

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 6, 2014 -6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
Jose M. Gomez	Mayor Pro-Tem
James Howard Wade, Jr.	Commissioner
Rodolfo Z. Rodriguez	Commissioner
Ruben Guajardo	Commissioner
Ricardo Garcia	City Manager
Juan Molina	City Attorney

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

Staff: Michelle Leftwich, Amanda Morales, Marisol Vidales, Jesse Villarreal, Antonio Aguilar and Hernan Gonzalez.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

A Quorum of the Commission was present.

**3.) INVOCATION.**

Commissioner Rodriguez made the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Commissioner Wade led the pledge of allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM-**

Eddie Howell addressed the commission regarding a candidate forum that he hosted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez spoke about a recent meeting of the Mercedes Economic Development Corporation.

Esmer Guerrero expressed her concerns about the cost of recent EDC projects.

Joe Perez said that he was upset about not have more access to information regarding loans issued by the EDC.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD APRIL 15, 2014. B.)**

**REQUEST APPROVAL FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> BY ANDRES MARQUEZ, JR.**

**C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014- 04 RE-ZONING LOT 9-11, BLOCK 1, NORTH MERCEDES HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, MERCEDES, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM "B TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE" TO "B BUSINESS".**

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve all items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

**7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROJECT. (MERCEDES LANDSCAPE ENTRYWAY).**

The city was awarded a grant in the amount of \$304,672 to be used for new landscaping along the Expressway. The lowest bid received was in the amount of \$544,672, though the Commission will have the option to change the plans and therefore reduce the total price at a later date. Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the additional funding for Transportation Enhancement Grant Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

**8.) PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC. MONTHLY REPORT.**

Executive Director Hernan Gonzalez gave an update on several new businesses including Dona Tota's, Johnny's Auto Detailing and Mid-Valley Dental Clinic. He also told noted several events hosted by the MEDC during April. There was no action taken on this item.

**9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY MEDC LOAN TO MAYO HERMANOS.**

Commissioner Rodriguez abstained from both discussion and voting on this item. Commissioner Wade made a motion to ratify MEDC loan to Mayo Hermanos. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo. The motion passed with Mayor Hinojosa, and Commissioners Wade and Guajardo voting in favor of it and Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez voting against.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:51p.m.

**10.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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

**-DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNEXATION. (CAUSE NO. C-5929-13-H- SECTION 551.071 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. – LITIGATION.**

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

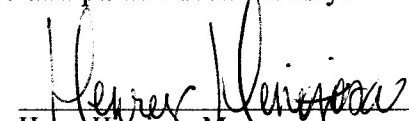
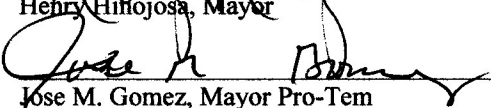
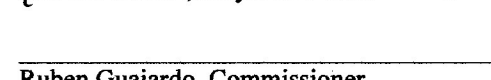
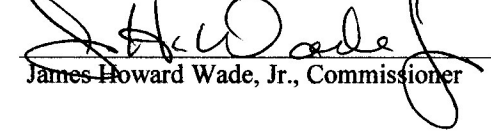
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m.

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



There was no action taken on this item.

**12.) ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Commissioner Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

  
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ATTEST:

  
  
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Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary