

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Ruben Guajardo	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Howard Wade	Commissioner
	Leo Villarreal	Commissioner
	Cristella De Leon Hernandez	Commissioner
	Daniel Tijerina	City Manager
	Arcelia L. Felix	City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Staff: Sergio Zavala, David Lopez and Nereida Perez.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

All members of the Commission were present after Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo entered during Item #5, which constituted a full quorum.

3.) INVOCATION.

Daniel Tijerina said the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Villarreal led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 08 DEEMED “THE MINOR PLAT PROCESS” TO FACILITATE THE PLAT APPROVAL PROCESS ON DEFINED MINOR PLATS PURSUANT TO SEC. 212.0065 OF THE TX LOCAL GOVT. CODE.

B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 09 ESTABLISHING AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY AS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS .

C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 10 AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE #26, AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE THAT ALL NEW BUSINESSES IN MERCEDES SECURE A BUSINESS LICENSE.

D.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 11 APPROVING BURN PERMIT POLICIES FOR MERCEDES. TEXAS.

E.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12 TO NOT IMPOSE WINDSTORM NOR ENGINEERED DESIGN REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN LIMITED STRUCTURAL ADDITIONS AND NON-LIVING AUXILIARY STRUCTURES.

F.) REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SOIL TESTING SERVICES.

G.) APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF CONSOLIDATION AND REPAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERCEDES AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC.

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I.) APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE FOR WORK STUDY PARTICIPANTS. (#2017/09/12)

J.) APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION ON EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES FOR HVAC SYSTEM IN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve all items under consent except item 6E for additional clarification. At a question by Mayor Hinojosa, Mr. Zavala provided the names of some cities that have similar ordinances and Mayor Hinojosa stated that it was hard for residents to pay an architect \$300 for a design. The motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve 6A through 6J included under consent. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6.) FORMAL ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

City Manager Tijerina proceeded to read Ordinance No. 2017-13 by caption and recommended approval. Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-13 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7.) FORMAL ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-14 ADOPTING THE 2017 TAX RATE. (CITY MANAGER).

City Manager Tijerina proceeded to read Ordinance No. 2017-14 by caption and recommended approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-14 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

8.) ADJOURN.

At a question by Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo, Mayor Hinojosa stated that no statement would be read.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.