

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 31, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Oscar D Montoya Leonel Benavidez Jacob Howell Jose M. Gomez	Mayor Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Joe Martinez	Mayor Pro-Tem
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Alberto Perez Anthony Troiani Kristine Longoria Axel Vallejo Javier Chapa Ervin Vilchis Joaquin Hernandez Nereida Perez Jose Macias Javier Campos	City Manager City Attorney (webex) City Secretary Assistant City Manager Secretary I.T Director I.T Liaison Public Works Director Finance Director Chief of Police Fire Chief

**1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Four members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Commissioner Benavidez walked in after the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez arrived during discussion of item 6.

**3.) INVOCATION**

Commissioner Gomez said the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Howell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDENDUM:**

**ITEMS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA**

- Mr. Leo Villarreal spoke to the Commission about professionalism. He stated that the Commission should state facts to get their point across. Mr. Villarreal ended with the Commission should lead by example.

**5.) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR THE PRIOR LAWFUL EXPENDITURE OF FUND RELATING TO CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS CITY IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Perez stated that the CO's were tied to infrastructure. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the resolution. Upon a called vote, the motion died due to the lack of a second.

**6.) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AND**

**APPROVING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION OF ISSUE  
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
CONTAINED IN SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15C2-12; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Perez stated this is to issue the CO's. Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept item 6. Mayor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Montoya stated that if the City does not approve the CO's the city will not be able to improve the infrastructure, parks, buildings, streets, etc. Commissioner Gomez asked about the savings. Mayor Montoya stated that the savings are tied to the city's current rating which is A+. The September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline does not matter anymore because the regulations that change will not affect the proposed projects. Commissioner Gomez stated that the Financial Advisors stated that the payment would be for 15 years and waiting after September 1, the years would decrease to 7 years for payoff. Mayor Montoya stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez called in at this time. Mr. Don Gonzalez stated that the list of equipment the city proposed for the CO's will not be subject to the new house bill. He added that neither of the items on this agenda are committing the city to do anything. Mr. Gonzalez suggested to bring item 5 back at the September 7 meeting. After discussion, Mayor Montoya called for a vote. The motion passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Benavidez changed his vote to in favor making the vote 4 to 1. Commissioner Gomez voted against.

**7.) ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Benavidez motion to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.