

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Oscar D Montoya Sr. Mayor
Leonel Benavidez Commissioner
Jacob C. Howell Commissioner
Joe Martinez Commissioner
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Zavala City Manager
Mark Sossi City Attorney
Joselyn Castillo City Secretary
Jose Figueroa Public Works Director
Hugo Perales I.T Director

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 quorum. Mayor Montoya said a short prayer.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jose Gomez led in the pledge of allegiance.

4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENGAGE DENALI AS A SOLE CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE BIOSOLID DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MERCEDES THROUGH OUR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH USWG

Mr. Figueroa discussed that Denali is currently providing Biosolid disposal services to the City through current existing contract with Jacobs that will end December 31st 2020. USWG became aware of the upcoming expiration date and wanted to begin receiving secured bids to allow the Water, Waste Water Treatment Plant to continue work uninterrupted until the new OMM contract begins January 1st, 2021, therefore Mr. Figueroa feels Denali should be re-engaged. Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to approve item 5. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item passed unanimously.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PURCHASE ONE 15HP SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR LIFT STATION #3

Mr. Figueroa stated that on December 15, 2020 Jacobs informed Public Works about issues on Lift Station #3. One of the submersible pumps has been down causing services to be down in the area. Taking the issues into consideration Jacobs recommended for the pump to be replaced with a new one. Three quotes were obtained:

Company	Price	Shipping	Total
XYLEM	\$12,119.25	\$375.00	\$12,494.25
Pumps of Huston	\$11,869.00	\$600.00	\$12,469.00
Lewis Electric Motors	\$17,611.22	\$0.00	\$17,611.22

The Public Works recommendation was to go with Pumps of Huston since it was the lowest price and provided better warranty. Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to approve item 6. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Upon called vote, the item passed unanimously.

Mayor Montoya called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:13 P.M

- 6) **EXECUTIVE SESSION: DELIBERATION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 RELATED TO PERSONNEL MATTERS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OFFERING AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACT TO A QUALIFIED APPLICANT, AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PRIVILEGED ATTORNEY CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071.**

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to resume into general session. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item passes unanimously at 8:06 P.M.

- 7) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DELIBERATIONS RELATED TO INTERIM CITY MANAGER POSITION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OFFERING AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACT TO A QUALIFIED APPLICANT.**

City Attorney Sossi stated the following correction to the contract:

Under the Terms, the time would change from 6 months to 3 months, commencing January 1st and concluding April 3rd with a 30 day out extendable mutual agreement or extension. Compensation will be \$10,000 a month and mileage according to the City policy.

Commissioner Jacob Howell made a motion to approve item 8 with the changes stated by the City Attorney.

Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion. Commissioner Benavidez and Commissioner Gomez voted nay.

- 8) **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion. Upon called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.