

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Leandro Villarreal Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonel Benavidez Commissioner
Cristella De Leon Hernandez Commissioner
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Zavala City Manager
Anthony Troiani City Attorney via Zoom
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary
Dagoberto Chavez ACM/Police Chief
Hugo Perales I.T Director
Jose Figueroa Public Works Director

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

2) ESTABLISH QUORUM

Four members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum.

3) INVOCATION

City Manager Zavala was voice for those present by expressing an inspired invocation.

4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal led in the pledge of allegiance.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SEEK SEALED BIDS FOR SEWER LINE PIPE BURSTING AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, INCLUSIVE OF SEWER SERVICE RE-CONNECTIONS AT BLOCK 10, GARDEN PARK SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Figueroa informed the Commission of a clay sewer line in Block 10 of Garden park Subdivision that has been breached by roots and is not functioning properly. There is 660 ft of line service. At a question, Mr. Zavala stated the quote was provided to see a ball park of the project at hand. At a question, Mr. Figueroa stated other options have been looked at and if the line is to be placed elsewhere the price may go up. At the suggestion of placing the line next to the clay line, Mr. Figueroa said it may be the best possible way. Commissioner Gomez commented about properties that have encroached the alley and stated the City should have a form signed by the Citizens allowing the City to enter their property. There was discussion regarding the alley and property lines and liability for structures placed on City property. Staff is looking to see if the alley was ever abandoned or if permits were issued due to the encroachment. Mr. Troiani stated that the City would have had to provide permission to place a building on City property and recommends that a notice is provided as courtesy of the structure needing to be moved. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal made a motion to approve staff to solicit for bids. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item passed unanimously.

Mayor Hinojosa stated Commissioner Benavidez arrived at 12:13 PM.

6) ADJOURN

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.