

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECT SAM GARCIA FOR PHASE 1-B OF THE MERCEDES SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT AS FUNDED BY THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE.

Mr. Zavala addressed the Commission about Mr. Sam Garcia agreeing to the changes to the contract. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve the contract with Sam Garcia for Phase 1-B of the Mercedes Sports Complex Project. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-10 THAT REFLECTS AN UPDATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Fire Chief Tommy Ureste addressed the Commission about updates to the Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Ureste stated the Emergency Management Plan must be updated every 5 years and was last updated in 2013. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-10 updating the Emergency Management Plan. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

9.) APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FROM JIMMY CLOSNER & SONS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE MERCEDES LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Zavala addressed the Commission regarding the payment request from Jimmy Closner & Sons. Mr. Zavala stated the amount due is \$239,549.10 - the City's project engineer has approved the work and invoice. AT&T has agreed to relocate their equipment in order for the contractor to fully pave the affected streets. Commissioner Villarreal made a motion to approve the request for payment from Jimmy Closner & Sons as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12 AMENDING UTILITY RATE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14 TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR UN-METERED LOTS THAT CONNECT TO SANITARY SEWER.

Mr. Zavala introduced the new public works director, Jose Figueroa, to the Commission. Mr. Figueroa addressed the Commission about an ordinance establishing sewer rates for residents who have properties without city water that would like to connect to sanitary sewer. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-12. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

11.) PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY REPORTS.

Department reports are included for the Commission's review. Police Chief Olga Maldonado addressed the Commission about the live stock show and recognized all the law enforcement agencies that assisted. Chief Maldonado handed the Commission a report on citations issued and the revenues the city has earned.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:23 P.M.

12.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER. – SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE ANNOTATED. – PERSONNEL.
- DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. – SECTION 551.074 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE ANNOTATED. – PERSONNEL.
- DISCUSSION REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AS EMTS IN POSSIBLE AMBULANCE SERVICE. – SECTION 551.074 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – PERSONNEL.
- DISCUSSION OF WALKING TRAIL – SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – POTENTIAL LITIGATION.
- DISCUSSION REGARDING TEXAS VALLEY COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- UPDATE REGARDING MERCEDES INVESTMENTS, LP PROJECT (KAMEL) – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOV'T CODE, TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAWSUIT STYLED AND NUMBERED, RICHARD & DAHLIA GARCIA VS. CITY OF MERCEDES, ET. AL., CAUSE NO. C-2093-7-A (92ND JUD. DISTRICT COURT HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS), AND RELATED LEGAL ISSUES.

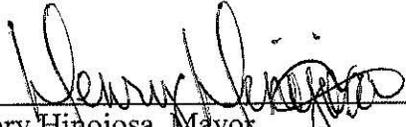
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 8:40 P.M.

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

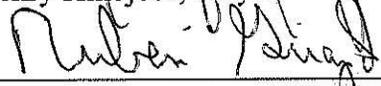
Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion authorize City Manager and City Attorney to proceed as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

14.) ADJOURN.

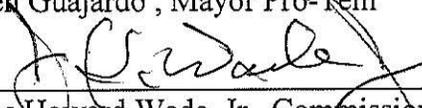
Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.



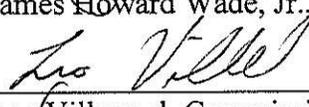
Henry Hinojosa, Mayor



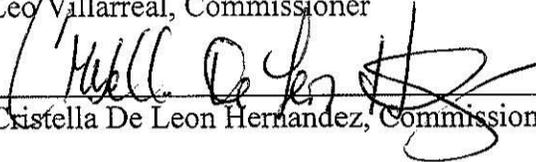
Ruben Guajardo, Mayor Pro-Tem



James Howard Wade, Jr., Commissioner

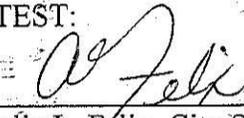


Leo Villarreal, Commissioner



Cristella De Leon Hernandez, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary

