



Mayor Oscar D. Montoya
Commissioner Joe Martinez
Commissioner Armando Garcia

Commissioner Dr. Jacob Howell
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Ruben Saldana
City Manager Alberto Perez

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, 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. **Open Forum-**
6. **Presentations:**
 - a. Proclamation by the Mayor for the Church of the Living Word Pastor J. T. & Wanda Moss
 - b. Proclamation for TMLDA Library of Excellence Award
7. **Consent Agenda:** *(All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, if discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.)*
 - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held February 20, 2024
8. **City Manager Comments:**
 - a. Update regarding contracts for services
9. **Ordinances/Resolutions:**
 - a. Approval of Resolution 2024-15 to adopt the suspension of AEP’s Rate filing
 - b. Approval of Resolution 2024-16 regarding Border Zone Fire Department
 - c. Approval of Resolution 2024-17 regarding State Crisis Intervention Grant Program
10. **Management Items:** *Present, discuss, consider and possibly take action regarding:*
 - a. Discussion of 10th Street repairs/study – Commissioner Howell
 - b. Discussion of Drone Technology regarding Amazon delivery options – Commissioner Howell
 - c. Approval to ratify the purchase of Skid Steer
 - d. Sponsorship request from the City of McAllen for the TML Region 12 Workshop
 - e. Approval of changes to the library policy
 - f. Approval of appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission
11. **Bids/Contracts:**
 - a. Approval of E-Rate Internet Service Contract to Smartcom Telephone, LLC for Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library
 - b. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for Stormwater Task Force
 - c. Approval of EMS Billing Contract renewal
12. **Executive Session:** *Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development)*
 - a. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters and upcoming event – Section 551.074
 - b. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation – Section 551.071
 - c. Consultation with Attorney regarding contracts – Section 551.071
13. **Open Session:**
 - a. Item A from Executive Session
 - b. Item B from Executive Session
 - c. Item C from Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a *Special Meeting* on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30 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 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Time of Posting: 3:20 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.

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