

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa Oscar Montoya Leandro Villarreal Cristella Hernandez Leonel Benavidez Jose M. Gomez	Mayor Mayor-Elect (Webex) Mayor Pro-Tem Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner
STAFF PRESENT:	Sergio Zavala Joselynn Castillo Anthony Troiani Eddie Guerra Hugo Perales Javier Campos Nereida Perez Jose Figueroa Marisol Vidales Richard Morin Axel Vallejo Monica Rodriguez Mary Salinas	City Manager City Secretary City Attorney Sheriff (Webex) I.T Director Fire Chief/EMC Finance Director (Webex) Public Works Director (Webex) Library Director (Webex) Recreational Director (Webex) Executive Admin (Webex) Planner/Code Enforcer (Webex) Grants Coordinator (Webex)

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM

All member of the Commission was present which constitutes a full quorum.

3.) INVOCATION

City Manager Zavala said the invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gomez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.) CANVASS THE RETURNS OF THE 2020 CITY OFFICER’S ELECTION FOR MAYOR, COMMISSIONER PLACE 1 AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 3 AND DECLARING THE RESULTS

Mayor Hinojosa canvassed the votes by stating the following:

The following are the official results for the election held Tuesday, November 3, 2020:

MAYOR

NAME	Mail	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Oscar Montoya	370	1,809	330	2,509
Israel Coronado	200	1,626	310	2,136

COMMISSIONER PLACE 1

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>
Melissa Rincon	173	1,058	147	1,378
Leo Villarreal	136	830	146	1,112
Velda Garcia	40	247	61	348
Jacob C. Howell	207	1,261	278	1,746

COMMISSIONER PLACE 3

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>Early Voting</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ramon Mejia	37	427	94	558
Miguel Loya	32	266	48	346
David Garza	169	689	97	955
Ruben "Chano" Guajardo	132	670	141	943
Laura E. Alvarado	99	472	89	660
Joe Martinez	86	769	138	993

640 votes were cast on election day; **3,435** votes were cast during early voting, **570** absentee ballots and no provisional votes were cast.

Oscar Montoya received the majority of the votes for Mayor.

No candidate received the majority vote in Place 1 or Place 3, therefore, a runoff between Melissa "Melly" Rincon and Jacob C. Howell will be held for Place 1 and David Garza and Joe Martinez for Place 3. Election day for the runoff is scheduled for December 8th at the Mercedes Civic Center.

Mayor Hinojosa thanked the Community and the Commission for all their support during his terms.

6.) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR.

Sheriff Guerra thanked Mayor Hinojosa for his many years of service and proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Montoya.

Mr. Montoya expressed his gratitude to the Community for the opportunity and thanked Sheriff Guerra, Mayor Hinojosa, and staff. He also acknowledged God and his family for their support.

7.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-19 CALLING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR COMMISSIONER PLACE 1 AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal made a motion to approve item 7. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8.) ADJOURN

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 P.M.