

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Ricardo Garcia City Manager

Staff: Amanda Morales, Marisol Vidales, Hernan Gonzalez, Jaime Sandoval, Antonio Aguilar, Arturo Garcia, and Blanca Sanchez.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wade called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

A quorum of the commission was present.

3.) INVOCATION.

Commissioner Gomez led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM-

Petra Vidales spoke about the ability of residents not being allowed to speak during open forum regarding topics that do not concern City business. She also spoke regarding topics unrelated to the City Commission.

Armando Garcia of the Keep Mercedes Beautiful Committee spoke about the group's most recent Cleanup effort and invited the commission to join them at their next event.

Esmer Cano spoke regarding streets that are in need of repair.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD JANUARY 20 & JANUARY 26, 2015. B.) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 TO THE CONTRACT WITH O. G. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC FOR 2013 STREET, DRAINAGE, & WATER IMPROVEMENTS. (#2015/02/03). C.) PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT. D.) REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER BBQ AREA ON FEB. 6TH BY MERCEDES TIGER BAND BOOSTER.

Commissioner Lopez noted a correction to Item # 12 for the meeting held January 20. The name of one person appointed to the Planning & Zoning board was spelled incorrectly. Mayor Pro-Tem also noted a correction to the time the meeting started in the minutes for the meeting held January 26. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda with corrections to the minutes as stated above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT AN ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FOR PROJECT HOSPITALITY AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

This item would allow the Hospitality Group to apply for an Enterprise Zone Designation from the State. This will be done at no cost to the City. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to authorize staff to submit an enterprise zone application for project hospitality and ancillary facilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wade called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

8.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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There was no action taken during Executive Session.

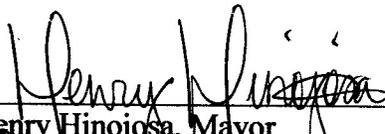
Mayor Pro-Tem Wade called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m.

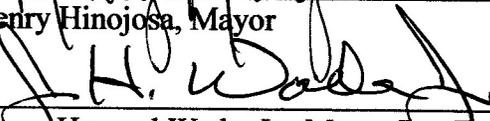
9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

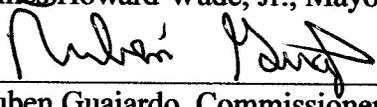
There was no action taken on this item.

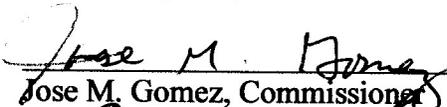
10.) ADJOURN.

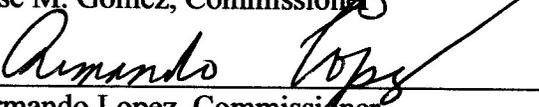
There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

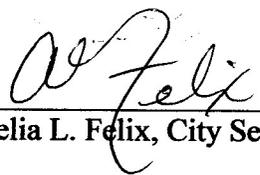

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ATTEST:


Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary