

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Oscar D. Montoya Sr. Ruben Saldana Armando Garcia Joe Martinez	Mayor Mayor Pro-Tem Commissioner Commissioner
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jacob Howell	Commissioner
STAFF PRESENT:	Alberto Perez Martie Garcia-Vela Javier Ramirez Nereida R. Perez David Jimenez Reynaldo Alegria	City Manager City Attorney (Virtual) Asst. City Manager Finance Director I.T Manager Public Works Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Valdez

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Four Members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum.
Commissioner Howell was absent.

3. INVOCATION

Commissioner Martinez said the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Garcia led in the pledge of allegiance.

5. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up for open forum.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Martinez motioned to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Garcia seconded. The meeting went into executive session at 6:33 P.M.

- a. Consultation with Attorney regarding Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling Recommendation – Section 551.071**
- b. Consultation with Attorney regarding contracts for services – Section 551.071**
- c. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters – Section 551.074**
- d. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation – Section 551.071**

7. OPEN SESSION: Mayor Montoya called the meeting back to order at 10:35 P.M.

- a. Item A from Executive Session**
No action was taken on this item.

b. Item B from Executive Session

No action was taken on this item.

c. Item C from Executive Session

No action was taken on this item.

d. Item D from Executive Session

No action was taken on this item.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-12 amending the Personnel Policy Manual.

b. Approval of Budget Amendment from capital outlay to paving and sealing.

Commissioner Martinez motioned to approve and forego the reading.

Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote the motion passed unanimously.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

a. Fitch Ratings

Mr. Perez stated last year Standards and Pores gave the city an A+ Credit Rating and Fitch gave the city an A+ rating this year.

10. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

a. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2023-13 regarding Industrial Waste

Commissioner Martinez motioned to approve and forego the reading.

Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11. MONTHLY REPORTS: PD, Rec, PW, Library, Finance, Planning, City Sec/HR

Monthly Reports are provided for the Commission to review. No action required.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10: 39 p.m.