Delgado addressed the Commission regarding the forensic audit. Ms Esmeralda Guerrero addressed the Commission voicing her concern over doctors coming in from other places.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD JUNE 13, 2017.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve item under consent agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7.) CANVASS OF 2017 CITY OFFICER'S RUNOFF ELECTION FOR COMMISSIONER PLACE 1 AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 3.

Mayor Hinojosa proceeded to read the canvassing results for City Officer's runoff election held June 10, 2017 which are as follows: .

COMMISSIONER PLACE 1		COMMISSIONER PLACE 3	
Leo Villarreal	714	Armando Lopez	654
Leonel Benavidez	640	Cris De Leon Hernandez	689

377 votes were cast on election day; 877 votes were cast during early voting; 126 absentee ballots were cast and no provisional votes were cast. Leo Villarreal received the most votes for Place 1 and Cris De Leon Hernandez received the most votes for Place 3.

8.) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR.

The City has received a recount petitions for Place 1 and Place 3; therefore, the swearing in will take place after the recount.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF LEASE/PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to table this item to allow for the procurement process for the financing of the equipment. Commissioner Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

11.) REQUEST TO CONDUCT FINANCIAL FORENSIC AUDIT ON EDC FOR YEARS 2015 TO 2017. Commissioner Gomez and Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Tijerina stated that staff was recommending that this item be sent to the DCM board to be considered at their next meeting. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to send this item to the Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc. for their consideration to conduct a forensic audit. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion. At this time Commissioner Gomez referred to the findings in the special audit and said that the Commission should request an audit and pay for it if the Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc does not. At a call for a vote the motion passed unanimously.

12.) REQUEST TO CONDUCT FORENSIC AUDIT ON CITY FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR YEARS 2015 TO 2017.

Mr. Tijerina addressed the Commission saying he had reviewed the audit and reported that staff will continue to take corrective action on the audit. He said that if at a later date further review is required, he will notify the Commission at that time. Mr Tijerina proceeded to read a memorandum regarding the items that have been corrected.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed with the following vote being taken: Ayes: Commissioner Guajardo, Commissioner Wade and Mayor Hinojosa. Naves: Commissioner Gomez and Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez.

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

Mr. Hernan Gonzales proceeded to give his presentation on EDC's monthly report.

14.) PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.

The monthly reports were included for the City Commission's information.

15.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

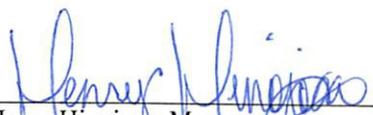
-DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER. - SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE ANNOTATED. - PERSONNEL. -DISCUSSION CONCERNING HOMEBUYERS TAX ABATEMENT. – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

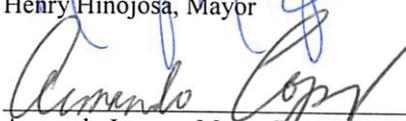
Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to take no action on this item since the other party is not available Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez voting against the motion.

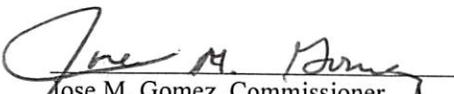
16.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

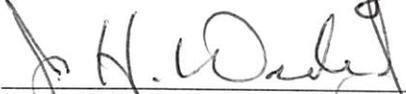
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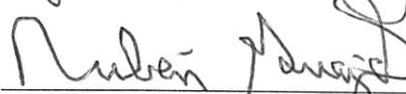
There being no further items to be discussed, Commissioner Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Guajardo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor


Armando Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem

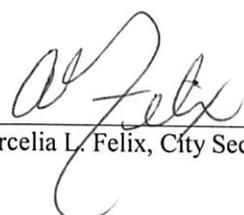

Jose M. Gomez, Commissioner


James H. Wade, Jr., Commissioner


Ruben Guajardo, Commissioner



ATTEST:


Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary