

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2014 -6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
James Howard Wade, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem
Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
Armando Lopez	Commissioner
Ruben Guajardo	Commissioner
Juan Molina	City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

Staff: Amanda Morales, Jaime Sandoval, Marisol Vidales, David Lopez, Tony Aguilar, and Olga Maldonado

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

A quorum of the commission was present.

3.) INVOCATION.

Commissioner Gomez led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Guajardo led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Mayor Hinojosa introduced new Assistant City Manager Jaime Sandoval and said he and the Commission look forward to working with him.

Commissioner Jose Gomez spoke about an agenda item he wanted placed on the agenda regarding solicitation of campaign contributions by City staff, Commissioners, board members and political candidates.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD OCTOBER 21, 2014. B.) REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXCHANGE HOLIDAY FROM DEC. 24TH TO DEC. 26TH. C.) APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.

After some discussion regarding changes to the minutes for the meeting(s) held October 21, 2014 Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve all items under Consent agenda and revisit the wording used in Item #8 of the minutes for the meeting held October 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

7.) DEVELOPMENT CORP. MONTHLY REPORT.

There was no presentation made and no action taken on this item.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO KEEP MERCEDES BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE. (ASST. CITY MANAGER)

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to accept the resignation of Petra Vidales and appoint Jonathan Munoz to fill her unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS ADDING COMMERCIAL BRUSH AND FRANCHISE FEES. #2014-1 1-04A (FINANCE DIRECTOR)

Finance Director Tony Aguilar is proposing an amendment to the solid waste contract to include brush pickup for Commercial accounts at the same rate that residential accounts are currently being billed. Commercial accounts do not currently qualify for brush pickup and any brush generated by these accounts is being handled by the City's Public Works department. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa announced that work on a large landscaping project along the expressway had recently started.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

10.) 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

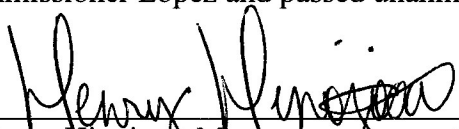
Mayor Hinojosa Called the meeting back to order at 6:54 p.m.

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

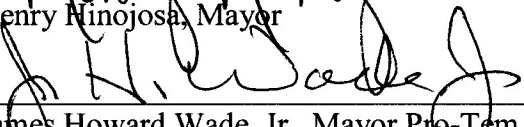
There was no action taken on this item.

12.) ADJOURN.

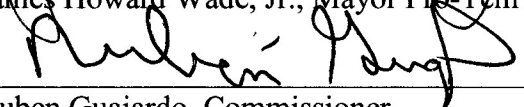
There being no further business, Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.




Henry Hinojosa, Mayor



James Howard Wade, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem



Ruben Guajardo, Commissioner

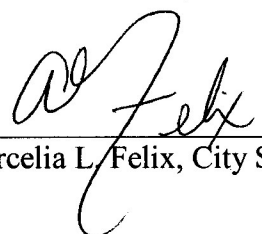


Jose M. Gomez, Commissioner



Armando Lopez, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary