

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 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, Jesse Villarreal, Antonio Aguilar, Hernan Gonzalez and Alicia Aguilar.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

A Quorum of the Commission was present.

3.) INVOCATION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez made the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM-

There were no comments made by the public during open forum.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD M A Y 22, 2014.

Commissioner Rodriguez noted some corrections to the minutes for the meeting held May 22, 2014; he stated that Commissioner Rodriguez made the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Gomez led the pledge of allegiance. It was also noted the after Executive Session the City Attorney announced that Commissioner Guajardo had excused himself during Executive Session and did not return to the meeting. Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes for City Commission meeting(s) held May 22, 2014. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7.) PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC. MONTHLY REPORT.

Executive Director Hernan Gonzalez gave an update on several projects including movies in the park, Botas de Mercedes, and the Ten Ten tank removal. Mr. Gonzalez also spoke about a retail and real estate conference in Las Vegas that was attended by several Development Corporation board members as well as two City Commissioners and the City Manager. While at the Conference, the group met with representatives from SDI, Simon, First Hartford, and Davis Equity, API Real Estate, Buxton, Blue Wave and McClure Partners. There was no action taken on this item.

8.) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, RESTATING, AND READOPTING AN ORDINANCE--(ORDINANCE NO. 2012-19) PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS DESIGNATED AS "CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012"; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06.

This ordinance will allow the City to issue certificates of obligation in the amount of \$1,549,000. The funds will be used in the construction of a new fire station. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-06 authorizing the issuance of obligations designated as "City of Mercedes, Texas combination tax and subordinate lien revenue certificates of obligation, series 2012"; and other matters in connection therewith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF RESOLUTION #2014-05 APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERCEDES, THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES AND LLANO GRANDE LAKE PARK RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUB FOR WATERLINE EXTENSION.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve resolution #2014-05 approving a development agreement between the City of Mercedes, The Development Corporation of Mercedes and Llano Grande Lake Park Resort and Country Club for waterline extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF HIDALGO FOR URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM YEARS 2015, 2016, AND 2017. (#2014/06/03)

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Interlocal agreement with County of Hidalgo for Urban County

Program years 2015, 2016 and 2017 (#2014/06/03). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTION OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE EMERGENCY DOME SHELTER CONSTRUCTION.

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to select D. Wilson as General Contractor for the Emergency Dome Shelter Construction. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hinojosa and passed unanimously.

12.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RENEWING AND EXTENDING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES, INC. NOTE.

The City of Mercedes lent the Development Corporation \$300,000 for gap financing of a commercial building spearheaded by The Rubiano Group. \$150,000 was paid upon funding of the USDA lending program. The balance of \$150,000 is still due. Staff is recommending that the note be extended for a five year term and interest free payments of \$7,500 be made quarterly. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to renew and extend Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc. note. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

13.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- DISCUSSION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY MANAGER. – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 – PERSONNEL.
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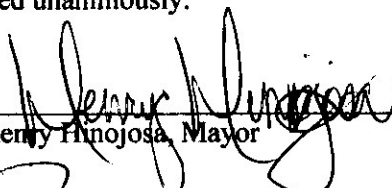
There was no action taken during Executive Session.

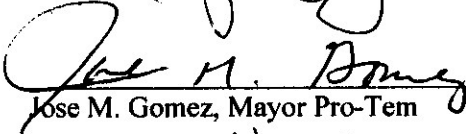
14.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

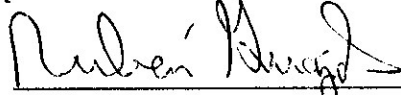
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:16 p.m. there was no action taken on this item.

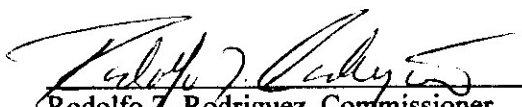
15.) ADJOURN.

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


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor


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Ruben Guajardo, Commissioner


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ATTEST:

Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary