

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2015 -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, Jaime Sandoval, Frank Rios, Marisol Vidales, Olga Maldonado 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.

Reverend Juan de los Santos led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Petra Vidales spoke about recordings of the City Commission meetings and open forum time restrictions.

Esmer Guerrero spoke about the selection of the City's delinquent tax collection firm and travel done by the Development Corporation board members.

Leonel Benavides spoke regarding the City budget and repairs to City equipment.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2015. B.) REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR UTILITY EXTENSION FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL PLAZA SUBDIVISION. C.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER BBQ AREA ON DECEMBER 4TH & 5TH BY MERCEDES VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2016 OPERATION BORDERSTAR. (RESOLUTION # 2015-19).

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.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF VISION AND DENTAL INSURANCE.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve a plan to fund \$10 towards employee monthly premium for dental insurance and \$5 towards the employee monthly premium for vision insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed with Mayor Hinojosa, Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Wade, and Commissioner Lopez voting in favor and Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo voting against it.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

8.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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SECTION 551.074 - PERSONNEL.**

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

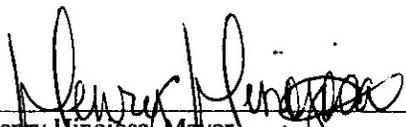
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

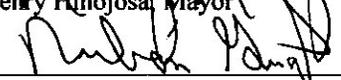
**9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

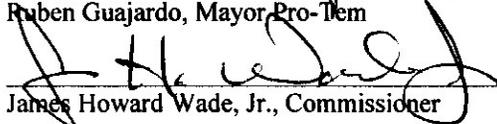
There was no action taken on this item.

10.) ADJOURN.

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


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

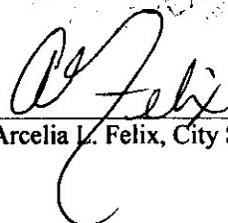

Ruben Guajardo, Mayor Pro-Tem


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Armando Lopez, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary