

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2015 -6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Henry Hinojosa Mayor  
Howard Wade, Jr. Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner  
Ruben Guajardo Commissioner  
Armando Lopez Commissioner  
  
Ricardo Garcia City Manager  
Juan Molina City Attorney  
Arcelia L. Felix City Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**Staff:** Jaime Sandoval, Arturo Garcia, Marcos Garcia, Marisol Vidales, Olga Maldonado and Francisco Rios.

Prior to calling the City Commission meeting to Order Mayor Hinojosa, along with the City Commission, presented a proclamation to the MISD Lady Tigers softball team for their accomplishments this season. A proclamation was also presented to USM for work they will be doing within the city this summer. Mr. Robert Ruiz was presented with a plaque in honor of his retirement from the City.

**1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

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

**2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

All members of the Commission were present.

**3.) INVOCATION.**

Commissioner Lopez led the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Commissioner Gomez led in the pledge of allegiance.

**5.) CONSENT AGENDA (ORDINANCE NO. 98-21):**

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD MAY 26, 2015. B.) APPROVAL OF UPDATED SURPLUS ITEMS. C.) APPROVAL OF MAYOR HINOJOSA'S ABSENCE FROM MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2015 FOR MEDICAL REASONS. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER PAVILION ON JULY 4 FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR INOCICIO LOPEZ. E.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER BBQ AREA ON JULY 18-19, 2015 FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR BOB GALVAN; F.) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH VALLEY IT FOR SERVER MAINTENACE AND REPAIR. #2015/06/02.**

City Manager Garcia stated that Item 6 section H of the contract with Valley IT will be changed to reflect Hidalgo County instead of Cameron County.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda with the change recommended to the contract with Valley IT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez which passed with Mayor Hinojosa abstaining from item 5C.

**6.) PRESENTATION OF TML REGION 12 AWARD.**

Mr. Garcia read a notice advising the Commission of a recent award presented to the City Commission due to the "Botas de Mercedes" campaign by the Development Corporation of Mercedes and the City. Commissioner Lopez had made the presentation at the TML meeting.

**7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

The Mayor Pro-Tem is selected during the month of June. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to select Commissioner Ruben Guajardo to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At this time Commissioner Wade was commended for his service as Mayor Pro-Tem.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11 CREATING EMPOWERMENT ZONE 2015-ONE.**

Mr. Garcia explained that this was part of the process for the property the city intends to purchase for the UT RGV family medical residency. This project has been previously discussed and approved by the Commission. At a question by Commissioner Gomez, Mr. Garcia stated that part of the agreement is that the city will donate two acres and that cash incentives will be provided by the City in an amount of \$750,000 over a 5-year period with the EDC making a similar incentive. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-11 creating Empowerment Zone 2015-One. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

9.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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There was no action taken during Executive Session.

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

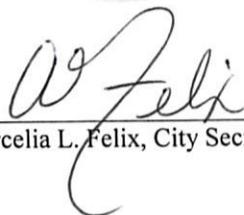
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:21 PM and announced that no action would be taken on the items discussed in executive session.

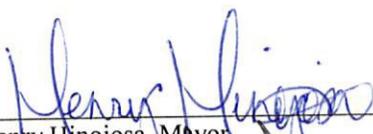
11.) ADJOURN.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion which passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

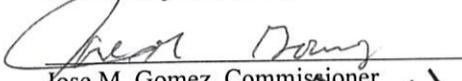


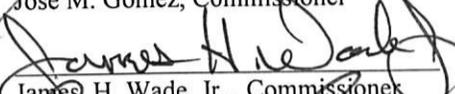
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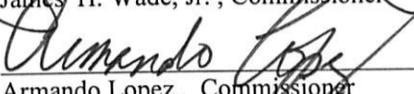
  
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