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Queen City of the Rio Grande Valley

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Commissioner of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:00 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 on the attached agenda.

If during the course of this meeting, the City Commission should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the City Commission is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., will be held by the City Commission at the date, hour, and place indicated in this Notice-Agenda or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice/Agenda as the City Commission may conveniently meet in such closed door or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the section and purpose covered by the following section of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.087. Should any final action, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the City Commission with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, decision, or vote shall be either in the open meeting, or at a subsequent public meeting upon notice, therefore, as the City Commission shall determine.

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 30TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019

ATTEST:

Joselynn Castillo, Interim City Secretary

Time of Posting: 3:30 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.

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS

1.) Call Meeting to Order.

2.) Establish Quorum.

3.) Invocation.

4.) Pledge of Allegiance.

5.) Open Forum-

Maximum length of time of forum is thirty minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of three 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 5:50 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.

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 three-minute time limit has expired.

6.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21):

A.) Approval of Minutes for City Commission meeting (s) held August 20, 2019 & August 27, 2019.

B.) Discussion and Possible Action to Set Regular City Commission Meeting date from Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to Wednesday, November 6, 2019, or some other date, due to Voting on Constitutional Amendments on the Regular City Commission Meeting Date.

7.) City Manager comments.

8.) Presentation by City Attorney on HB 2840 on Public Comment Legislation, and How it May Affect Public Meetings. (City Attorney)

9.) Public Hearing: To Hold a Public Hearing to Solicit Input from Mercedes citizens on the City's Intent to Submit an Application for Funding (USDA Rural Development – Rural Utilities Services) to Restore the Historic City Hall & Fire Station being 323 S. Ohio Avenue, Mercedes, Texas.

10.) Public Hearing: On Parks and Open Space Master Plan to Solicit the Public's Input on Mercedes Parks' Priorities and Amenities.

11.) 1st Public Hearing: On the Proposed Tax Rate for 2019.

12.) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Grant Reimbursement for Historically Designated Property 337 S. Missouri, Mercedes, Texas. (Library Director)

13.) Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint a Regular Board Member to the Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission. (Library Director)

14.) Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2013-18 to Re-categorize the levied 'Capital Improvement Fee' to a 'Utility Maintenance Fee'. (City Manager)

15.) Discussion and Possible Action on Development Corporation of Mercedes FY 2019-2020 Budget.

16.) Discussion and Possible Action on Marketing Plan Budget as Proposed by the Development Corporation of Mercedes for FY 2019-2020

- 17.) Discussion and Possible Action on Interlocal Agreement with the Mercedes Independent School District to Engage Educational Resource Officers. (Police Chief)**
- 18.) Presentation of Specialized Police Traffic Unit and additional police vehicles. (Police Chief)**
- 19.) Discussion and Possible Action to hire a Civil Engineer Consultant. (Commissioner Gomez & Benavidez)**
- 20.) Tabled: Discussion and Possible Action regarding the City of Mercedes Internal Procurement Process Policy. (Commissioner Benavidez & Gomez)**
- 21.) Proclamation – Cpl. Jose “Speedy” Esperiqueta.**
- 22.) Executive Session:**
 - Consultation with City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Gov’t Code, regarding potential litigation as it relates to the remodeling of the police station (Public Works Building).
 - Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Local Gov’t Code to provide legal advice in connection with All pending/ongoing or anticipated litigation against the City of Mercedes. (Commissioner Benavides & Gomez)
 - Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to hear a complaint(s) against a public official; City Commissioner Leonel Benavidez. Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 regarding same.
- 23.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding item(s) discussed in Executive Session.**
- 24.) Adjourn.**