

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Leandro Villarreal Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonel Benavidez Commissioner
Cristella De Leon Hernandez Commissioner
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Zavala City Manager
Anthony Troiani City Attorney (webex)
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary
Nereida Perez Finance Director
Hugo Perales I.T Director
Melissa Ramirez DCM Director (webex)
Gregory Chandler Humana Representative (webex)

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

2) ESTABLISH QUORUM

All members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum.

3) INVOCATION

City Manager Zavala said the invocation.

4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gomez led in the pledge of allegiance.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MERCEDES' EMPLOYEES

Ms. Castillo addressed the Commission regarding the RFP's for Group Health Insurance Services. The City received one proposal and 3 inquiries from other firms. The proposal was from Humana which is the current provider. The rates increased due to several factors and if approved the agreement will be for one year. Ms. Castillo stated the employee only rate increased from \$426.35 to \$518.09. Mayor Hinojosa stated the spouse price increased \$188.90, children increased \$163.30, and family increased \$380.26. Commissioner Gomez asked that the City provide the names of the firms that were interested at the next meeting and proceeded with his motion. Commissioner Gomez made a motion to go out for bids. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hernandez asked why the other firms did not bid. Ms. Castillo stated some needed more time and others selected not to bid.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 1

6) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **DISCUSSION ON PROJECT TRAVEL CENTER, AS A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV. CODE § 551.087**

7) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion that the City Manager and the City Attorney follow up with the County and TIRZ to see that TIRZ is operational for now and future projects. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8) ADJOURN

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 PM.