



Mayor Oscar D. Montoya  
Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Martinez  
Commissioner Armando Garcia

Commissioner Jacob Howell  
Commissioner Ruben Saldana  
City Manager Alberto Perez

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 5, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, TX 78570

“At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.”

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Establish Quorum**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Presentations**
  - a. Recognition of the Volunteer Fire Department
  - b. Recognition of the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library in Texas Library Journal Summer Edition

6. **Open Forum-**

Maximum length of time of forum is 30 minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of two minutes. The City Commission can take no formal action on any city related matter discussed during the open forum. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up as they arrive, indicating the topic about which they wish to speak. No one will be able to sign up **AFTER 6:20 PM**. The information required for signing up must be completed by that time. No public comments will be allowed during any agenda item unless recognized by the Mayor or if the item requires a public hearing. State your name and address before beginning your presentation. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code §551.007 the scope of the right to speak is limited to agenda items.

There can be no comments about specific employees. By Charter, the City Manager is exclusively given authority over personnel matters, including complaints against city personnel. All complaints against city personnel will be addressed pursuant to Mercedes Personnel Policies. Comments must not be repeated and the Commission is not required to answer any question from the public. Any person who decides to directly question any member of the City Commission will be asked to discontinue their comments. The City Secretary's office representative will be responsible for notifying each presenter that their five-minute time limit has expired.

7. **Consent Agenda:** *(All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, if discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.)*
  - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held June 16, 2023 and June 20, 2023
  - b. Approval of surplus items for auction
8. **Ordinances/Resolutions:** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*
  - a. Approval of Resolution 2023-15 in support of Mexico paying their Water Debt
9. **Management Items:** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*
  - a. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem
  - b. Approval of contract renewal and request for funding from VIDA for FY 2023-2024
  - c. South Texas International Marathon Sponsorship Request
  - d. Sponsorship Request from DUKE MARTELL for Gilberto Perez Mural
10. **Executive Session:** *Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development)*
  - a. Discussion regarding Project Ali – Section 551.087
  - b. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters. – Section 551.074
  - c. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation – Section 551.071
11. **Open Session:** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*
  - a. Item A from Executive Session
  - b. Item B from Executive Session
  - c. Increasing existing scope of work relating to employment agreement pursuant to TGC 2254.1036
12. **Adjournment**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a *Special Meeting* on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking formal action regarding the items listed above. This notice is given in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. Seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY THIS THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

ATTEST:



Jose Lynn Castillo, City Secretary  
Time of Posting: 6:00 P.M.

#### ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

**The City of Mercedes recognizes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (956) 565-3114 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with requests for reasonable accommodations, including requests for a sign language interpreter.**

Choose an item.

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**DATE:** July 5, 2023**FROM:** Marisol Vidales, Library Director**ITEM:** **Recognition of the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library in Texas Library Journal Summer Edition.**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In the 2021-2022 fiscal year the library received a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) in the amount of \$70,000 to create a Digital Navigator program. This was a pilot grant and pilot program to help bridge the digital divide in Texas. Only 10 libraries were selected in the state.

TSLAC has been pleased with the success and format of our program and invited us to present a session at the Texas Library Association Conference. The presentation was given by our Assistant Director, Michelle Muniz. Most recently the Digital Navigators and myself were featured in the summer edition of the Texas Library Journal along with two other libraries to highlight the success of our Digital Navigator Grant.

We have had a total of 58 graduates since April of last year. We are continuing to offer classes and are modifying how we offer the class starting in August from weekly to bi-weekly in hopes to be able finish a class in 4 weeks and offer more sessions overall. The Navigators are also in the process of getting certified in the Affordable Connectivity Program in order to assist our residents in their search and application for internet at a lower monthly rate and devices.

We are firm believers in closing the digital divide and are proud to be recognized both by TSLAC and TLA for our efforts.

**BOARD REVIEW/CITIZEN FEEDBACK:** Choose an item.**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:****FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure/(Revenue):	Account Number(s):

**Finance Review by:****LEGAL REVIEW:****ATTACHMENTS:** Journal article**Staff Recommendation:**

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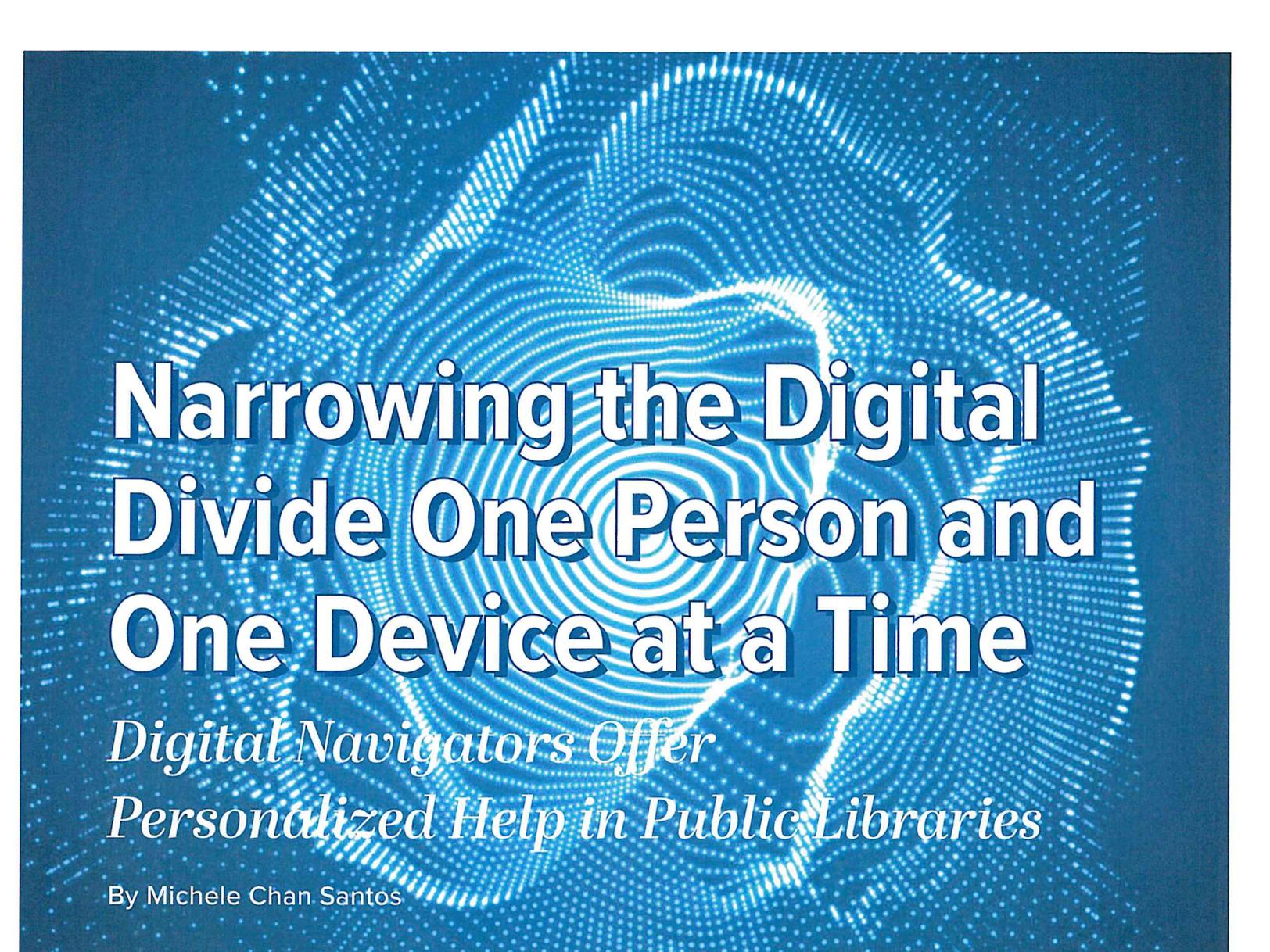
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The  
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Narrowing the  
Digital Divide

The Transformative Power of  
ChatGPT in Middle and High  
School Learning

TLA 2023 Wrapup



# Narrowing the Digital Divide One Person and One Device at a Time

## *Digital Navigators Offer Personalized Help in Public Libraries*

By Michele Chan Santos

In public libraries across Texas, digital navigators help people connect.

**THEY WORK TO NARROW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE – TO HELP PEOPLE GET DEVICES, FIND OR GAIN INTERNET ACCESS, AND LEARN HOW TO USE A SMARTPHONE, LAPTOP OR DESKTOP COMPUTER.** For the patrons they help, it means the difference between only talking to your grandchildren on the phone or seeing their faces in Facetime; between being able to shop and compare multiple products from your home, versus having to drive to several stores in person; in having the world at your fingertips, versus feeling left behind and isolated.

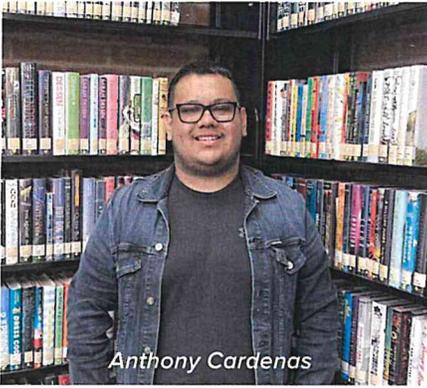
“Digital navigators help people with things that you need to feel included online and in life,” said Cindy Fisher, Senior Program Coordinator, Texas Broadband Development Office. “How to use a computer, how to get computer access, figuring out passwords, having someone that you trust helping you through the online world and everything that comes with it.” (*The May #LibrariesTransformTX podcast episode features Cindy and Lakehills Area Library Director Dianna Landes talking about digital navigation; [listen to it here.](#)*)

The three libraries featured in this article each received

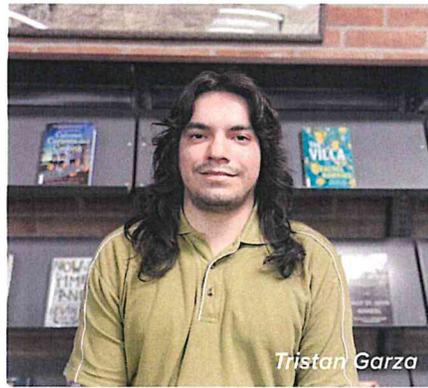
a grant from [TSLAC's Texas Digital Navigators Grant Program](#), which helped them develop and implement a unique digital navigator program to close the digital divide in their area in a measurable way. Digital navigators are individuals who address the whole digital inclusion process — home connectivity, devices, and digital skills — with community members. While the funding from those grants only extended to the end of 2022, many of the libraries that won grants have secured additional funding from other grant sources to continue their programs.

While it might sound dry on paper, the reality is that digital navigators help individuals every day with navigating modern life, in efforts that seem simple but that are truly transformative.

“The most rewarding part is seeing them put into action what they have learned in the class,” said Tristan Garza, a digital navigator at Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library in Mercedes. “That feels awesome. We are really here providing a service our community needs.”



Anthony Cardenas



Tristan Garza



Marisol Vidales

## Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library

**LOCATION:** Mercedes, TX, in the Rio Grande Valley; population 16,312.

### DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM:

Tristan Garza and Anthony Cardenas are the library's digital navigators. They teach two classes, *Intro to Computers* (a 10-week course that teaches basic computer skills, safe internet exploration, and email creation, among other skills) and *Google Docs and Microsoft Office* (a specialty class with emphasis on Microsoft Office applications and Google Docs.) They're also available for walk-in help during library hours, assisting patrons one-on-one.

The TSLAC grant for \$70,000, enables the library to provide training, workshops, regular contact with community members, equipment set-up/installation, as well as other community-based services. An additional grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation has allowed the library to continue the digital navigator program in 2023.

"There's always more and more demand for the intro to computers class," Garza said. With grant funding the library was able to get 52 Chromebooks and 51 hotspots. Of these, 48 Chromebooks and hotspots were given to patrons who had



completed the 10-week Intro to Computers class. The patrons' hotspot connections are paid for through the end of December, 2023 through funding from Emergency Connectivity Funds, a federal program.

The remaining Chromebooks are being used for class, and can be checked out for use in the library only, when class is not in session. The remaining hotspots are available for checkout (and are usually all checked out.) ECF is also covering funding for these, Cardenas said.

**WIDE RANGE OF STUDENTS:** "We had one student who was 18. We have had students who were in their late 80s. We've had people who could be our sisters and people who could be our grandparents," Cardenas said. "They are very curious. Some just want to know how it all works. They didn't get a chance to use computers in their jobs, and now you need it for everything ...You can't even go to a restaurant and order a burger without scanning a QR code. A lot of the older students, it's frustrating for them and they just want a menu. Even the self-checkout with the scanner at HEB can be an issue."

Said Garza, "A lot of our patrons do show a willingness to learn. They're always asking, 'how do you do this, can you show me how to do this?'" Sometimes those who want to take the classes are not able to make it because of work, so we meet with them individually if they miss a class."

**TIP FOR OTHER LIBRARIES LOOKING TO START A SIMILAR PROGRAM:** "At first, we thought we were going to have to build our own curriculum," said Marisol Vidales, Library Director. "But then through the Digital Navigators grant we were connected with Literacy Minnesota. Their program is called [Northstar Digital](#) – we were able to use that curriculum." The library gets lesson plans through their Northstar Digital subscription, and the program also issues certificates to students after they complete the course. Any library can subscribe, Vidales explained, and she recommended their program for other libraries.



**WHAT THEY FIND INSPIRING:** Their older students in particular “have determination,” Cardenas said. “In our classes we do have exams. Our standard is automatically set high, an 85 or above. You really have to know your stuff. They have that old school grit; they are not going to give up. That old-school generation, they want to learn. I admire that.”



(l-r) Sarah Brennan (Dublin Chamber of Commerce), Adina Dunn (Dublin Public Library), Blanca Martineau (Dublin Chamber of Commerce), Front: Lyndi Hartna with Hank

## Dublin Public Library

**LOCATION:** Dublin, TX, in Erath County; about 90 miles from Waco; population 3,433.

**DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM:**

The library received \$70,000 to assess and help meet the community’s digital needs. “The digital navigators grant was fantastic. We used it as a platform to help people reach their goals. One of the barriers here is access to equipment. So, the way we structured our program – we did not loan but we gave out devices,” said Adina Dunn, Library Director of the Dublin Public Library.



They were able to give out about 50 devices, a mix of iPads, Chromebooks and MacBooks. To determine who would receive the devices, “The first thing we did was go to our community partners, community outreach programs that already serve people that are in need. We asked please send your clients in need to the library. Our partners include women’s shelters, food pantries and places like that.”

Dunn did a short interview with each recipient to determine what device would be the best fit. “When I would do the intake questionnaire, they seemed pretty comfortable with using the devices. So really what was the barrier for them, was not having access to the equipment.”

Dunn and her staff (she has three part-time employees) introduced their patrons to the Northstar Digital Literacy curriculum. Because their community is very small, it worked better to have people work through the Northstar program at their own pace, instead of trying to form classes, she said.

**MORE GRANTS, MORE EQUIPMENT:** Dublin Public Library also received an ALA Community Connect “Digital Access at Home” grant, as well as funding from the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund. With these additional resources, the library purchased Chromebooks, hotspots and iPads, that are available for patrons to check out. Each item can be checked out for one month.

**MOST REWARDING PART OF HER JOB:** “Helping people – supporting people on their journey to achieving their goals, whatever their goals may be” is the best part of her job, Dunn said.

## Pottsboro Area Library

**LOCATION:** Pottsboro, TX, near the Texas-Oklahoma border, close to Lake Texoma; population 2,613.

**DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM:**

Mark Revolinski is Pottsboro’s solo digital navigator. He helps local citizens in a variety of ways: going multiple times per month to area senior living centers, where his tech help sessions, “One on One with Mark,” often draw lines of people; at the library, where he helps patrons who walk in or who have appointments; and at people’s homes, where he goes to help set up computer equipment for those who need assistance.



At first, despite flyers and Facebook ads, there was not much demand for his services. But then the library placed a [30-second TV ad](#) on a local station (“Hi, I’m Mark. Did you know the Pottsboro library offers free classes and one-on-one help with the Internet and your devices?”) and suddenly requests skyrocketed.

“The people who need me, they weren’t on the Internet, so they didn’t see our website or the Facebook ads,” Revolinski said. “Ever since the TV ad, we’ve had quite a bit of traffic, and a lot of word of mouth – people calling to say, ‘You helped my friend the other day, can you help me?’”

**HELPING FOLKS GET CONNECTED:** The TSLAC grant to the Pottsboro Library was \$70,000; additional funds from a Google grant mean the program will extend for another two years. With the grant money, the library has been able to buy tablets and Chromebooks to give out; those receiving the new devices must have at least one appointment with Revolinski so he can show them how it works.

The main challenge for Pottsboro citizens is the limited Wi-Fi in rural areas. “It’s a huge challenge,” he said. “If you don’t have good internet access there is not a lot you can do. I tell them, let’s set up your phone if we can and turn it into a hotspot.”

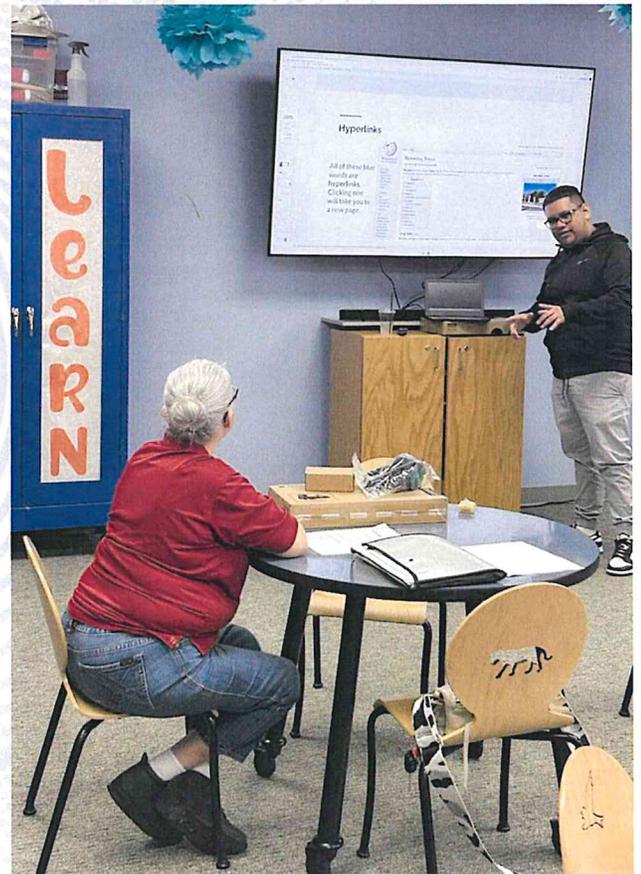
For qualifying residents, Revolinski has been able to help get them set up with the [Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#), a federal program that provides \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. But for people who live in areas without internet service, “where the only option is satellite and that’s \$100 a month, that doesn’t help much,” he said.

**BONDING WITH PATRONS:** Before retiring and moving to Pottsboro so he and his wife could be closer to their grandchildren, Revolinski worked for Nokia for 38 years, where he was Director of Operations for Installation and supervised teams across the country. Once they moved to Texas, “I was just kind of sitting around, was looking for a part-time job, wasn’t chasing money but was chasing something to do,” he said. He heard about the opening at the library and applied. Now, he’s busier than ever. “It doesn’t feel like work to me. I’m overqualified but that’s ok. I want to enjoy myself. I enjoy working with especially the senior community.” He makes a point of chatting with each person, just getting to know them, before they start the tech help part of the meeting.

**JOYFUL MOMENTS:** The sometimes challenging parts of his job are offset by the moments of joy, he said.

“One lady at the senior living center in Denison, her husband recently passed away. She had been living there for three months. She had one of those Google Nest devices, like an Alexa, and it had not worked that whole time. She asked me, can you get this to work? The account was in her husband’s name so she couldn’t get it to work, she didn’t have the password. I reset it and set up a brand-new account for her. I got it connected and told her, ‘It’s up.’ She said, ‘Hey Google, play Elvis Presley.’ So Elvis came on and she looked at me, she had a huge smile on her face and she said, ‘I have been waiting three months to say that.’”

*Michele Chan Santos is the marketing specialist at the Texas Library Association.*



**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Oscar D. Montoya Sr. Mayor  
Joe Martinez Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jacob Howell Commissioner  
Armando Garcia Commissioner  
Ruben Saldana Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alberto Perez City Manager  
Martie Garcia-Vela City Attorney  
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary  
David Jimenez I.T Specialist

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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

**3. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Saldana said the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez’s daughters, Emma Jo and Mariana led in the pledge of allegiance.

**5. OPEN FORUM-**

No citizen signed up for open forum.

**6. PRESENTATIONS:**

**a. Canvass the Returns of the 2023 City Officer’s Runoff Election for Commissioner Place 3 and Declaring the Results**

The following are the official results for the runoff election held Saturday, June 10, 2023:  
COMMISSIONER PLACE 3

NAME	Mail	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Leonel Benavidez	1	285	105	391
Joe Martinez	16	439	181	636

286 votes were cast on election day; 725 votes were cast during early voting; 17 absentee ballots and no provisional votes were cast.

Joe Martinez received the majority of the votes for Commission Place 3

Commissioner Saldana motioned to accept the results. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Commissioner Place 3**

Mayor Montoya recognized District Attorney Terry Palacios. State Representative Armando Martinez administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Joe Martinez and congratulated him for another term in office.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Oscar D. Montoya Sr.	Mayor
	Joe Martinez	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Jacob Howell	Commissioner
	Armando Garcia	Commissioner
	Ruben Saldana	Commissioner - Virtual

<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Alberto Perez	City Manager
	Martie Garcia-Vela	City Attorney
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Javier Ramirez	Asst. City Manager
	Nereida Perez	Finance Director
	David Jimenez	I.T Manager
	Kristine Longoria	Human Resources
	Francisco Sanchez	Interim Police Chief
	Marisol Vidales	Library Director
	Orlando Diaz	Lieutenant

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**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Howell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Recognition of Mercedes Lady Tigers Softball Team**

Mayor Montoya invited the Lady Tigers Softball Team to be recognized and read a proclamation in honor of their accomplishments and awards. Mayor Montoya said a few words to the team and the parents. The Commission each took some time to say a few words to congratulate them. The Coach said a few words thanking the commission for the proclamation and recognition for the team.

**b. Proclamation recognizing June as Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month**

Mr. Samuel Perez, a veteran with the Veteran Affairs, spoke about PTSD awareness and supporting programs to help people suffering from PTSD. Mayor Montoya read the proclamation regarding Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and bringing awareness.

**c. Presentation Update by Perdue**

Ms. Janelle Caso, Attorney at Perdue informed the Commission about the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Ms. Caso addressed the Pre-Litigation Program where they

contacted 1,459 by phone, mailed 2,153 letters, and had 314 addresses updated. They conduct 44 field inspections and had 4 delinquent taxpayers enter into a payment arrangement. Ms. Caso informed about the litigation where they filed 33 original petitions and interventions and had 7 bankruptcy filed in federal court in the amount of \$18,197 in base tax. After suit is filed they can move to tax sales, 3 properties were on resale and city received \$13K. They collected a total of \$321,458 in tax collection, \$208,746 of it was delinquent base tax. Collections increased by 16.77% from last fiscal year to this fiscal year. Ms. Caso stated the Texas Homeowners assistance fund program has assisted 167 households. Collection activities they made 1,578 phone calls, 19,104 letters mailed and updated 2,052 addresses. Collections increased by \$171K in comparison to FY20-21. Resolved cases in the amount of \$145,363 does not go to the City. From 2016 to 2022 City Collected \$193K. At a question, Ms. Caso elaborated on the payment arrangements. Commissioner Howell thanked Perdue for all the available options to help the residents. Mayor Montoya stated the goal is to help residents keep their homes and work with the taxpayers.

**6. OPEN FORUM**

No citizen signed up

**7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Approval of Minutes for meeting(s) held June 6, 2023**

**b. Approval of surplus items for auction**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made a motion to approve. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**8. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**a. Approval of resolution 2023-14 regarding commitment of funds for 2019 Flood HUD most impacted and distressed (HMID) competition grant.**

Mr. Ramirez stated this is the commitment for the Mercedes portion for the Gate 3 project/ Mercedes Lateral. The commitment amount for the city is \$100K and will be receiving \$1Mil from GLO. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez seconded. The area will service from Ohio to the Little League Area and will assist in the flow behind Alicia's restaurant. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Howell suggested permanent flood lights.

**9. MANAGEMENT ITEMS:**

**a. Approval of grant reimbursement for historically designated property 236 S. Missouri Ave.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez motioned to approve. Commissioner Saldana seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez clarified that the owners paid \$40K and will only get reimbursed \$10K. The grant was \$5K for Leveling and Façade and \$10K for Roofs. The funding comes from Hotel/ Motel. This grant is only available to properties marked historic. The owners have to provide 3 quotes and samples of the items being purchased to meet the historical qualifications. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez rescinded his motion to approve items 9A and 9B. Commissioner Saldana seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Approval of grant reimbursement for historically designated property 230 S. Texas Ave.**

This item was approved during item 9A.

**c. Sponsorship request from DHR Health for Fishing for Hope Tournament**

Commissioner Howell motioned to table the item. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**10. BIDS/CONTRACTS:**

**a. Approval of contract renewal with TIF Services of South Texas**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez motioned to approve. Commissioner Saldana seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez rescinded his motion and Commissioner Saldana rescinded his second. Commissioner Saldana motioned to move in lieu of contract renewal to authorize city manager to go out for bids for TIF Services. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Approval of Auction Agreement with Galindo Auctions, LLC**

Ms. Castillo informed the Commission that auction will be held July 22, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Galindo Auctions will receive 10% commissions or \$4,000 whichever is greater. At a question, Ms. Castillo stated that the contract is per auction because the city needs time to gather items for an auction and it is more cost effective due to the city holding one auction per year on average. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez motioned to approve. Commissioner Saldana seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**11. DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS**

At a question by Commissioner Saldana, Chief Campos stated they were dispatched to a fire and there were about 500 tires burning. There was a request for flight due to a potential person in the canal and the drone was utilized to locate the person. At a question by Mayor, Chief Campos stated they have had several emergency management meetings regarding rain events. At a question by Commissioner Howell, Chief Campos stated he would speak with the Public Works director regarding funding for lights at the volunteer station. Mayor Montoya asked Interim Chief Sanchez regarding light poles being out. Mayor Montoya would like a report of light pole numbers checked and outreach. At a question by Commissioner Saldana, Ms. Perez stated the \$8.5 is the expenditures year to date, the numbers are not finalized, hence the difference from page 50. Ms. Perez stated that it takes meter readers about 2 weeks to cut off service and some people come in to pay during that time causing them to void the disconnect. Ms. Perez stated that the park fund is a new fund. Commissioner Saldana stated they started a column in the newspaper to feature the positive things in the city.

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made a motion. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting went into executive session at 8:06 P.M.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**a. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters – Section 551.074**

Mayor Montoya called the meeting back to order at 8:42 P.M.

**13. OPEN SESSION:**

**a. Item A from executive session**

No action

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.



Item 7B

Joselynn Castillo <jcastillo@cityofmercedes.com>

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## AUCTION

1 message

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**Albert Agueros** <aagueros@cityofmercedes.com>  
To: Joselynn Castillo <jcastillo@cityofmercedes.com>

Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 4:12 PM

UNIT S--05 VIN #2FAHP71VX9X134827 CROWN VICTORIA [ PARKS ]

Albert Agueros  
Public Works Fleet Maintenance  
[2314 N. FM. 491](#)  
[Mercedes, Texas 78570](#)



**CITY OF MERCEDES  
FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL / TRANSFER WORKSHEET**

Employee Name: Michelle Muniz Date: 6/27/2023  
Department: Library Fiscal Year: 2022-23  
Building/Site: Library Phone #: 956-565-2371

Description of Fixed Asset: Vehicle  Construction Equipment  Furniture

Manufacturer: Highsmith Model: Single-Faced Wall Shelving  
Serial #: n/a Barcode #: 1449

Transfer Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
From Department: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
From Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Room #: \_\_\_\_\_  
To Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Date: 6/27/2023 Disposal Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Disposition: Sold  Parked  Stored

Authorized By:  
**Michelle Muniz** Digitally signed by Michelle Muniz  
Date: 2023.06.27 12:30:33 -05'00'

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Transferring Department Head Signature

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City Manager Approval

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Date

**CITY OF MERCEDES  
FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL / TRANSFER WORKSHEET**

Employee Name: Michelle Muniz Date: 6/15/2023  
Department: Library Fiscal Year: 2022-23  
Building/Site: Library Phone #: 956-565-2371

Description of Fixed Asset: Vehicle  Construction Equipment  Furniture

Manufacturer: PowerComm Model: pcec/PR3072CNDN

Serial #: C47110-001 Barcode #: 5459

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Disposal Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF MERCEDES  
FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL / TRANSFER WORKSHEET**

Employee Name: Michelle Muniz Date: 6/15/2023  
Department: Library Fiscal Year: 2022-23  
Building/Site: Library Phone #: 956-565-2371

Description of Fixed Asset: Vehicle  Construction Equipment  Furniture

Manufacturer: PowerComm Model: pcec/PR302CNDN

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**CITY OF MERCEDES  
FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL / TRANSFER WORKSHEET**

Employee Name: Michelle Muniz Date: 6/27/2023  
Department: Library Fiscal Year: 2022-23  
Building/Site: Library Phone #: 956-565-2371

Description of Fixed Asset: Vehicle  Construction Equipment  Furniture

Manufacturer: n/a Model: n/a

Serial #: n/a Barcode #: n/a

Transfer Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Disposal Date: 6/27/2023 Disposal Revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

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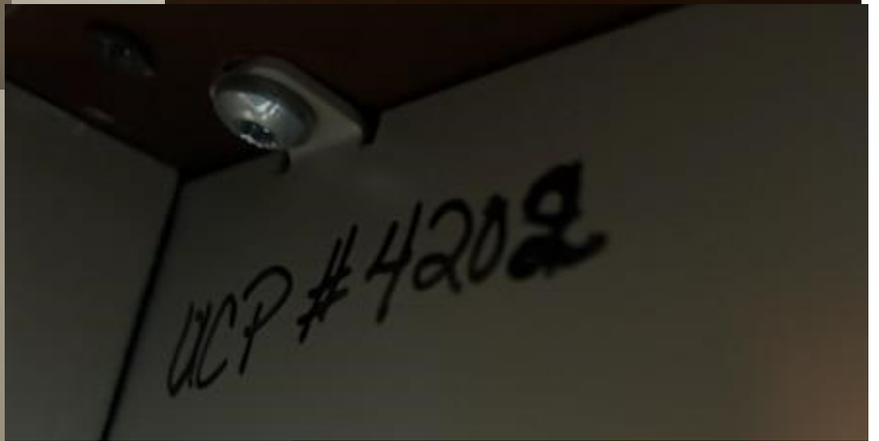
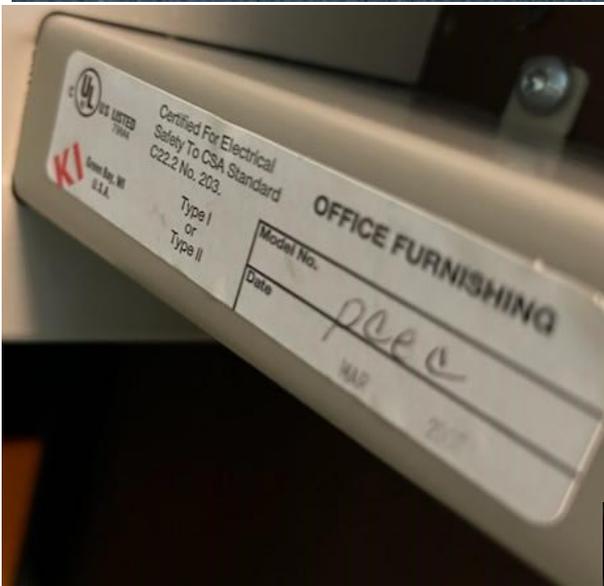
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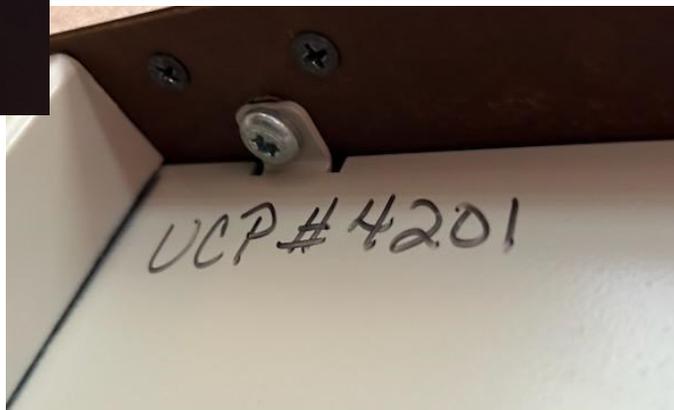
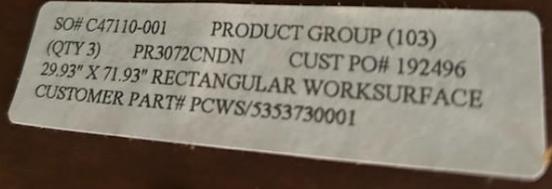
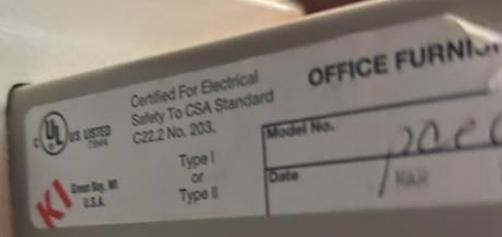
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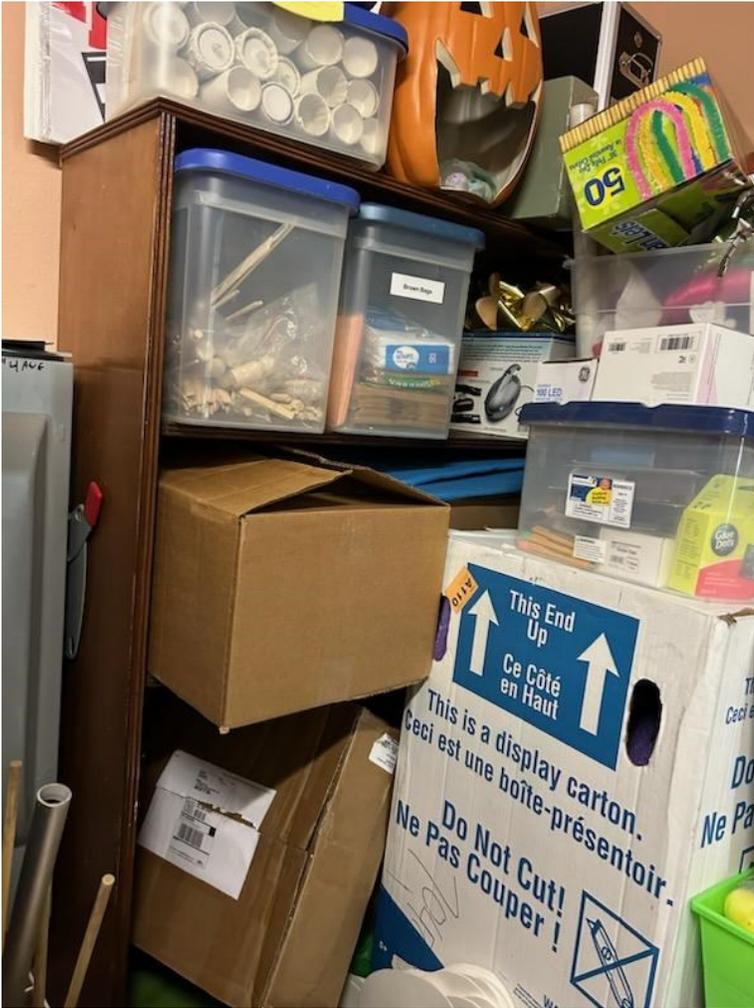


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Urban County #4201



Wooden Single-Faced Shelving  
City #1449





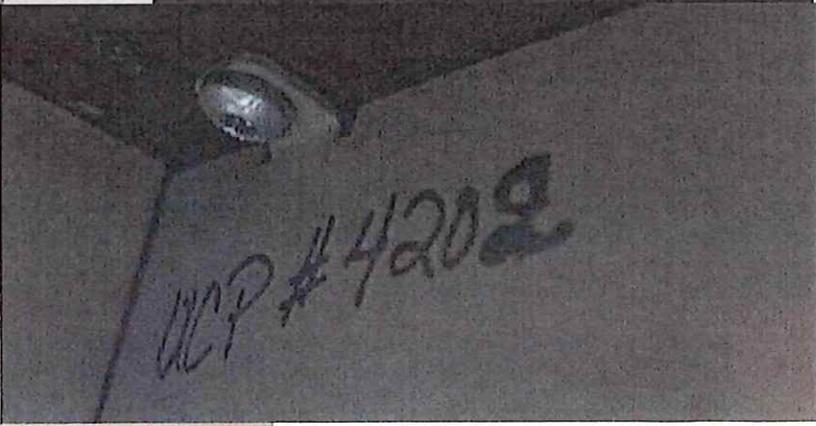
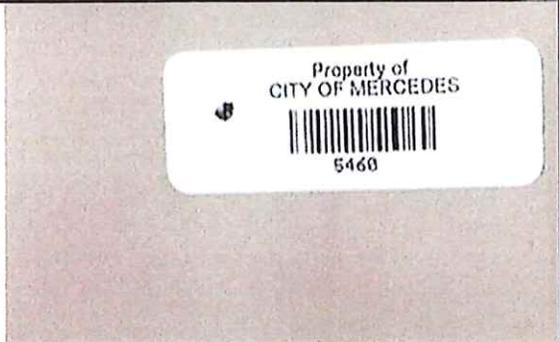
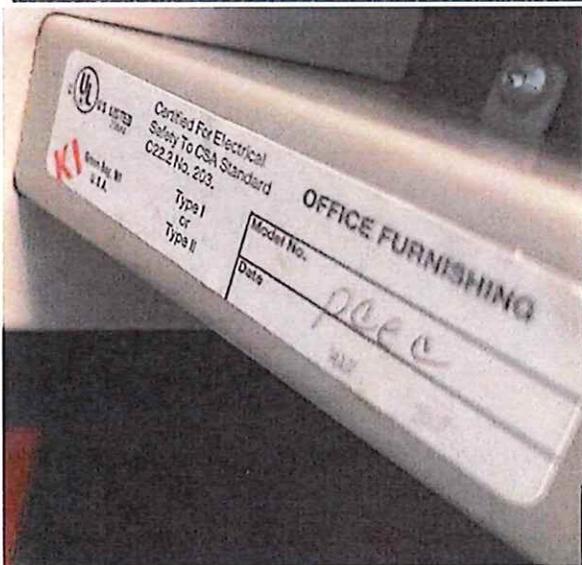
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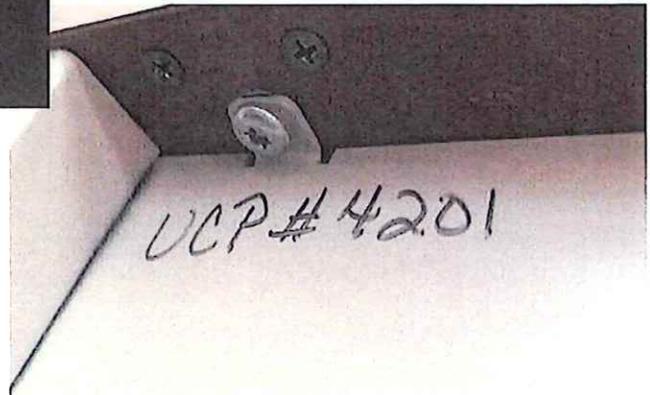
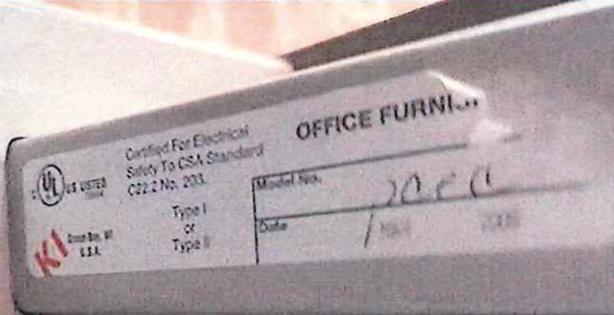




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# City of Mercedes

## Asset Disposition Form

(Use this form only for equipment that has the City of Mercedes bar code tag)

The following equipment being disposed:

Barcode #	Qty	Description of Items	Purchase Date	Cost	Disposition Code
N/A	30	Computer office chairs	Jan 1st 2016	N/A	D

**REASON OF DISPOSAL:**

Chairs are no longer needed at the Recreation Center, can be useful at another department or disposed

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Department: Recreation Center



May 15, 2023

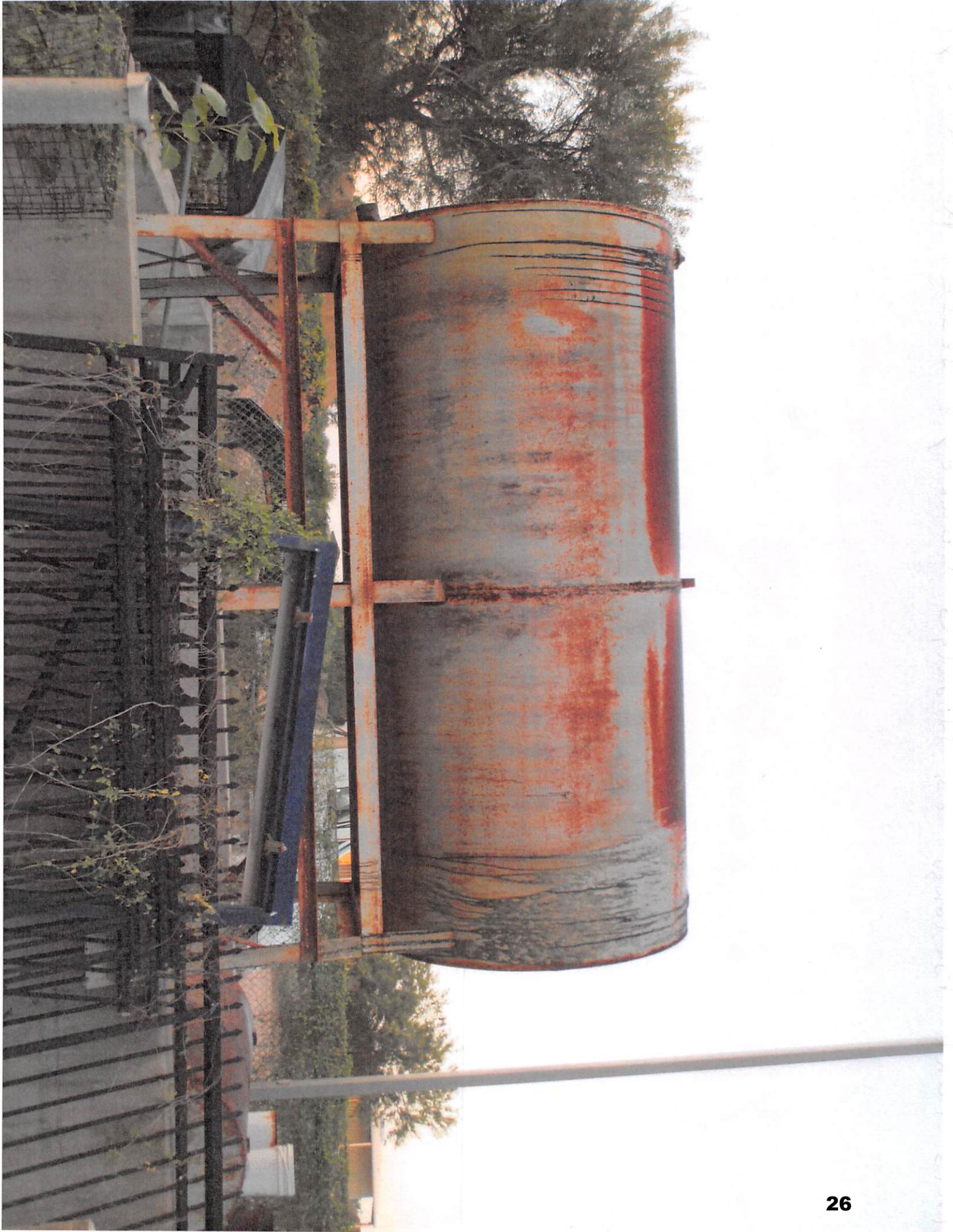
DEPARTMENT HEAD

DATE

Disposition Code	
A	Lost
B	Stolen
C	Damaged
D	Other (exceeded useful life)

CITY MANAGER

DATE











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**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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**DATE:** July 5, 2023**FROM:** Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary**ITEM:** **Discussion and Possible Action regarding approval of Resolution 2023-15 in support of Mexico paying their Water Debt.**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At the Wednesday, June 28, 2023, LRGVDC Board of Directors meeting, the Board unanimously approved LRGVDC Resolution 2023-03 (attached below) in support of Mexico paying their Water Debt. Further, the Board of Directors approved asking that your governing board/commission place a similar resolution (sample attached) on their next agenda for consideration and approval.

**BOARD REVIEW/CITIZEN FEEDBACK:****ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:****FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Proposed Expenditure/(Revenue):</b>	<b>Account Number(s):</b>

**Finance Review by:****LEGAL REVIEW:****ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution 2023-15

**DRAFT MOTION:** Approval of Resolution 2023-14

## **RESOLUTION # 2023-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Grande is the only source of fresh water for the Rio Grande Valley of Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Grande flows are greatly dependent on inflows from Mexican tributaries that flow into the Rio Grande above Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 1944 Treaty between the United States and Mexico allots to the United States one-third of the tributary inflow from six-named tributaries that flow into the Rio Grande above the international reservoirs and this one-third shall not be less than 350,000 acre-feet as an annual average over a cycle of five consecutive years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the only exception to the annual delivery of this water is if Mexico is experiencing extraordinary drought or has experienced serious accident to the hydraulic systems on the six-named tributaries; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mexico has accumulated over 2.9-million-acre feet of water in the reservoirs on the six-named tributaries since August 2022, and is an indication that Mexico is not in an extraordinary drought and there have been no reports of any accidents to their hydraulic systems; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current five-year Treaty Delivery Cycle commenced October 25, 2020, and Mexico is behind in their deliveries to the United States by over 550,000-acre feet of water; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States ownership of water in the Amistad/Falcon Reservoir System is slightly less than one years' supply of water; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mexico has sufficient water in storage in the tributaries that the United States is entitled to receive water from and could release this water as called for by the 1944 Treaty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Mercedes strongly urges Mexico to comply with the terms of the 1944 Treaty and release the water due to the United States.

**Approved and Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Mercedes this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Oscar D. Montoya Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9A****Management Item**

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**DATE:** July 5, 2023**FROM:** Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary**ITEM:** **Discussion and Possible Action regarding Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The mayor pro tempore is a member of the council who performs the mayor's duties during the mayor's incapacity or absence. The mayor pro tem is usually selected by majority vote of the council, and his or her term is often the same as that of a councilmember.

**BOARD REVIEW/CITIZEN FEEDBACK:****ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:****FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Proposed Expenditure/(Revenue):</b>	<b>Account Number(s):</b>

**Finance Review by:****LEGAL REVIEW:****ATTACHMENTS:****DRAFT MOTION:** Appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Mayor Pro-Tem



June 16, 2023

Mr. Albert Perez  
City Manager  
City of Mercedes  
400 South Ohio  
Mercedes, Texas 78570

**Subject: Contract Renewal of Evidence-Based Workforce Development Program for Mercedes Residents  
Request for FY 2023-2024: \$25,000.00 Benchmark 5**

Dear Mr. Perez,

Thank you for the continued partnership between the City of Mercedes and VIDA to provide customized financial assistance and support services to economically disadvantaged Mercedes residents to achieve career success. This partnership ensures Mercedes residents have equitable education and workforce development opportunities in high-demand occupations.

As you initiate the process of budget planning for next fiscal year, we hope you may review VIDA's proposed project as a valuable initiative for funding consideration. With Mercedes continued investment, VIDA will have the opportunity to provide essential services to our underserved demographic, ensuring training program persistence and completion. To highlight the positive outcomes and deliverables of our current grant project please find enclosed the following:

- The City of Mercedes Progress Report year to date for current funding.
- VIDA's 2022 Annual Report
- VIDA's 2022 Program Summary & Outcomes

A recent Economic Impact Study conducted by UTRGV demonstrates that VIDA's work has a positive incremental economic impact in the Rio Grande Valley. The study reports that for every \$1 invested in VIDA and its participants, there is a **\$14.74** return on investment to our communities. **This information translates to a return on the community's investment of \$29.6 million in additional jobs, income, taxes, and output in the local economy.**

**VIDA respectfully requests a continued investment of \$25,000 to serve 5 Mercedes residents in FY 23-24.** Your commitment to empowering our at-risk demographic with the necessary resources and tools to break the cycle of poverty and promote economic mobility is critical for enhancing employment opportunities and responding to the needs of local industry. We look forward to continuing our work in partnership with the City of Mercedes to impact sustainable economic growth in the region, one **VIDA** at a time.

Sincerely,

Felida Villarreal, CPA  
President & CEO

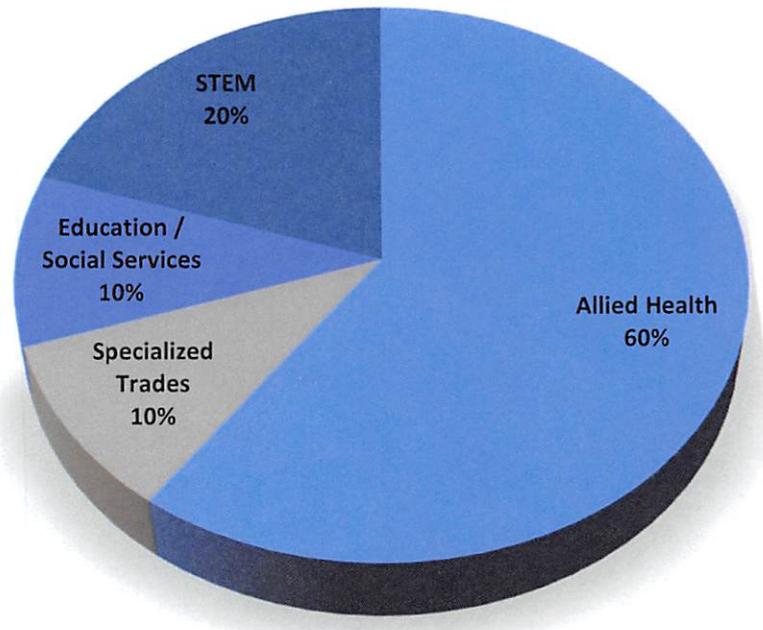
### City of Mercedes Progress Report FY 2022-2023

For every \$1 invested in VIDA's program there is a return of \$14.74 to the communities we serve.  
 Economic Impact Study 2020 - University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Data & Information Systems Center.

**Average Salary Reported in Mercedes Upon Graduation: \$41,288.00 as of June 16, 2023**

FY 2022-2023 At a Glance
20% Between Age of 25-50
50% Female
100% Unemployed, Underemployed
Low Income or on Public Assistance
33% One Dependent child or more in household
50% 1st Generation in College
<b>City of Mercedes Investment: \$25,000</b>
<b>Benchmark: 5</b>
<b>Total Served: 10</b>
<b>Persistence: 100%</b>

PROGRAM OF STUDY (BY INDUSTRY)

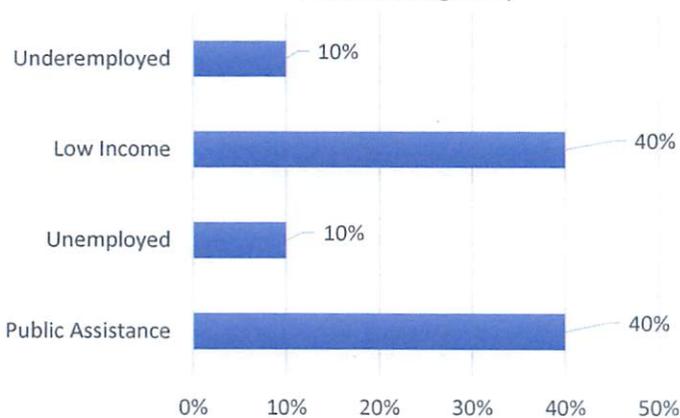


### CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS

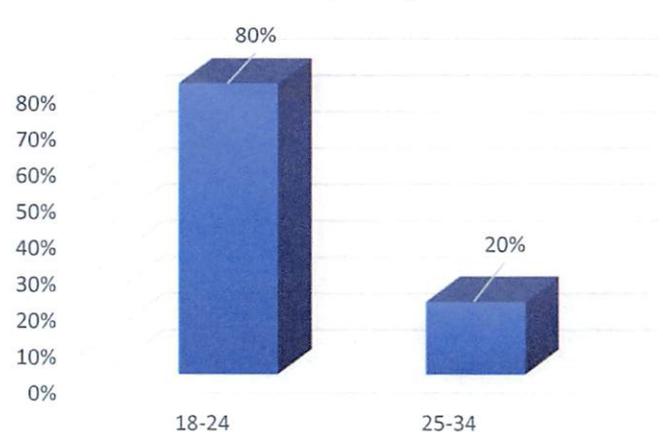
Graduates/Completers

Industry Recognized Credential	Certificate	Associate	Bachelor
33%	67%	0%	0%
0%	29%	29%	42%

Financial Eligibility



Participant Age



Some participants meet more than one eligibility factor.



*Inaugural Launch December 2023*

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Join us for the first of its kind and only Point to Point Marathon in Texas!

**RUNNING SERIES EVENT DATES**

**Health & Fitness Expo:** Harlingen Convention Center  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Times TBD  
December 1-3, 2023

**Kids 26.2 Yard Dash & 5K Event**  
Place TBD  
Saturday • December 2, 2023

**Certified Marathon,  
2 Person & 5 Person Relays**  
Start Time: 7AM Donna Main Square Park  
Sunday • December 3, 2023

**26.2 Point to Point Course**

South Texas International Marathon's (STIM) unique course will take runners through five cities and two counties! This Boston Qualifier marathon will make its start at the "Heart of the Valley", Donna, Texas. Runners will then cross through historic downtown areas of Weslaco, Mercedes and La Feria. The grand finish line will be at the beautiful city of Harlingen, the "Capital of the Valley".

**A Dream Come True**

Rio Grande Valley native Basilio Mendoza, founder of STIM, is known for his passion for running, helping others and giving back to his community. The idea of organizing a five-city marathon came to him while volunteering at the Boston Marathon's start line in 2019. He was inspired by the runners and supporters of this massive event. He imagined what it would be like to host a marathon of this magnitude back in the Rio Grande Valley, with its focus on bringing awareness to diabetes and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Basilio started making connections with Boston marathon organizers, asked for guidance and began his journey towards making his dream come true. December 2020 would have been South Texas International Marathon's first opening year but the Pandemic put a stop to those plans. Fortunately, Basilio's positive spirit persevered and he pushed forward with his vision. Through hard work, dedication and the support of our five city public safety departments, we are proud to announce that South Texas International Marathon's inaugural launch is scheduled for December 2023!

## **Running For A Mission**

The South Texas International Marathon Running Series promotes health and fitness by encouraging people of all ages to get active and make a difference by supporting local charities in our community. A percentage of proceeds from the running series will be donated to RGV Salud y Vida, a program that focuses on providing services to people affected by Type 2 diabetes and to the Rio Grande Valley Cross Country Coaches Association (RGVCCCA) to provide scholarships to youth of the Rio Grande Valley.

### **Why Should You Be Our Partner?**

Our Boston Qualifier marathon presents your brand the ideal opportunity to be front and center and engage with the most active members of the Rio Grande Valley's community plus many participants who will be joining us from Mexico and other parts of the United States. Students of all ages, running enthusiasts, people looking to improve their physical wellness plus their supporters will be joining us for one of the most significant fitness and health events of South Texas!

## **DIAMOND PARTNER**

**\$15,000**

- Exclusive rights as the Title Sponsor of the Inaugural South Texas International Marathon
- Offer the first right of refusal of the Title Sponsorship for a three year period.
- Logo and mention on digital and traditional advertising media channels. (e.g., Facebook, Facebook Live mentions, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, email blasts, TV, radio & press releases)
- Prominent recognition in print materials as the Title Sponsor, which include posters and event banners.
- Logo on event t-shirts, bib and medal lanyard.
- Banner placement in key areas. (Provided by sponsor)
- Prominent display of sponsor logo at the start and finish lines.
- Banner placement at the Health and Fitness Expo on Friday & Saturday, December 1st & 2nd. (Provided by sponsor)
- Two booths at the Health and Fitness Expo and Finishers' Celebration. (20' x 20' booth space)
- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).
- Water Station volunteer opportunity on marathon route.
- Ten entries to 5K Run on Saturday and 10 marathon entries or 2 relay teams on Sunday

## **PLATINUM PARTNER**

**\$8,000**

- Exclusive rights as the Official Sponsor of the Inaugural South Texas International Marathon.
- Prominent recognition in print materials which include posters and event banners.
- Recognition as Official Sponsor on all press releases and STIM's digital/social media channels.
- Logo on event t-shirts.
- Prominent display of sponsor logo at the start and finish lines.
- One booth at the Health and Fitness Expo and Finishers' Celebration. (10' x 10' booth space)
- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).
- Five entries to 5K Run on Saturday and 5 marathon entries or 1 relay team on Sunday

**Make a brand impression that sets you apart!**



**GOLD PARTNER**  
**\$5,000.00**



- Exclusive rights as the Official Sponsor of the Kids 26.2 Yard Dash & 5K Event.
- Prominent recognition in print materials as the 5K Sponsor which include posters and event banners.
- Recognition as Kids 26.2 Yard Dash & 5K Sponsor on all press releases and and STIM's digital/social media channels.
- Logo on all event t-shirts.
- Prominent display of sponsor logo at the start line.
- One booth at the Health and Fitness Expo and Finishers' Celebration. (10' x 10' booth space)
- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).
- Three entries to 5K Run on Saturday and 1 marathon entry or 1 relay team on Sunday



**SILVER PARTNER**  
**\$3,000**



- Recognition in print materials which include posters and event banners and STIM's digital/social media channels.
- Logo on event t-shirts.
- Prominent display of sponsor logo at the start line.
- One booth at the Health and Fitness Expo and Finishers' Celebration. (10' x 10' booth space)
- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).
- Three entries to 5K Run on Saturday and 1 marathon entry or 1 relay team on Sunday



**BRONZE PARTNER**  
**\$2,000**



- Recognition in print materials which include posters and event banners and STIM's digital/social media channels.
- Logo on event t-shirts.
- One booth at the Health and Fitness Expo (10' x 10' booth space)
- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).



**COPPER PARTNER**  
**\$1,000.00**



- Recognition in STIM's digital/social media channels.
- Logo on event t-shirts.
- One booth at the Health and Fitness Expo (10' x 10' booth space)
- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).

## COMMUNITY PARTNER

**\$100 +**

- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)) and \ STIM's digital/social media channels..

## WATER STATION PARTNER

**\$200**

- Opportunity to distribute water and electrolyte drink to participants along the course.
- Name recognition on signage displayed at the Start and Finish lines.
- Opportunity to display corporate banner at water station. (Provided by Sponsor)
- Limited to (3) tables
- Name recognition on the official marathon website's sponsor page. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).
- Electrolyte gels, roll of trash bags and paper cups will be provided.

## EXPO BOOTH PARTNER

**\$300 Fri & Sat / \$400 Fri, Sat & Sun**

- Opportunity to showcase or distribute information about products and services to race participants at Health and Fitness Expo and Finishers' Celebration.
- Opportunity to collect business leads & emails.
- Name recognition on the official marathon website. ([www.STIMarathon.com](http://www.STIMarathon.com)).
- 10' x 10' booth space, includes table

### IN-KIND DONATIONS ALSO WELCOME

In-Kind donations of food, advertisement and other materials will be valued as a retail dollar contribution. Your contribution will be listed at the closest sponsorship level.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!  
BMR YOUTH RUNNING GROUP**



## *Inaugural Launch December 2023*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS & DETAILS

**Health & Fitness Expo:** Harlingen Convention Center  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday (TIMES TBD)  
December 1-3, 2023

**Kids 26.2 Yard Dash & 5K Event**  
Place TBD  
Saturday • December 2, 2023

Details: A fun-filled race from start to finish for young runners and walkers in grades K thru 6th. All participants will receive a race T-shirt and medal. Awards will be given to the top overall male and female finishers in their division.

**Certified 26.2 Mile Marathon,  
2 Person & 5 Person Relays**  
Start Time: 7AM Donna Main Square Park  
Sunday • December 3, 2023

Details: This Boston Marathon Qualifier course takes runners through 5 historic cities and 2 counties of the Rio Grande Valley. Cash awards are given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall male and female finishers. Runners must be at least 16 years of age on race day to participate in this event.

**2 Person Relay Marathon** will run the same route as the marathoners. The exchange will be at 13.1 miles.

**5 Person Relay Marathon** will run the same route and will have exchanges in every city. All participants receive a race shirt and a finisher medal.

**Finishers' Celebration**  
Start Time: 12:00 PM

The race will finish with a bang at the Harlingen Convention Center. Family and friends will enjoy FREE live music and great food by local vendors. Awards will be given to the overall finishers in all races.

\*All times are subject to change.

## SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT

We are proud to participate as a PARTNER for the South Texas International Marathon Running Series on December 1-3, 2023.

We authorize STIM (South Texas International Marathon) to include our logo/name on event marketing materials consistent with our sponsorship selection below:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15,000 - DIAMOND PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$8,000 - PLATINUM PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 - GOLD PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$3,000 - SILVER PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$2,000 - BRONZE PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 - COPPER PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 - COMMUNITY PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 - WATER STATION PARTNER Will you be providing volunteers? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 (Fri&Sat) / \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 (3 Days) - EXPO BOOTH PARTNER  
\_\_\_\_\_ In-Kind Sponsor (Product/Service: \_\_\_\_\_) Value: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to fulfill my sponsorship commitment to the 2023 South Texas International Marathon Running Series. I understand that sponsorship monies are non-refundable. A signed copy of this agreement must be on file before this sponsorship is listed in marketing materials.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Representative Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

Basilio Mendoza

South Texas International Marathon Race Coordinator

1213 Bella Vista Ave, Palmview, TX 78572

956.222.5668

Payment Options

\_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Please send me an invoice.

Please make checks payable to: Basilio Mendoza Running, LLC

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

DEADLINE FOR LOGO/NAME: SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Please email high resolution logo to [marketing@stimarathon.com](mailto:marketing@stimarathon.com)

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