

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Jaime Sandoval, Frank Rios, David Lopez, Marisol Vidales and Olga Maldonado.

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. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo entered the meeting during item #7.

3.) INVOCATION.

Rev. Jaquez led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Lopez led the pledge of allegiance.

City Manager Ricardo Garcia recognized several police department employees for their work on a case involving a bank robbery.

5.) OPEN FORUM

Petra Vidales spoke about the inspections of the New Football stadium. Leonel Benavides spoke about the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. Ramon Mejia made a comment regarding a case that the police department is investigating.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.

B.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 AND FINAL TO CONTRACT WITH ZIWA CORPORATION. (#2015/09/15)

C.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER OCTOBER 8 -13 BY GOBIERNO DE TAMAULIPAS. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 25 BY GLORIA VILLARREAL.

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

7.) PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. Petra Vidales asked that the City Commission do more paving and repairs of streets in her neighborhood. She also asked the Commission to decrease spending. Leonel Benavides asked why more money was not being given to the public works department. Velda Garcia asked for street lights to be placed in her neighborhood. Mayor Hinojosa closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. There was no action taken on this item.

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

Hernan Gonzalez made a presentation regarding several projects that the EDC has worked on in the past year. There was no action taken on this item.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-11 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12 ADOPTING THE 2015 TAX RATE.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-12 adopting the 2015 tax rate. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.

11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE 2015-2016 BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC.

Hernan Gonzalez made a presentation regarding proposed projects and budget for the EDC in the coming fiscal year. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 -FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-13 regarding budget amendments for fiscal year 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.

13.) PUBLIC HEARING ON POSSIBLE ABANDONMENT OF UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOT 7, MERCEDES INDUSTRIAL PARK AS RECORDED IN BOOK 25, PAGE 87-B OF THE MAP RECORDS, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. Ryan Vaughn, the owner of Rios de Mercedes explained that the abandonment

of the easement would allow the company to expand their distribution center and allow them to hire more staff to fill orders. Mayor Hinojosa closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

14.) FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14 - ABANDONING UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOT 7, MERCEDES INDUSTRIAL PARK AS RECORDED IN BOOK 25, PAGE 87-B OF THE MAP RECORDS, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-14 abandoning utility easement on Lot 7, Mercedes Industrial Park as recorded in book 25, Page 87-B of the map records, Hidalgo County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.

15.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15 ADOPTING SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-15 adopting subdivision regulations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

16.) PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.
There was no action taken on this item.

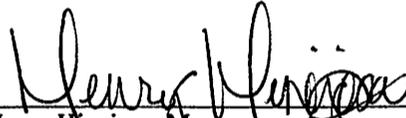
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

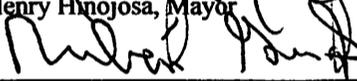
17.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:
DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER. -TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 -PERSONNEL.
DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL. -TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 - PERSONNEL.
DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT C. L. HEALTHCARE. - SECTION 551.087 AND SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE (POSSIBLE SALE OF PROPERTY)
There was no action taken during Executive Session.

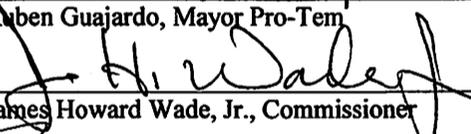
18.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.
There was no action taken on this item.

19.) FORMAL ACTION ENTERING INTO 380 AGREEMENT AND THE SALE OF PROPOSED LOT 1, PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL PLAZA SUBDIVISION TO C.L. HEALTHCARE.
Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve entering into agreement and the sale of proposed Lot 1, Professional Medical Plaza subdivision to C.L. Healthcare. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

20.) ADJOURN.
There being no other business to discuss, Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo and passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

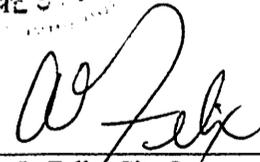

Ruben Guajardo, Mayor Pro-Tem


James Howard Wade, Jr., Commissioner


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Armando Lopez, Commissioner




Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary