

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Henry Hinojosa</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
	<b>Ruben Guajardo</b>	<b>Mayor Pro-Tem</b>
	<b>Howard Wade</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Leandro Villarreal</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Cristella De Leon Hernandez</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
	<b>Sergio Zavala</b>	<b>Assistant City Manager</b>
	<b>Juan R. Molina</b>	<b>City Attorney</b>

**MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE**

**Staff: Marisol Vidales, Nereida Perez, David Lopez, and Joselynn Castillo.**

**1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Hinojosa welcomed everyone and 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.**

Reverend Juan De los Santos said the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Commissioner Villarreal led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD APRIL 3, 2018.  
B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-23 TO REDUCE THE PERMIT FEES FOR CHARITABLE EVENTS. C.) APPROVAL TO RATIFY BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCESSING BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S PROCUREMENT OF NEEDED PIPE FIXTURES FOR TIME-SENSITIVE IRRIGATION LINE RELOCATE PROJECT FOR THE MERCEDES LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK. (ORDINANCE NO. 2018-14) D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO DECLARE LIBRARY SURPLUS INVENTORY AND AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL. E.) APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT. F.) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06 TO OPPOSE AEP'S APPLICATION FOR INCREASE VIA PUC DOCKET #48222.**

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

**6.) PRESENTATION BY KEEP MERCEDES BEAUTIFUL ON RECENT CLEAN-UP EVENTS.**

Keep Mercedes Beautiful Chairman Joe Martinez presented to the Commission the areas the KMB cleaned. The power point included pictures of the volunteers and members and the items that were picked up. Mr. Martinez stated they cleaned from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Iowa to FM 491. Volunteers were not only from Mercedes, they came from different cities to volunteer. Mr. Martinez took the opportunity to invite the Commission and the community to attend the Earth Day event they will be hosting. They will be giving away mulch and Loan star shredding will be available for anyone wishing to shred personal documents. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo commended the KMB for the effort they have dedicated to beautifying Mercedes.

**7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE UPDATED TIRZ PROJECT & FINANCE PLAN.**

Mr. Lance Elliot addressed the Commission stating that the TIRZ board approved the updated TIRZ project and finance plan and recommends approve in order to proceed with the process. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve the updated TIRZ project and Finance plan. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS.**

Mr. Zavala informed the Commission about the inter-local cooperation agreement between Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 and the City of Mercedes. Mr. Zavala stated that a drainage ditch #23

needs to be relocated and Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 would provide the labor and the City of Mercedes would provide the design and material. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between HCDD #1 and the City of Mercedes. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-A REGULATING THE USE OF FIREWORKS – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-15.**

Mr. Zavala explained to the Commission about amending Ordinance No. 93-A regulating the use of fireworks. Mr. Zavala stated the original ordinance was adopted in 1970 and did not include provisions on the sale of fireworks inside city limits, public display of fireworks by State Licensed professionals, \$1M insurance coverage for the City of Mercedes, and imposing a \$50 fees and \$100/hr pay rate for the Fire Department on site. At a question, Mr. Zavala said the ordinance does not include provisions for non-profit organizations. There was some discussion about the areas where popping and selling fireworks will be allowed. Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve amending Ordinance No. 93-A regulating the use of fireworks and to include the \$1M insurance. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed with Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo voting against. (Ordinance No. 2018-15)

**10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FROM JIMMY CLOSNER & SONS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURAL CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE MERCEDES LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION (EDA PROJECT).**

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the request for payment from Jimmy Closner & Sons for the Infrastructural construction work at the Mercedes Light Industrial Park Subdivision. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**11.) PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY REPORT.**

The monthly reports are included in the packet for the Commission to review.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:28 P.M.

**12.)EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**-DISCUSSION REGARDING TEXAS VALLEY COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION – SECTION 551.087 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

**-UPDATE REGARDING HEB PARK RETROFIT – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

**-DISCUSSION OF ENTRA VISION PROJECT – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 8:12 P.M.

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

No action was taken on items discussed in executive session.

**14.) ADJOURN.**

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.