

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2016 -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: City Manager Ricardo Garcia

Staff: Amanda Morales, Herman 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 Lopez led the pledge of allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM.**

Michael Cano of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, the City's former delinquent tax collection firm informed the City Commission of the collections made by his firm since September.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD JUNE 7, 2016. B.) RATIFICATION OF 2014-2015 AUDIT PRESENTED APRIL 5, 2016. C.) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TEXAS CORDIA CONSTRUCTION AND CITY OF MERCEDES FOR WALKING TRAIL. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO DECLARE SURPLUS INVENTORY AND AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL. E.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO PURCHASE BACKHOE AND GATOR PUMPS.**

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve all items under Consent Agenda as presented The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

**7.) PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC. MONTHLY REPORT.**

EDC Executive Director Hernan Gonzalez made a presentation to the City Commission regarding ongoing projects. There was no action taken on this item.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF HIDALGO FOR URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM.- #2016/06/21.**

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve the 2016-17 fiscal year interlocal agreement with County of Hidalgo for Urban County program #2016/06/21. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

**9.) PRESENTATION OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION REPORT.**

Hiram Gutierrez of Perdue Brandon fielder Collins & Mott , The City's delinquent tax collection firm presented a tax collection report to the City Commission. Mr. Gutierrez explained that so far this year his firm has collected \$147,952 in delinquent taxes. Roughly \$90,000 of that amount was collected by the city's previous tax collection firm. There was no action taken on this item.

**10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CORRECTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION ALONG MILE 10 NORTH OFF OF FM 491.**

Assistant City Manager Jaime Sandoval explained that the right-of-way dedication along Mile 10 North off of FM 491 was filed incorrectly at the time that the property was voluntarily annexed into the city in 2008. This item would correct the right-of-way dedication to include the required fifty feet. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve the correction of right-of-way dedication along Mile 10 North off of FM 491. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

**11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTION OF FIRM FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL COURT FINES.**

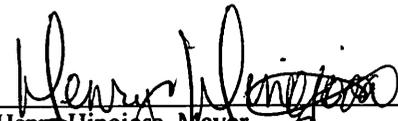
Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to select Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP for collection of delinquent municipal court fines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

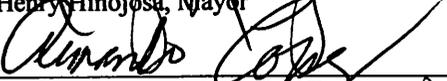
**12.) PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.**

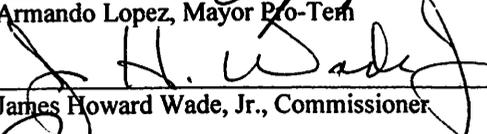
There was no action taken on this item.

**13.) ADJOURN.**

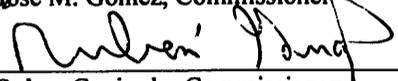
There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

  
Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

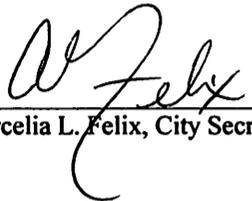
  
Armando Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
James Howard Wade, Jr., Commissioner

  
Jose M. Gomez, Commissioner

  
Ruben Guajardo, Commissioner



  
Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary