

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 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	Commissioner
	Juan Molina	City Attorney
	Ricardo Garcia	City Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

Staff: Amanda Morales, Hernan Gonzalez, Jaime Sandoval, Frank Rios, Marisol Vidales 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.

Rev. Jacquez said the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

There were no comments during open forum.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD OCTOBER 3, 2016. B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14 REGARDING WATER RATES. C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15 REGARDING KEEP MERCEDES BEAUTIFUL MEMBERSHIP. D.) APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN. (2016/10/18) E.) APPROVAL OF PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH VIDA. (#2016/10/18B). F.) APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.

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

7.) PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE CITY'S NEEDS UNDER THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 30.

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Jesus Sanchez of Estrella's House, a children's advocacy center, addressed that commission to request funding in the amount of five thousand dollars in the next fiscal year to continue providing services for abused and neglected children in the area.

Adabel Zuniga of Amigos del Valle requested funding to support the agency's meal delivery program for elderly residents of Mercedes.

Jose Luis Silva of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development council requested continued funding for the Valley Metro bus service.

Christian Martinez of Nuestra Clinica Del Valle requested funding to continue providing medical care to low income families in Mercedes.

Mayor Hinojosa closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. There was no action taken.

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

EDC Executive Director Hernan Gonzalez gave the Commission an update on current EDC projects. 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 6:30 p.m.

10.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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-DISCUSSION CONCERNING OMI, MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. - SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. -POTENTIAL LITIGATION.

-DISCUSSION CONCERNING DR. RENE MARTINEZ -SECTION 551.087 AND SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE AND FINDER FEE FOR GILBERT SAENZ.

-DISCUSSION CONCERNING PROJECT GOLF. -SECTION 551.087 AND SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED -ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE AND FINDER FEE FOR REYNA NETWORK.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 8:27 pm.

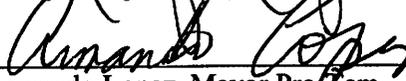
11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

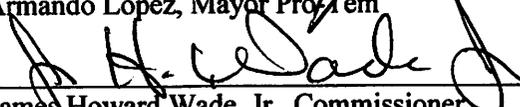
Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to submit project golf to the TIRZ board for consideration as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

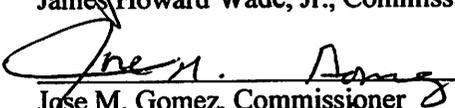
12.) ADJOURN.

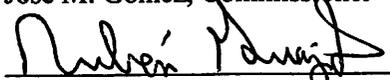
There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

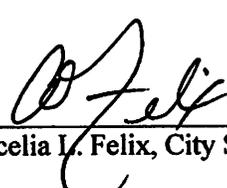

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ATTEST:


Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary