

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Leandro Villarreal Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonel Benavidez Commissioner
Cristella De Leon Hernandez Commissioner
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Zavala City Manager
Dagoberto Chavez ACM/Chief of Police
Anthony Troiani City Attorney via Webex
Kristine Longoria City Secretary Clerk
Hugo Perales I.T Director

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

2) ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

3) INVOCATION

City Manager Zavala said the invocation.

4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Leo Villarreal led in the pledge of allegiance.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SEEK REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO APPLY FOR THE GLO FUNDING PROGRAM FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Zavala mentioned that (GLO) has funding available for drainage improvements through a grant program. The amount to seek is between 3 million up to 10 million dollars. He also mentioned that a series of projects should be considered for this grant like Ditch 23, FedEx Pump and Collier Park Pump Station. Mr. Zavala's recommendation is for approval. After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to approve item 5. Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion knowing its just an application and it will be reviewed. Upon a called vote, the item passed unanimously.

6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE THE GLO APPLICATION AND ASSIST IN MANAGING THE GLO FUNDING.

Mr. Zavala explained if the City of Mercedes were to get awarded the firm will be managing the particular grant to administer the monies to pay. That particular managing firm will be within the grant itself under admin. The monies being payed will be coming from the grant itself not tax payer monies. After a brief discussion Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to approve item 6. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded with the condition of with the contingent or rather the percentage amount of the firm be provided. Upon a called vote, the item passed unanimously.

7) ADJOURN

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.