# MERCEDES CITY COMMSSION WORKSHOP MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2022 – 5:30 P.M MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBER

MEMBERS PRESENT: Oscar D. Montoya Sr. Mayor

Jose Martinez Mayor Pro-Tem
Jacob Howell Commissioner
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonel Benavidez Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Alberto Perez City Manager

Martie Garcia-Vela City Attorney
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary

Blanca Sanchez Interim Police Chief

Orlando Diaz Sergeant

Axel Vallejo City Manager Secretary
Brianna Casares Public Information Officer

Ruben Pena Police Officer Ervin Vilchis I.T Director

## 1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Montoya welcome everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

# 2) ESTABLISH QUORUM

Three members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Commissioner Benavidez was not in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem arrived at 5:40p.m

#### 3) INVOCATION

Mayor Montoya said the invocation.

## 4) PRESENTATION OF ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER

Ms. Martie Garcia-Vela presented to the Commission the parliamentary procedure on Roberts rules of Order, the chair of meeting is the mayor. Reasonable time limit on debate is two times 10 minutes. Mayor Montoya stated that the debate portion will be after the motion and second. Time Savers were discussed, and it was stated that tabling is for later in the same meeting and postponing is for another meeting. Ms. Vela stated that you cannot speak against your own motion, but you can vote against your own motion. The person who made the motion has the authority to begin the debate. No member can speak no more than twice on the same question on the same day. She stated the item is the subject of debate (not the person). Ms. Vela addressed the presiding officer duties. The presentation was followed by a Q&A. Commissioner Gomez stated that vulgar language should not be used. Mr. Leandro Villarreal asked about the item being repeated after there has been discussion. Once there is a vote, there is no more discussion. There

was a question regarding the repercussions to not listening to the Chairperson. Mayor Montoya stated he would go on a case-by-case basis.

# 5) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Montoya adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.