

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Amanda Morales, Marisol Vidales, Hernan Gonzalez, Jaime Sandoval, Antonio Aguilar, and Chief Olga Maldonado.

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.

Commissioner Lopez led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Guajardo led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM-

Ramon Mejia spoke about not being allowed to speak during open forum at the previous Commission meeting because he did not list a topic for discussion. He also asked for clarification on what would be considered an acceptable topic for him to speak about during open forum.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD DECEMBER 16 AND DECEMBER 20, 2014. B.) REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON FEB. 6TH BY MERCEDES TIGER BAND BOOSTER. C.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ACCEPT FUNDING FOR LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM. (#2015/01/06) D.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-17 - CREATING AN HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING TRACTS OF LAND: 402 W. 10TH ST., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 2 & 3, BLOCK 148-BOYD, 322 S. VERMONT AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 12-14, BLOCK 105, 703 W. 3RD ST., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 7-10, BLOCK 7, 134 N. TEXAS AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10 & N21' - LOT 11, BLOCK 47, 126 N. TEXAS AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS S 4' OF LOT 11 & ALL OF 12, BLOCK 47, 112 N. TEXAS AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 16, BLOCK 47, 102 N. TEXAS AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 17 & 18, BLOCK 47, 141 N. TEXAS AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 30, BLOCK 42, 143 N. TEXAS AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 29, BLOCK 42, 310 S. TEXAS AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 21 EXC 2/10 OF FOOT -E20' BLOCK 14, 304 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS W65' -S4' & W64.5' -N16' -S20' LOT 22 BLOCK 14, 334 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS W ½ OF LOTS 16 & 17 BLOCK 14, 338 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 14 & 15 BLOCK 14, 300 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS 2/10 OF FOOT-E20' LOT 21; PART LOT 22 & ALL 23& 24 BLOCK 14, 235 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS N50' -S130' -E150' BLOCK 10, 229 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS N25'-S80' -E150' BLOCK 10, 237 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS N25'-S55'-E150' BLOCK10, 237 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS S25'-E150' BLOCK 10, TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS N5'-S30'-E150' BLOCK 10, 402 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS N ½ - LOT 11 & ALL - LOT 12 BLOCK 23, 246 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS W88' 13 BLOCK 11, 214 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 22 BLOCK 11, 224 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 20 S 20' BLOCK 11, AND 230 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 18 BLOCK 11, 301 S. TEXAS AVE. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 THRU 7 BLOCK 15, 323 S. OHIO AVE., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 12 BLOCK 14, 301 W. 2ND ST., MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS S 88.5' -E 110' BLOCK 2, MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION, MERCEDES, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING ZONING CLASSIFICATION CHANGES; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS AND REPEAL CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Hinojosa noted a correction to the minutes for the meeting held December 2, 2014 and asked that it be noted that he left that meeting during Executive Session to attend the Winter Texan Welcome event on that date. Commissioner Lopez also noted a correction to item #13 of the minutes for the meeting held

December 16, 2014. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the items presented under Consent Agenda with the above noted corrections. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH GUZMAN & MUNOZ ENGINEERING FOR PROJECT ENGINEER FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER AND WASTEWATER EXTENSION ALONG BUSINESS 83 FROM MILE 2 TO MILE 2 ½ WEST, MORE OR LESS.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve the contract with Guzman & Munoz Engineering for Project Engineer for Sidewalk improvements and water and wastewater extension along Business 83 from Mile 2 to Mile 2 ½ West, more or less. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wade and passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:15 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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 - DISCUSSION REGARDING TCM PROJECT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE. – SECTION 551.087 AND SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE.
 - DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNEXATION. (CAUSE NO. C-5929-13-H- SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – LITIGATION
 - DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT RAYBEC – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
 - DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT MEDICAL - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- There was no action taken during Executive Session.

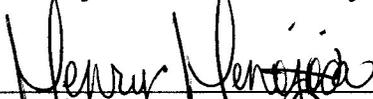
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m.

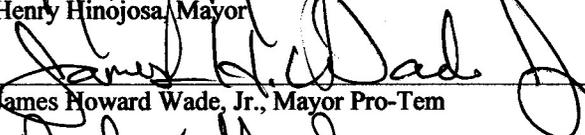
9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

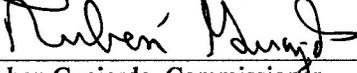
Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to instruct the City Manager to proceed as discussed in executive Session on TCM Project, Annexation, Project Raybec and Project Medical. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

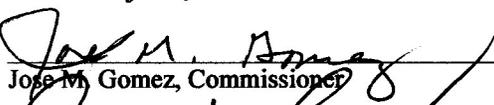
10.) ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

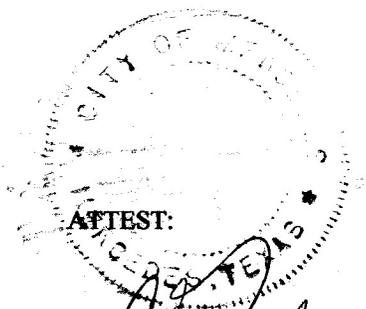

Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

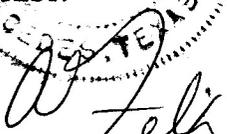

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Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary