

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Oscar Montoya	Mayor
	Leonel Benavidez	Commissioner
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
	Joe Martinez	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Jacob C. Howell	Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Pagan	Interim City Manager
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Anthony Troiani	City Attorney
	Nereida Perez	Finance Director (webex)
	Hugo Perales	I.T Director
	Jose Figueroa	Public Works Director

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Montoya called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2) ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Benavidez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE QUOTES TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS ON SEWER LINES.

Public Works Director Jose Figueroa informed the Commission of sewer issues on Cindy Lane and Nevada. The sewer line issue is currently affecting 58 homes; however, Mr. Figueroa said it under control. Mr. Figueroa elaborated by stating that the Vactor truck is cleaning out the line about 3 times per day and it's being used as a temporary lift station. This process is a burden on the equipment and staff. The City received 3 quotes to repair and replace the lines from the following vendors:

Salazar Construction	\$217,900.00
McAllen Multi-service	\$234,550.00
OMT Utilities	\$206,200.00

Mr. Figueroa stated that the CO funds could be used for the repair. There was discussion regarding the footage of the line on the three quotes, the job cannot be done in-house and the bid process. Mr. Pagan added that there is an exception in the procurement process due to the issue affecting citizens and is considered an emergency. Commissioner Gomez stated that he does not want to see any change orders. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the quote by OMT Utilities for \$206,200.00. Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5) ADJOURN

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.