

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2015 -6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Howard Wade, Jr. Commissioner
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner
Armando Lopez Commissioner

Jaime Sandoval Asst. City Manager
Juan Molina City Attorney
Arcelia L. Felix City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ruben Guajardo Mayor Pro-Tem

Staff: Arturo Garcia, Marcos Garcia, Blanca Sanchez from Police Dept. and Hernan Gonzales from EDC.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

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

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

All members of the Commission were present except Mayor Pro-Tem Guajardo which constituted a quorum.

3.) INVOCATION.

Commissioner Lopez led the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led in the pledge of allegiance.

5.) OPEN FORUM.

Mr. Julian Garcia with IChurch addressed the Commission expressing appreciation for allowing them to use the civic center saying that about 150 children had attended the program. Mr. Armando Garcia, Ms. Amenda Gomez, and Esmeralda Guerrero presented the Commission with the Silver Star award which was presented to them at the annual conference in Austin. Mr. Mario Ramirez addressed the Commission thanking them for reinstating the open forum.

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

A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD JUNE 16, JUNE 23, AND JUNE 30, 2015. B.) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #3 TO CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN TRENCHLESS ON TWDB PROJECT – CWSRF LOAN 76642 (#2015/07/07A). C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07 AMENDING THE PARKING LOT ORDINANCE #2012-01. D.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY LIBRARY FOR TIPS INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (RESOLUTION #2015-012 AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT). E. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH LEFEVRE ENGINEERING ON TWDB CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#2015/07/07B).

Assistant City Manager Jaime Sandoval informed the Commission that item 6 B was for additional work done at Llano Grande and that item 6E was related to that item and was for additional engineering costs. At a question by Commissioner Gomez he was informed that this project was from a grant. The meeting minutes for June 23, 2015 will be corrected to reflect that Commissioner Gomez was absent.

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to approve the items listed under consent with the correction to the June 23, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6.) PRESENTATION BY VIDA.

Ms. Priscilla Dinn Alvarez and two VIDA participants were present for this item. The students addressed the commission saying how VIDA has been able to help them with their education. At the conclusion of the presentation Ms. Alvarez asked the Commission to help continue funding for their organization.

8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TAX RESALE RESOLUTION #2015-13 FOR BIDS RECEIVED ON TAX RESALE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 5, VALLE DE PALMAS SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 1; LOT 6, VALLE DE PALMAS SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 1; LOT 13, AND THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 12, BLOCK 33, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, CITY OF MERCEDES; LOT 6, BLOCK 119, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, CITY OF MERCEDES; LOT 25, BLOCK 168, J. F. MOORE ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MERCEDES; LOTS 3, 4 AND 5, BLOCK 1, LA GLORIA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF MERCEDES; LOT 6 OF THE D. MAKLARY SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 158, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE ADDITION; LOT 21, CYNTHIA RESUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MERCEDES; LOT 4, MCNEIL SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2, BLOCK 148, CITY OF MERCEDES; AND LOT 12, BLOCK 1, RODEL ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MERCEDES.

Mr. Michael Cano from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson was present for this item. He said that all the taxing entities must agree to the resale. The Mercedes ISD approved all the properties except Cause #T-279-10A which is the N. ½ of Lot 12 and all of 13, block 33, Mercedes original townsite because it is a warehouse

and better suited for commercial instead of the residential which the City proposes that the properties be used for.

Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve the resale resolution #2015-13 for the bids received on the properties described above except for N. ½ lot 12 and Lot 13, block 33, Mercedes Townsite. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF HIDALGO FOR URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM.- #2015/07/07C.

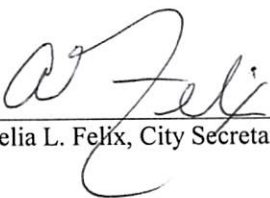
Mr. Sandoval informed the Commission that this was the annual contract with Hidalgo County Urban County program. The amount allocated to the city is \$255,727. Commissioner Gomez made a motion to approve the 2015-16 interlocal agreement with the County of Hidalgo for Urban County Program - #2015/07/07C. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

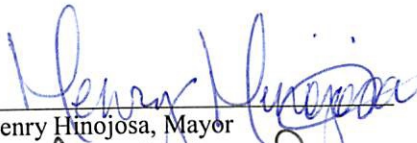
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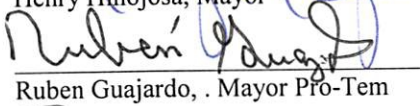
Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion which passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

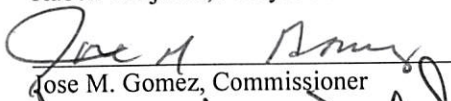


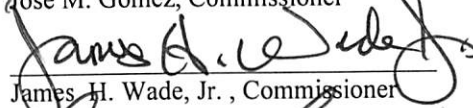
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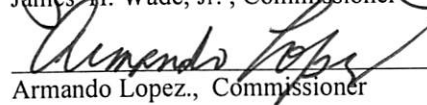

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