

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 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
	Juan R. Molina	City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Staff: Sergio Zavala, 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, which constituted a full quorum.

3.) INVOCATION.

Daniel Tijerina said the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Hernandez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hinojosa announced that the City was taking donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

5.) PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF MERCEDES.

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:01 PM

City Manager Tijerina went over the calculations for the 2017 tax rate as prepared by the County Tax office.

Mr. Jose Gomez addressed the commission asking them to keep the tax rate at the effective rate, saying that the property taxes should be reduced in order to bring in more businesses.

At a call for additional comments, none were made and Mayor Hinojosa proceeded to close the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM

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

- A.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 05 AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26, AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE A REAR YARD BUILDING SETBACK FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.**
- B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 06 UPDATING AND/OR ESTABLISHING PLANNING-RELATED FEE RATE STRUCTURE.**
- C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 07 ESTABLISHING A POLICY OF STEWARDSHIP FOR UTILITY SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into executive session at 6:10 P.M. No action will be taken in Executive Session.

**7.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- DISCUSSION CONCERNING KAMEL INVESTMENTS – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Mayor Hinojosa called meeting back to order at 6:50 P.M.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to move forward and allow the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed with Commissioner Hernandez voting against the motion.

9.) ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion which passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.