

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 4, 2013 - 6:00 P.M

MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner
Rodolfo Z. Rodriguez Commissioner
Dianna G. Tovar Commissioner
James Howard Wade, Jr. Commissioner
Ricardo Garcia City Manager
Juan Molina City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Staff: Michelle Leftwich, Amanda Morales, Marisol Vidales, Jesse Villarreal, and Olga Maldonado

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

A Quorum of the Commission was present.

3.) INVOCATION.

Commissioner Rodriguez made the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM-

There were no public comments.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD MAY 20 AND MAY 21, 2013. B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07 CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF LOT 4 BLOCK 17, GARDEN PARK SUBDIVISION FROM "B TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE" TO "B-BUSINESS". C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08 REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS.

Commissioner Tovar noted that the copy of the minutes the Commissioners received were not complete. Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tovar and passed unanimously.

7A.) PUBLIC HEARING AND FORMAL ACTION REGARDING A RE-ZONING FROM "B TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE" TO "C-APARTMENTS " LOCATED AT 725 S. TEXAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10, BLOCK 122, MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION. THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST IS ELVIA D. ARGUELLES

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:04 PM. Assistant city manager Michelle Leftwich explained to the Commission that the requestor wants to build a 3-plex building in an area that is currently zoned to allow only duplex buildings. Staff is recommending that this one lot not be re-zoned. The Planning and zoning Commission has approved the re-zone. Elvia D. Arguelles also addressed the Commission and explained that she did speak to her neighbors and that some are willing to submit the applications to have their properties rezoned as well. There were no other comments from the audience. Mayor Hinojosa closed the public hearing at 6:16 PM.

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-09 CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION FOR ZONING PURPOSES OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND: LOT 10, BLOCK 122, MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION FROM "B TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE" TO "C-APARTMENTS".

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE MERCEDES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

There are two vacancies on the Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission. Only one

application was received. Commissioner Tovar made a motion to appoint Dr. Hilda Thompson to the Mercedes historic Preservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF HIDALGO FOR URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM YEAR 2013.#2013/06/04. Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with County of Hidalgo for Urban County Program Year 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FENCING PROJECT AT WALTER COLLIER PARK. The fencing project will help make the area around the park and baseball fields safer for children. The estimated cost of the project is about \$20,000. Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve the budget amendment for fencing project at Walter Collier Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously.

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

11.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-DISCUSSION REGARDING RETAIL PROJECT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. - SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-DISCUSSION REGARDING KPG DEVELOPMENT, LLC DEVELOPMENT. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE. - SECTION 551.087 AND SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE.

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

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

-DISCUSSION ON EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER RICARDO GARCIA. - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 - PERSONNEL.

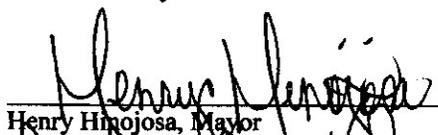
There was no action taken during Executive Session.

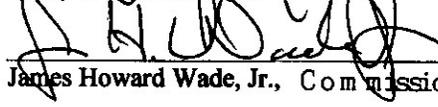
12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 8:33 PM. Commissioner Tovar made a motion to proceed as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

13.) ADJOURN.

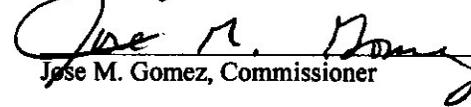
Commissioner Tovar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

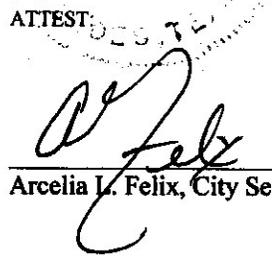

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ATTEST:

Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary