

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2016 -6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

Staff: Amanda Morales, Hernan Gonzalez, Jaime Sandoval, Frank Rios, Marisol Vidales, Olga Maldonado and Arturo Garcia.

**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.**

Juan de los Santos led the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Commissioner Lopez led the pledge of allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM.**

There were no comments from the public during this item.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD MAY 17, 2016. B.) AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR LIFE INSURANCE. C.) SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 06 RE-ZONING 4.376 AC. OUT OF "BLOCK 67, MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, MERCEDES, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS FROM "B TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE" TO "B - BUSINESS" FOR A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. D.) REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON JUNE 20 -24, 2016 BY PASTOR JULIAN GARCIA. E.) RESOLUTION #2016/06/07 IN SUPPORT FOR STATE HIGHWAY 68.**

Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve all items under Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

**7.) PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR CITY OF MERCEDES WALKING TRAIL PROJECT.**

Bids for this project were received from the following eight contractors: Jimmy Closner and Son's Construction Company, Inc, Hector Balderas LLC, G&G Contractors, Texas Cordia Construction, G&T Paving, RCS Inc., Rigney Construction, and Vision Construction Company. Texas Cordia Construction, LLC of Edinburg, TX submitted the lowest bid of \$315,100. The budget for this project was estimated at \$400,000. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to accept the low bid of \$315,000 submitted by Texas Cordia Construction, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A 10' RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ANACUITAS STREET AND 10' RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE WEST SIDE OF VERMONT AVENUE.**

Assistant City Manager Jaime Sandoval explained that the variance request has been denied by the Planning & Zoning board at their last meeting and staff is recommending that the request be denied. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to deny the variance request for a 10' right-of-way on the south side of Anacuitas street and 10' right-of-way on the west side of Vermont Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

**9.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR THE STORAGE DEPOT MERCEDES SUBDIVISION.**

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the preliminary and final plat for the Storage Depot Mercedes Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hinojosa and passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:13 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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**-DISCUSSION REGARDING HHG MERCEDES HOTEL, LTD. - 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 6:56 p.m.

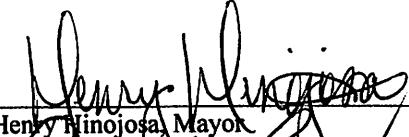
**11.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to authorize staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by

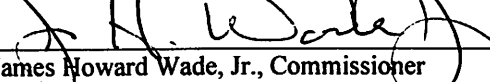
Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.

**12.) ADJOURN.**

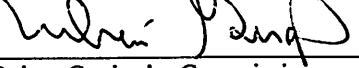
There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez and passed unanimously.

  
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Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

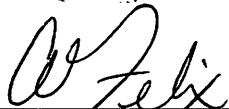
  
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Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary