

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2016 -6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Armando Lopez	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
	Ruben Guajardo	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, Marisol Vidales, Olga Maldonado 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.

Juan de los Santos led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Joe Perez addressed the Commission regarding the wording of the agenda items, City debt, and waterlines near his home.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD JULY 5, 2016 AND JULY 19, 2016. B.) APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY. (#2016/08/02A) C.) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH CORDIA FOR WALKING TRAIL. (#2016/08/02B) D.) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH PALM VALLEY ANIMAL CENTER. (#2016/08/02C)

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to un-table the minutes for the meeting held on July 5, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Lopez and passed unanimously. Commissioner Gomez stated that he wanted to change his vote on item #11 of the meeting held June 7, 2016. That item is regarding discussion held in executive session. Mr. Garcia explained that it was not possible for Commissioner Gomez to change his vote at this time. Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed with Mayor Hinojosa, Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez, Commissioner Guajardo, and Commissioner Wade voting Aye and Commissioner Gomez voting Nay.

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A USDA FUNDED GRANT TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY GARDENS IN SNAP ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES WITH LIMITED RESOURCES.

Vanessa Perez, Chair of the Keep Mercedes Beautiful Committee and Janet Schofield addressed the Commission regarding their request for permission to set up a community garden at the Civic Center park. The Garden would be setup using grant funding from USDA and operated by Keep Mercedes Beautiful and community volunteers. The program also includes gardening training and healthy cooking classes for the public. Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve a USDA funded grant to develop community gardens in SNAP eligible communities with limited resources. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2016- 08 ADOPTING THE CITY OF MERCEDES PERSONNEL POLICIES.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-08 adopting the City of Mercedes Personnel Policies. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09 APPROVING TEXAS GAS SERVICE 2016 COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-09 approving Texas Gas Service 2016 Cost of Service Adjustment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

10.) REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO MANHOLE TO LIFT STATION AT ENCORE RV PARK ON MILE 2 WEST.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve authorization for emergency repairs to manhole to lift station at Encore RV Park on Mile 2 West. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

11.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER. -TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 -PERSONNEL.
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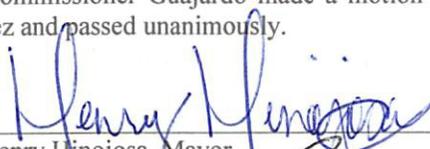
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 6:55 p.m.

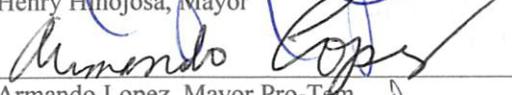
12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

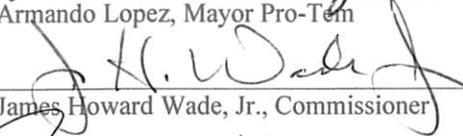
There was no action taken on this item.

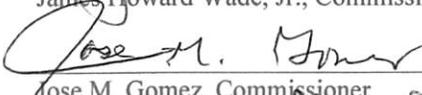
13.) ADJOURN.

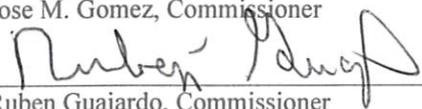
There being no further business to discuss Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor


Armando Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem


James Howard Wade, Jr., Commissioner


Jose M. Gomez, Commissioner


Ruben Guajardo, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary