

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2015 -6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Amanda Morales, Hernan Gonzalez, Jaime Sandoval, Frank Rios, and Arturo Garcia.

**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.**

Reverend Jaques led the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM.**

Petra Vidales spoke about the attendance records of EDC board members and the demolition of the H&H building.

Leonel Benavides spoke about the amount of money being spent for employee health insurance and the public works department budget.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD OCTOBER 20, AND OCTOBER 28, 2015. B.) APPROVAL OF TML MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL -#2015/11/03A. C.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY I CHURCH FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON JANUARY 9, 2016. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF BASEBALL FIELD BY CHURCH GROUP.**

Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve items 6A through 6C as presented under consent agenda and remove item 6D from consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

**7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CASTING BALLOT FOR HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. -RESOLUTION #2015-17.**

The City of Merced is entitled to 30 votes for candidates to the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Lopez made a motion approve Resolution #2015-17 to cast all 30 votes allotted to the City of Merced in favor of Fernando Dominguez for Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE PROPOSED WORKPLAN AND BUDGET FOR URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM YEAR 29 (2016).**

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the proposed workplan and budget for Urban County program year 29 (2016). The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and 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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  - DISCUSSION REGARDING HHG MERCEDES HOTEL, LTD. -SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
  - DISCUSSION REGARDING RIOS OF MERCEDES PROJECT. - 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 6:45 p.m.

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

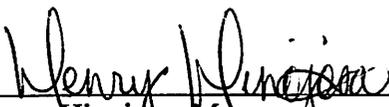
There was no action taken on this item.

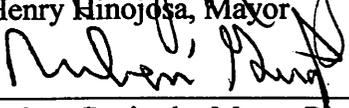
**11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH RIOS OF MERCEDES- #2015/11/03B.**

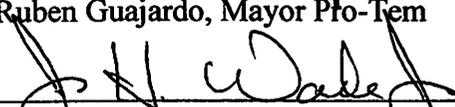
Commissioner Wade made a motion to proceed as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.

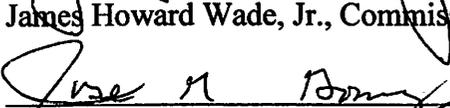
**12.) ADJOURN.**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo.

  
Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

  
Ruben Guajardo, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
James Howard Wade, Jr., Commissioner

  
Jose M. Gomez, Commissioner

  
Armando Lopez, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary