

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017 -6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Armando Lopez Mayor Pro-Tem
Howard Wade, Jr. Commissioner
Ruben Guajardo Commissioner
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner

Ricardo Garcia City Manager
Juan Molina City Attorney
Arcelia L. Felix City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Arturo Garcia, Marisol Vidales, and Hernan Gonzales from EDC.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

All members of the Commission were present constituted a full quorum.

3.) INVOCATION.

Elder Lavelle said the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led in the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Mr. Miguel Loya addressed the Commission regarding a parking permit that has been issued by the City asking that certain concerns be taken into consideration. Mayor Hinojosa stated that he would meet with legal counsel to see if it can be done.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 3, 2017. B.) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO CONTRACT WITH TEXAS CORDIA CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR WALKING TRAIL.

At a question on item 6, City Manager Garcia stated that the change order was only for extension of time and not for additional fund. Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve made a motion to approve the items under consent. Commissioner Guajardo seconded the motion which passed. Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez then asked that the motion be amended to include the correction of Mr. Roel Villanueva's last name. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7.) PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC. MONTHLY REPORT.

Ms. Alicia Aguilar made the monthly report presentation for the Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc. She highlighted the events for the past year.

8.)) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01 CALLING THE 2017 CITY ELECTION FOR MAYOR, COMMISSIONER PLACE #1 AND COMMISSIONER PLACE #3.

City Manager Garcia stated that this is the first reading of the ordinance calling the 2017 City officers election which will be held May 6, 2017. Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance No. 2017-01 calling the 2017 City Officers election. Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9.) PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.

City Manager Garcia stated that the monthly reports were included for their information.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. No action will be taken during Executive Session.

10.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER. -TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 -PERSONNEL.
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- DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.- REAL ESTATE - SECTION 551.072 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED - REAL ESTATE.
- DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT HOSPITALITY . - SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

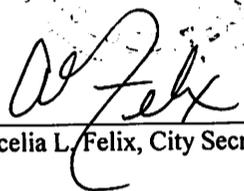
11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:28 PM. Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the condemnation and acquisition of property as discussed in executive session. Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez seconded the motion which passed with Commissioner Guajardo being absent during the time the vote was taken. There was no action on the other items.

12.) ADJOURN.

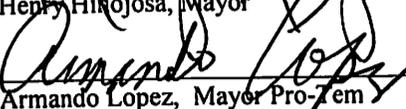
There being no further items to be discussed, Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

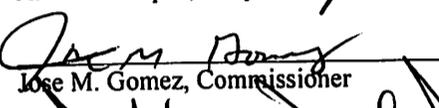
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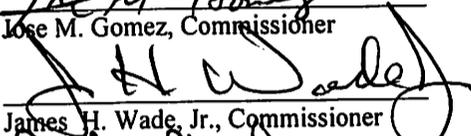


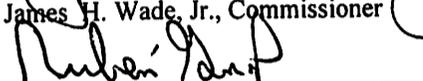

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