

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 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 Roland Jaques led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Petra Vidales spoke about an open records request, the duties and responsibilities of the City Secretary and the City's website.

Leonel Benavides spoke regarding the City budget and insurance coverage for employees.

Javier Cisneros requested use of the City's baseball fields for football practice.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2015. B.) RATIFICATION OF RESUBMITTAL OF AN EDA GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL PARK. C.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO USE BASEBALL FIELDS ON DECEMBER 13, 2015 FROM 3 TO 7 PM FOR CHURCH FUN DAY. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY TEXAS WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION-CITRUS DISTRICT FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON DECEMBER 8TH.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor and passed with Commissioner Gomez abstaining and all other members of the Commission voting aye.

7.) PRESENTATION AND FORMAL APPROVAL OF 2015 ANNUAL TAX ROLL TOTALS. (#2015-11-17A) (CITY MANAGER)

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the 2015 annual tax roll totals (#2015-11-17A). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

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

EDC Executive Director Hernan Gonzalez made a presentation regarding several recent projects overseen by the EDC. There was no action taken on this item.

9.) PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.

There was no action taken on this item.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

10.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-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 REGARDING SENSUS AGREEMENT. - SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. -POSSIBLE LITIGATION.

-DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT HISTORIC WATER DISTRICT BUILDING - SECTION 551.087 AND SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTING ARCHITECTURAL FIRM FOR BASIC DESIGN SERVICES FOR FITNESS TRAIL AT PROPOSED PARK COMPLEX. (CITY MANAGER)

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to select Negrete & Kolar for basic design services for fitness trail at proposed park complex. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

13.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH BASEBALL LEAGUES (MERCEDES YOUTH SPORTS, MERCEDES PONY LEAGUE). (CITY MANAGER)

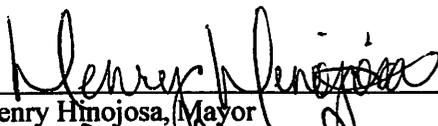
Commissioner Wade made a motion to not approve the proposed amendments to the agreements with baseball leagues (Mercedes Youth Sports, Mercedes Pony League). The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.

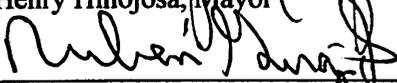
14.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF VISION AND DENTAL INSURANCE. (CITY MANAGER)

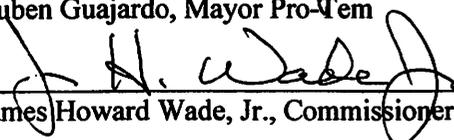
Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.

15.) ADJOURN.

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


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