

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Armando Lopez	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
	Ruben Guajardo	Commissioner
	Howard Wade, Jr.	Commissioner
	Juan Molina	City Attorney
	Daniel Tijerina	Assistant City Manager
	Arcelia L. Felix	City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff: Arturo Garcia, Nereida Perez, Marisol Vidales, Joselynn Castillo, and EDC Director Hernan Gonzales.

**1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

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

**2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

All members of the Commission were present which constituted a full quorum.

**3.) INVOCATION.**

Reverend Jacques said the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez led in the pledge of allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM.**

Mrs. Yolanda Molina addressed the Commission regarding the City Manager and streets and sidewalks.

Mr. Joe Perez addressed the Commission regarding break-ins at his business.

Mr. Hernan Gonzalez addressed the Commission regarding a Semana Santa campaign to attract people to Mercedes.

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

**A.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING (S) HELD MARCH 21, 2017. B.) RATIFY REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION FROM M.I.S.D. FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TOURNAMENT. C.) APPROVAL OF COPIER CONTRACT. (#2017/04/04) D.) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2017-03 ACCEPTING STONEGARDEN GRANT. E.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER ON APRIL 17, 2017. F.) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT WITH O.G. CONT. FOR 2015 STREET, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. G.) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER BY M.I.S.D. BAND.**

At a question by Commissioner Gomez on item 6F, Engineer Mr. Munoz explained that the extension was for rain days. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve items under consent 6A through 6G. Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**7.) PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.**

Mr. Quinten Anderson reviewed the audit with the commission on Grants, General Funds, Net and Financial Position, Revenue and the Dome Shelter. Commissioner Guajardo mentioned the new policies and procedures for grants were reduced to written format. Commissioner Wade asked Mr. Anderson about the rating the City of Mercedes received, to which Mr. Anderson mentioned the City of Mercedes received an A + rating. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to table the action of the audit for fiscal year 2015-2016 to allow for further review. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**8.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH GUZMAN & MUNOZ.**

Assistant City Manager Tijerina addressed the Commission about the engineering fees for Guzman & Munoz associated with the subdivision costs for Mercedes Light Industrial Park. Fees include preparation

cost for the preliminary plat, final plat, and acquisition of one parcel of property, which totals \$14,000. Commissioner Guajardo made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract with Guzman & Munoz as presented. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:28pm. No action will be taken during Executive Session.

**9.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**-DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 – PERSONNEL**

**-DISCUSSION CONCERNING OMI MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071. – POTENTIAL LITIGATION.**

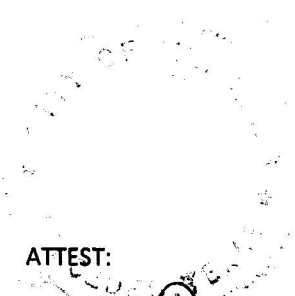
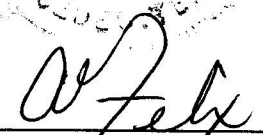
**10.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting back to order at 7:09 PM. Mayor Hinojosa made a motion to proceed with Public Works Director and OMI Management Contract as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

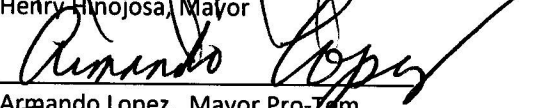
**11.) ADJOURN.**

There being no further items to be discussed, Mayor Pro- Tem Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion which passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

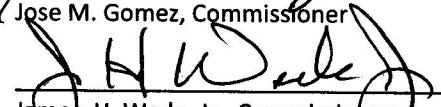
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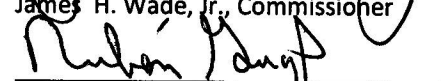
  
  
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