

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Oscar Montoya	Mayor
	Joe Martinez	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Leonel Benavidez	Commissioner
	Jacob Howell	Commissioner
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
STAFF PRESENT:	Alberto Perez	City Manager
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Mark Sossi	City Attorney
	Marisol Vidales	Library Director
	Ervin Vilchis	IT Liaison
	Joaquin Hernandez	PW Director
	Javier Campos	Fire Chief/EMC
	Roy Quintanilha	Police Chief
	Nereida Perez	Finance Director
	Javier Chapa	I.T Director
	Richard Morin	Recreational Director
	George Diaz	Police Officer

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Montoya called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2) ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

3) INVOCATION

Commissioner Gomez said the invocation.

4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Howell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BUDGET FOR FY 21-22.

Mr. David Garza addressed the Commission regarding the budget. He stated that he requested the budget through open records and if the Commission approve it then the tax rate will increase. Mr. Garza stated he is allowed to have a proposed budget according to the charter. He does not think the City needs as Assistant City Manager, would like a task force, the city needs to fill public works vacancies and asked for the outstanding warrants.

Each department presented to the Commission the changes to their budget. They informed of the increases or decreases to the line items. The departments went in the following order: Police Department, Fire/EMS Department, Public Works Department, Recreation Department, Library Department, I.T Department, City Secretary, and finally Finance. Ms. Perez, Finance Director, also addressed the Commission about the non-departmental budget. All presentations by the department heads were followed by questions and answers.

After discussion, Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to have a workshop for updates and revisions on the budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6) ADJOURN

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.