

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2015 -6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ruben Guajardo Mayor Pro-Tem
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner
Armando Lopez Commissioner
Juan Molina City Attorney
Ricardo Garcia City Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Henry Hinojosa, Commissioner James Howard Wade, Jr.

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

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

A quorum of the commission was present.

3.) INVOCATION.

Commissioner Lopez led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM

Leonel Benavides spoke about how his company could save the city money on electricity. Marcos Garcia spoke about his experience working at City Hall over the summer and thanked staff and the City Commission for all that he learned.

6.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21):

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD JULY 21, 2015. B.) APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVICES (#2015/08/04A). C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09 ABANDONING THE SOUTH 20 FT OF MILE 7 NORTH WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A CERTAIN 8.63 ACRE TRACT OUT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 113, CAMPACUAS ADDITION. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO USE THE CIVIC CENTER AND BBQ AREA ON AUGUST 16 AND 17, 2015. E.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO USE THE CIVIC CENTER BBQ AREA ON AUGUST 8, 2015. F.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4, 5 AND 6 TO CONTRACT WITH ZIWA CORPORATION. (#2015/08/04B). G.) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH D. WILSON CONSTRUCTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THE EMERGENCY DOME SHELTER CONSTRUCTION. (#2015/08/04C). H.) APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR QUARANTINE SERVICES. (#2015/04/05D).

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve all items under Consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.

7.) PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM KNAPP MEDICAL CARE FOUNDATION.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.

8.) PRESENTATION BY ALTERNATIVE GENERATORS REGARDING WASTE DISPOSAL.

Rigoberto Gutierrez made a presentation regarding a proposed "Ecopark" that the company would like to build near Mercedes. The Ecopark would process solid waste at no cost to the city. There was no action taken on this item.

9.) PRESENTATION BY AIR WIND & SOLAR REGARDING SOLAR POWERED ENERGY.

Christian Pedersen made a presentation regarding his proposal for the installation of solar panels at several City buildings including the City Hall, Police department and Library. There was no action taken on this item.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC. (#2015/08/04E).

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve a two-year extension to the contract with Waste Connections, Inc. for solid waste services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.

11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ENTERING INTO LEASE PURCHASE WITH NATIONAL COOPERATIVE LEASE FOR SECURITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS USING NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE PURCHASING COOP. (#2015/08/04F)

This would allow the City to purchase security systems for the police department, Recreation center, public works facilities, and the new dome shelter. The lease period is 36 months and the City will have the option to purchase the

equipment at the end of the lease for \$1.00 .Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve entering into lease purchase with National Cooperative Lease for security system improvements using Joint Power Alliance Purchasing Coop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.

12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL PLAZA SUBDIVISION.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved this item at their last meeting. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the preliminary and final plat for Professional Medical Plaza subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo called the meeting into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

13.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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-DISCUSSION REGARDING CLAIM BY MS. CHEYANNE GARCIA. - SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. -POSSIBLE LITIGATION.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

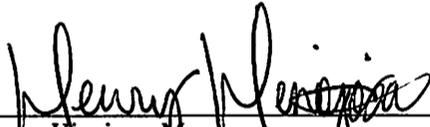
Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo called the meeting back to order at 7:58 p.m.

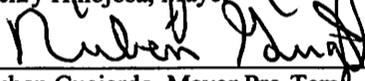
14.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

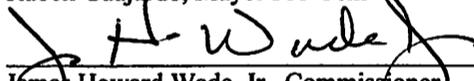
Commissioner Lopez made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.

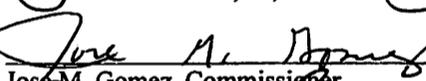
15.) ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

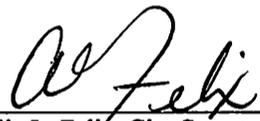

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Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary