



Mayor Oscar D. Montoya
Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Martinez
Commissioner Armando Garcia

Commissioner Jacob Howell
Commissioner Ruben Saldana
City Manager Alberto Perez

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE #1
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDDES, TX 78570

“At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.”

- 1. **Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. **Establish Quorum**
- 3. **Invocation**
- 4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. **Citizens to be Heard:**

Maximum length of time of forum is forty-five minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of five minutes. The City Commission can take no formal action on any city related matter discussed during the open forum. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up as they arrive, indicating the topic about which they wish to speak. No one will be able to sign up **AFTER 5:50 PM**. The information required for signing up must be completed by that time. No public comments will be allowed during any agenda item unless recognized by the Mayor or if the item requires a public hearing. State your name and address before beginning your presentation.

There can be no comments about specific employees. By Charter, the City Manager is exclusively given authority over personnel matters, including complaints against city personnel. All complaints against city personnel will be addressed pursuant to Mercedes Personnel Policies. Comments must not be repeated and the Commission is not required to answer any question from the public. Any person who decides to directly question any member of the City Commission will be asked to discontinue their comments. The City Secretary’s office representative will be responsible for notifying each presenter that their five-minute time limit has expired.

- 6. **Approval of Minutes for October 5, 2021.**
- 7. **Discussion and Action:**
 - a. **Ordinance 2022-25 appointing the members to the TIRZ #1 Board of Directors**
 - b. **Appointment of a Secretary**
- 8. **Adjournment**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **TIRZ #1 Meeting** on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking formal action regarding the items listed above. This notice is given in accordance with Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. Seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY THIS THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ATTEST:



Josselyn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 8:30 P.M.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The City of Mercedes recognizes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager’s Office at (956) 565-3114 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with requests for reasonable accommodations, including requests for a sign language interpreter.

Board of Directors
Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Members Present: Chairman Montoya, Secretary Benavidez, Member Gomez, and Member Howell were present.

Members Absent: Martinez was absent.

1.) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Benavidez called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

2.) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one signed up to speak.

3.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes approved by Member Howell. Member Gomez seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4.) DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2021-29 AUTHORIZING TIRZ REIMBURSEMENT TO ARADI HOLDINGS, LLC.

Mr. Perez stated the resolution outlines the details of the agreement. Ms. Ramirez stated the company is Aradi Holdings, LLC. Secretary Benavidez stated his concern that the wording "grantee shall invest approximately" on 3.1 of page 3. Chairman Montoya arrived. Secretary Benavidez motioned to approve. Member Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5.) ADJOURN

Secretary Benavidez motioned to adjourn. Member Howell seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously at 5:41 pm.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-25

SETTING THE SIZE OF THE BOARD AT SIX (6) AND APPOINTING FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF MERCEDES REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, The City Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 2008-33, which created a Board of Directors for Tax Increment Reinvest Zone Number One consisting of not less than five (5) and not more than fifteen (15) members; and,

WHEREAS, There is a need to properly re-assess the TIRZ Board of Directors to magnify the benefits to the City of Mercedes pursuant to a change in the City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, COUNTY OF HIDALGO, STATE OF TEXAS, THAT:

The following members are hereby appointed to the Board of Directors for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One for a two (2) year term, being as follows:

1. Oscar D. Montoya, Mayor – Chairman
2. Jacob Howell, Commissioner Place 1
3. Armando Garcia, Commissioner Place 2
4. Jose Martinez, Commissioner Place 3
5. Ruben Saldana, Commissioner Place 4
6. To be reappointed – Hidalgo County

READ, DISCUSSED, AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING THIS THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

Oscar D. Montoya Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Martie Garcia-Vela, City Attorney