

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Rodolfo Z. Rodriguez	Commissioner
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
	Dianna G. Tovar	Commissioner
	Juan Molina	City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Leonardo Garcia, Jr. and City Manager Ricardo Garcia

Staff: Amanda Morales, Tony Aguilar, Jesse Villarreal, Marisol Vidales, Chief Olga Maldonado, Olga Rosas, and Michelle Leftwich.

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

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

**2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

All members of the commission were present.

**3.) INVOCATION.**

Commissioner Gomez led the Invocation

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Armando Lopez led the Pledge of allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM-**

No one signed up to speak under open forum.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD FEBRUARY 19, AND FEBRUARY 26, 2013. B.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02 - REGARDING POLITICAL SIGNS. C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03A APPROVING THE DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA MEMORIAL LIBRARY MANUAL AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 36. J.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013 BY SACRED HEART CHURCH. E.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013 BY MERCEDES ISD EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY. F.) APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT - (#2013/03/05A). G.) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH L&G ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MILE 1 EAST. (#2013/03/05B) H) REQUEST APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES YOUTH SPORTS (PONY LEAGUE) - (#20 13/03/05C). I.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES LITTLE LEAGUE (#2013/03/05D). J.) REQUEST APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES YOUTH LEAGUE. (#20 13/03/05E) K.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON MARCH 24, 2013 BY RIO LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH.**

Commissioner Rodriguez noted a correction to item #16 on the minutes for the meeting held February 19, 2013. Commissioner Rodriguez then made a motion to approve items presented in Consent Agenda Contingency that Public Works Director Jessi Villarreal calls a meeting with the president or vice-president of the Mercedes Youth Sports (Pony League) and the Mercedes Youth League. This meeting must be called within one week from March 6, 2013. Each charter league has to present a roster of coach's name and phone number and players name and phone numbers and/or physical address of each team member. Public Works Director will notify City Manager of time, Date and where this meeting will take place. City Manager or assistant city Manager will notify the Mayor and City Commission of the meeting so as to post it if three or more members of the commission wishes to sit-in in the meeting. If the president or Vice-President of either league does not show up at the meeting – he forfeits his leagues play time. The motion was seconded by commissioner Tovar and passed with Commissioner Gomez abstaining from Item 6K.

**7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FOR TWO ADDITIONAL RECYCLING BINS THROUGH THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SOLID WASTE GRANT #13-21-G03.**

The City received a grant in the amount of \$19,970 from the Lower Rio Grande Valley development council for the purchase of two new recycling bins. Bids were received by KY Recycling Trailers, Pro-Tainer, and Haul-all Equipment. The low bidder was Pro-Tainer with a bid of \$22,520. The City will have to match \$2,550. Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to accept the low bid of for two recycling bins submitted by Pro-Tainer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tovar and passed unanimously.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM LAKEWAY MINISTRIES FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER FOR SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM.**

Lakeway Ministries provides a free breakfast and lunch to children in the community during June, July and August. Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve the request from Lakeway Ministries for use of Civic Center for Summer Food Program. Commissioner Tovar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF HIDALGO ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR 2013 CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION. (#2013/03/05F).**

Commissioner Tovar made a motion to approve the contract with county of Hidalgo Elections Department for 2013 city Officer's Election. (#2013/0305F). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

**10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RE-APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.**

The terms of Roy Gonzalez, Jose F. Rodriguez, and Orlando Rodriguez are expired. They all have expressed interest in continuing to serve on the board. Commissioner Gomez made a motion to re-appoint Roy Gonzalez, Jose F. Rodriguez, and Orlando Rodriguez to the Planning & Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustments. Commissioner Tovar seconded the motion and it passed with Commissioner Rodriguez abstaining.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting in to Executive Session at 6:16 PM.

**11.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**- DISCUSSION REGARDING BIKE RIDE PROJECT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. - SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

**-DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER. - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 55L.074 - PERSONNEL.**

**-DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL. - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 - PERSONNEL.**

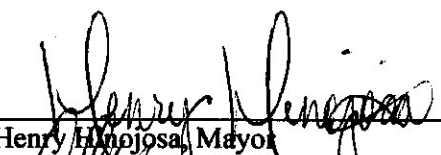
There was no action taken during Executive Session.

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

There was no action taken on this item.

**13.) ADJOURN.**

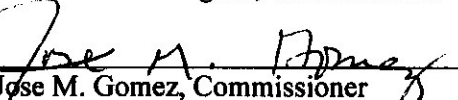
Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 Pm. Commissioner Tovar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

  
Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

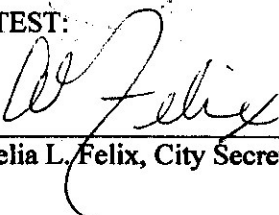
Leonard Garcia, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

  
Dianna G. Tovar, Commissioner

  
Rodolfo Z. Rodriguez, Commissioner

  
Jose M. Gomez, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary