

Item 5A

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Ruben Guajardo	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Howard Wade	Commissioner
	Leandro Villarreal	Commissioner
	Cristella De Leon Hernandez	Commissioner
	Sergio Zavala	Assistant City Manager
	Juan Molina	City Attorney
	Arcelia L. Felix	City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Staff: Nereida Perez, Marisol Vidales, and Joselynn Castillo.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Hinojosa welcomed everyone to the meeting 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.

Mr. Jose Gomez said the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Wade led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD MAY 15, AND MAY 16, 2018. B.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO DECLARE SURPLUS INVENTORY AND AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL (BOND & BOND AUCTION). C.) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-08 AUTHORIZING TEXAS NATIONAL BANK CREDIT CARD NAME CHANGE.

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE MERCEDES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MANUAL.

Marisol Vidales addressed the Commission about amending the Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission manual to have alternate members and change the regular scheduled dates to the 2nd Tuesday per quarter. Ms. Vidales stated she is requesting 2 alternates in order to have a quorum during special meetings and public hearings. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve amending the Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission Manual as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TO REPLACE AC EQUIPMENT IN REC CENTER.

Mr. Zavala addressed the Commission that the AC units at the Rec Center are not functioning properly. Mr. Zavala stated the City received 4 quotes from Polar Air, Colair Inc., Atlas, and All Valley Plumbing and AC. The quotes are for 3-5 ton split units and all companies had a good rating with the Better Business Bureau. After a few questions about the brand and the SEER rating, Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to table item 7. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RENEW 2019 AGREEMENT WITH LONESTAR LOGOS.

Mr. Zavala addressed the Commission that Lonestar logos is the company that provides the signs that disclose the restaurants and hotels as you exit the expressway. Mr. Zavala recommends approving to renew the agreement at a cost of \$12,825 from the hotel-motel fund. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve renewing the 2019 agreement with Lonestar Logos. Commissioner Villarreal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-01 ON NOT IMPOSING MANDATORY PAVEMENT ON EXISTING LAND USE CIRCUMSTANCES DESIRING PERMITS.

Mr. Zavala addressed the Commission about amending Ordinance No. 2012-01. He is recommending that the existing residential homes may pave the driveway but is not mandated as part of the permit and that the existing Commercial buildings will have a two year time period to pave their driveway. All new residential or new commercial buildings are required to have a paved driveway or parking lot. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo stated he would prefer that Commercial businesses be mandated to have a paved parking lot due to a better quality of life for the citizens. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo made a motion to deny the request. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion and to present the item at a special meeting on June 8, 2018. City Secretary Ms. Felix informed the Commission a special meeting will need 72 hour notice and so the Commission decided to have the special meeting June 11, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

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

10.)EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

-UPDATE REGARDING MERCEDES INVESTMENTS, LP PROJECT. (KAMEL) – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

ADDENDUM:

-DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT XOANA (SIGNAGE) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:41 P.M.

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

No action was taken on the items discussed in Executive Session.

12.) ADJOURN.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.