

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014 -6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Michelle Leftwich, Amanda Morales, Marisol Vidales, Jesse Villarreal, Hernan Gonzalez and Melissa Ramirez.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

All members of the Commission were present.

3.) INVOCATION.

Dr. Daniel Trevino gave the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Mayor Hinojosa presented a proclamation to the Mercedes high School Lady Tigers basketball team. The team won a district championship and is ranked 10th in the state by the Texas Coaches Association.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2014.

B.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES YOUTH SPORTS (PONY LEAGUE) - (#2014/03/03A). C.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES LITTLE LEAGUE (#2014/03/03B). D.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF FY2014 LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT. (#2014/03/03C).E.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY TMC FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON MARCH 27.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

7.) PRESENTATION BY SOUTH TEXAS MUSIC FESTIVAL.

There was no presentation made and no action taken on this item.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF OUT OF SCOPE LETTER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH CH2MHILL OMI. (#2014/03/03D).

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez and passed unanimously.

9.) PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES INC. MONTHLY REPORT.

Hernan Gonzalez presented the Executive Director's report for the month of February. He updated the Commission on the Botas de Mercedes project and upcoming events including the Chamber banquet and Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Mr. Gonzalez also highlighted local businesses Borden Distribution Center, LaserLux, and Cintas. There was no action taken on this item.

10.) PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2014 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

City Engineer Jose Luis Munoz presented several streets and alleyways that are to be renovated. Mr. Garcia explained that the city does have enough money to complete all of the proposed improvements.

11.) LANDSCAPE ENTRY UPDATE.

Assistant City Manager Michelle Leftwich explained that the city received a grant to install landscaping and signage along the expressway. The project should begin in the early summer months of this year.

12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF REQUEST FOR A QUESTION AND ANSWER TOWN HALL MEETING SESSION –DATE SCHEDULE MARCH 17 TO 24 –OPEN DATES- 2014.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez made a motion to schedule a question and answer town hall meeting session. The motion died for lack of a second. There was no subsequent action taken on this item.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

13.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER. – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. SECTION 551.071- PERSONNEL.

- DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL. –TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. SECTION 551.074- PERSONNEL.

-DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNEXATION (CAUSE NO. C-5929-13-H- SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED- LITIGATION.

- DISCUSSION REGARDING WITH GAS ENTERPRISE. INC. – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. SECTION 551.071- POTENTIAL LITIGATION.

-DISCUSSION REGARDING MUNICIPAL COURT CAUSE #1334840 – JODIE O. MARTINEZ – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. SECTION 551.071- POTENTIAL LITIGATION.

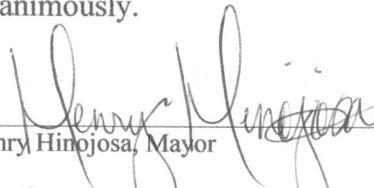
There was no action taken during executive Session.

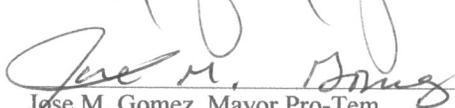
14.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

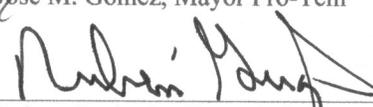
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 8:51 p.m. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to instruct staff to proceed as discussed regarding GAS Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously. Regarding the municipal court cause #1334840; Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to continue following the City Ordinance as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

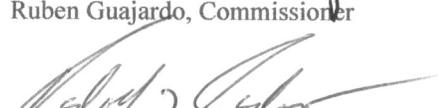
15.) ADJOURN.

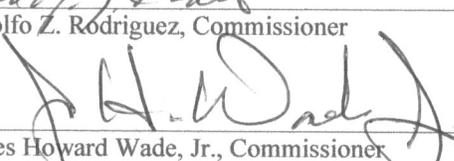
Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

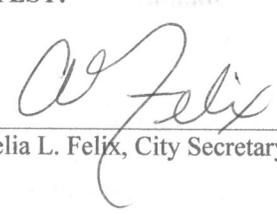

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ATTEST:


Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary

