

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2015 -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
Ruben Guajardo Commissioner
Armando Lopez Commissioner
Juan Molina City Attorney
Ricardo Garcia City Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Amanda Morales, Marisol Vidales, Hernan Gonzalez, Jaime Sandoval, Antonio Aguilar, Arturo Garcia, and Carlos Olivares.

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 Lopez led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led the pledge of allegiance.

5.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21):

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD MARCH 17, 2015. B.) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH O.G. CONSTRUCTION FOR 2015 STREET PROJECT. (#2015/04/07A) C.) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH PRIETA CONSTRUCTION FOR RENOVATIONS TO LIBRARY AND CIVIC CENTER. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR RELAY FOR LIFE. E.) APPROVAL OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 04 (CORRECTED ORDINANCE NUMBER) AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-17. F.) RATIFY REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON MARCH 28TH BY MERCEDES HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve all items in consent agenda, including a donation in the amount of \$3,000 to Relay for Life. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guajardo and passed unanimously.

6.) PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ABANDONMENT OF SHIRLEY DRIVE BEGINNING ON THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE OF MELISSA DRIVE, SOUTH TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF MILE 7 NORTH.

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. The abandonment of Shirley Drive would help make way for future business development. At a call for comment, none were offered and Mayor Hinojosa closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

- FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05 - ABANDONMENT OF SHIRLEY DRIVE BEGINNING ON THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE OF MELISSA DRIVE, SOUTH TO THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF MILE 7 NORTH.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wade made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-05 – abandoning Shirley Drive beginning on the South property line of Melissa Drive, south to the north property line of Mile 7 North. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF AN 8" WATER MAIN ON SHIRLEY DRIVE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wade made a motion to authorize the relocation of an 8" water main on Shirley drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

8.) PRESENTATION OF AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

Quentin Anderson of Long-Chilton, LLC presented the audit for fiscal year 2013-2014. He noted that there were no findings to note. At a question from Commissioner Lopez, Mr. Anderson noted that there were no funds unaccounted for. There was no action taken on this item.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED COST REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO CAPISALLO TERRACE SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wade made a motion to authorize estimated cost repairs in the amount of \$50,000 to Capisallo Terrace Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hinojosa and passed unanimously.

10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AMENDING THE WORKPLAN AND BUDGET FOR URBAN COUNTY YEAR 28 (2015). AMENDED RESOLUTION #2015-01.

This amendment is being made to reflect cutbacks in federal funding for the Urban County program. Mayor Pro-Tem Wade made a motion to approve amended Resolution #2015-10 amending the workplan and budget for Urban County year 28 (2015). The motion was seconded by Mayor Hinojosa and passed unanimously.

11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PHONE SYSTEM - RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve Resolution #2015-05 regarding a new phone system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

12.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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-DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT MEDICAL II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. - SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT LAW - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. - SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-DISCUSSION REGARDING PHOENIX HOSPITALITY GROUP. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. - SECTION 551.087, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODES ANNOTATED. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

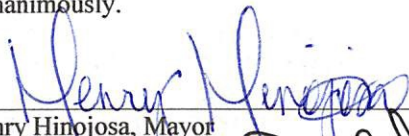
Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 8:58 p.m.

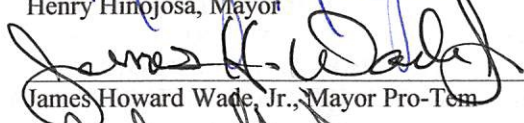
13.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

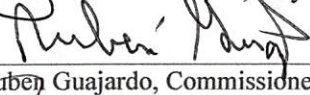
Mayor Pro-Tem Wade made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez and passed unanimously.

14.) ADJOURN.

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


Henry Hinojosa, Mayor


James Howard Wade, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

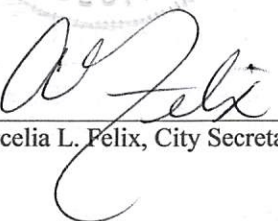

Ruben Guajardo, Commissioner


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ATTEST:


Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary