

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
Jose M. Gomez	Mayor Pro-Tem
James Howard Wade, Jr.	Commissioner
Rodolfo Z. Rodriguez	Commissioner
Ruben Guajardo	Commissioner
Ricardo Garcia	City Manager
Juan Molina	City Attorney

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

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

**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.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez led the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM-**

Gilbert Dominguez addressed the Commission regarding an issue with a building permit for his neighbor's home.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD SEPTEMBER 26, AND OCTOBER 1, 2013. B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-22 RE-ZONING AS LOTS D, D4, E, E5, AND F6, BLOCK 65, HOYT AND SIEBERT RE-SUBDIVISION, AKA MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE SUBDIVISION, MERCEDES, HIDALGO COUNTY. C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013- 23 APPOINTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CITY OF MERCEDES TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> BY SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION E.) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH DR. BENJAMIN SALINAS FOR CITY HEALTH OFFICER SERVICES.**

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

**7.) PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING URBAN COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT UNDER PROGRAM YEAR FY 27 (2014).**

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:12 PM. Gilbert Dominguez asked that the Commission allocate more money to maintenance at the city parks and the installation of more sidewalks throughout the city. Victoria Medina of Children's advocacy center of Hidalgo County asked that the commission continue to donate funding for that organization. Lydia Rodriguez of Amigos Del Valle asked the commission to continue donating to the Meals on Wheels program that benefits several people in Mercedes.

**8.) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.**

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to appoint Dahlia de la Cerda to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR 2013 STREET, DRAINAGE, AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

There were five bids received from the following companies: OG Construction Company, LLC; REIM Construction, Inc.; Jimmy Closner and Son's Construction Company, Inc.; Clore Construction; and JF Trenching& paving Company, LLC. O.G. Construction submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$1,436,000.00. Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to accept the bid submitted by O.G. Construction, LLC.

as well as alternate #1. Total bid amount is \$1,443,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into executive session at 6: 24 PM.

**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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (KPG GROUP) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE ANNOTATED - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**-DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNEXATION. (CAUSE NO. C-5929-13-H- SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - LITIGATION.**

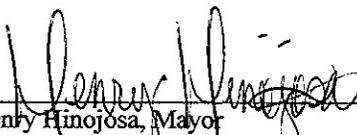
The items regarding the city Manager and Personnel were not discussed. There was no action taken during Executive Session.

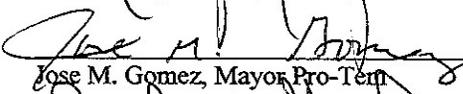
**11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

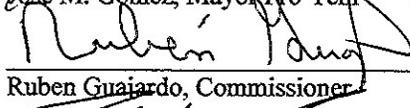
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:12 PM. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

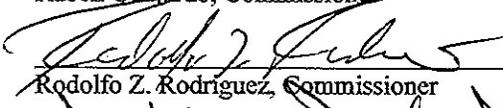
**12.) ADJOURN.**

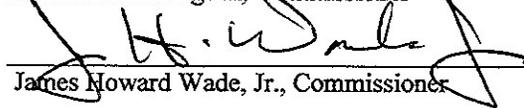
The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

  
Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

  
Jose M. Gomez, Mayor Pro-Term

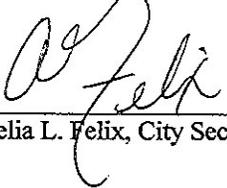
  
Ruben Guajardo, Commissioner

  
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James Howard Wade, Jr., Commissioner



**ATTEST:**

  
Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary