

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

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Henry Hinojosa | Mayor |
| | Armando Lopez | Mayor Pro-Tem |
| | Jose M. Gomez | Commissioner |
| | Ruben Guajardo | 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, Marisol Vidales 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.

Juan de los Santos said the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Rodolfo Garcia asked the commission to waive fees for mowing liens on his property. Joe Perez asked for an investigation into a burglary at his business. Edward Zavala offered to sell a part of land he owns to the City. Doug Brown asked the Commission to waive fees for mowing liens on his property and for sewer service to be extended to properties that he owns.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD NOVEMBER 15, AND NOVEMBER 29, 2016. B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-16 REGARDING A HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE LOCATED AT 337 S. MISSOURI AVE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE; 817 JOWA ST., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS EAST MERCEDES LOT 5 BLK 2; 208 S. ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE LOT 5-8 BLK 34; AND 322 S. VERMONT AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE LOTS 16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23 BLK 105, MERCEDES, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS.-C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-18 APPOINTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CITY OF MERCEDES TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF THE CIVIC CENTER ON JANUARY 24, 25, & 27, 2017 BY MERCEDES ISD. E.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF THE CIVIC CENTER ON DECEMBER 15, 2016 BY MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL FFA.

Commissioner Guajardo noted that the minutes for the meeting held November 29, 2016 listed him as present when he was absent. Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda with a correction to the minutes for the City Commission meeting held November 29, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hinojosa and passed unanimously.

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INTER-JURISDICTIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. #2016/12/06B.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the joint resolution establishing an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program #2016/12/06B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

8.) REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES FOR MOWING LIEN ON LOTS SOUTH ½ OF LOT 3, BLOCK 8, COLONIA GARZA AND LOT 2 AND NORTH ½ OF LOT 3, BLOCK 8, COLONIA GARZA.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to waive only the interest applied to the mowing liens for lots South ½ of lot 3, block 8, Colonia Garza and Lot 2 and North ½ of Lot 3, Block 8, Colonia Garza. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hinojosa and passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO KEEP MERCEDES BEAUTIFUL BOARD.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to reappoint Diana Munoz, Amanda Brewer, Jose Martinez and Amenda Martinez to Keep Mercedes Beautiful Board. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hinojosa and passed unanimously.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO MERCEDES INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez made a motion to reappoint Robert Hines, Fernando Dominguez and Candice Zamora and appoint Juanita Rangel to fill the unexpired term of Jose Flores. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed by the following vote: Mayor Hinojosa, Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez, Commissioner Wade and Commissioner Guajardo voting in favor and Commissioner Gomez voting against.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:23 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 CONCERNING OMI, MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. - SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. -POTENTIAL LITIGATION.

There was no action taken during Executive session.

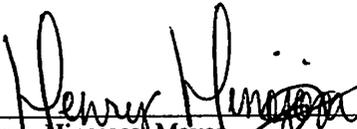
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:47 p.m.

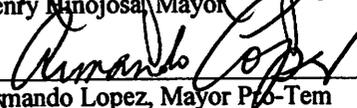
12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

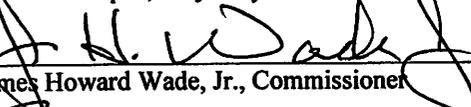
Commissioner Wade made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

13.) ADJOURN.

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


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

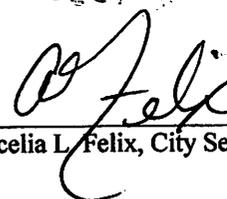

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ATTEST:


Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary