

## NOTICE


**NOTICE** is hereby given that the City Commissioner of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 1:00 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 of 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 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Time of Posting: 5:20 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  
AUGUST 4, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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- 1.) Call Meeting to Order.
- 2.) Establish Quorum.
- 3.) Invocation.
- 4.) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5.) Open Forum-

Maximum length of time of forum is forty-five minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of five 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 12:50 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 of 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 five-minute time limit has expired.
- 6.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21):
  - A.) Approval of Minutes for City Commission meeting (s) held July 21 & 29, 2020.
  - B.) Second and Final Reading on Ordinance 2020-11 to approve the Settlement Terms and Rate Tariffs as they relate to the TGS COSA Rate Increase Matter
  - C.) Approval of Resolution 2020-11 Accepting Operation Stonegarden #3172805
  - D.) Approval of quarterly investment report 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 7.) City Manager Comments
- 8.) Presentation by Public Works Director Comments on recent Tropical Climate Event (Hurricane Hanna).
- 9.) Presentation by Hollis Rutledge & Associates on CARES Act Oversight
- 10.) Discussion and Possible Action on 'Mercedes-Small Business Assistance Program' Guidelines and Application Process
- 11.) Discussion and Possible Action to Fill One Vacancy to the Development Corporation of Mercedes (DCM) Board of Directors
- 12.) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Moratorium for Sound Permits as a COVID-19 Safety Measure to Minimize 'Gatherings'
- 13.) Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Amendment of the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Mercedes and the County of Hidalgo's Urban County Program' for the years 2021-2023
- 14.) Discussion and Possible Action on Hidalgo County 2020-2021 Urban County Interlocal Agreement
- 15.) Discussion and Possible Action on Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for Project Specific Administrative Services
- 16.) Discussion to approve expenditure of grant funded in part by LRGVDC Area Agency on Aging.
- 17.) Discussion and Action to reject bids for the repair of Rotors at Sewer Facilities and Re-Authorize staff to seek new sealed bids for the needed repairs.
- 18.) Discussion and Action to Approve Expenditure for Water Distribution Pump for the Water Treatment Plant.
- 19.) Discussion and Action to Approve Expenditure for Work Order and Alert program.

- 20.) Discussion and Action to Approve Expenditure for silent pump for the Lift Station #9.
- 21.) Discussion and Possible Action to formalize approved policies: Resident Complaint Policy (approved 10/1/2019) and Internal Procurement Policy (approved 8/20/2019) (Benavidez & Gomez)
- 22.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding the maintaining of ditches within the City limits of Mercedes (Benavidez & Gomez)
- 23.) Review and Possible Action on Contracts:
- (Expire 9/30/2020)
- (1.) Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP (Bond Counsel)
  - (2.) Carr Riggs & Ingram (Auditors)
  - (3.) Gutierrez, R. Engineering ( Engineering Services)
  - (4.) LeFevre Engineering (Engineering Services)
  - (5.) Sigler, Winston & Greenwood Engineering (Engineering Services)
  - (6.) Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP (Dlqt. Tax/other fees Attorney)
  - (7.) TML-IRP (Liability/E&O/Physical, Property/Mobile/Flood
  - (8.) City of Weslaco (Animal Impoundment Services)
- (Expire 11/2020)
- (9.) Montalvo Insurance –Texas Mutual Worker’s Comp
  - (10.) Humana (Health Insurance)
  - (11.) Waste Connections of Texas (Solid Waste Services)
- (Expires 2021)
- (12.) Troiani & Sossi Law (City Attorney)
  - (13.) McAfee Insurance (Government Crime Insurance)
  - (14.) Jacobs (CH2MHill) (OMI, Inc) (Water/Wastewater Plant)
  - (15.) Juan R. Alvarez (Municipal Court Judge)
- (Expires 2022)
- (16.) RBC- Dain Rauscher, Inc (Financial Advisors)
- Consultants:
- (17.) Langley & Banack, Inc. (Post ETJ-Annexations & De-Annexations Legal Services)
  - (18.) Armando Martinez (Administrator of Record/Emergency Medical Services)
  - (19.) Dr. Andrew Levine –Medical Director
  - (20.) Hollis Rutledge (Planning, Marketing & Governmental Relations)
  - (21.) TIF Services of South Texas (TIRZ Services)
  - (22.) David R. Gorena (City Prosecutor)
  - (23.) Raba Kistner (Geo Tech Lab Testing)
  - (24.) Terracon (Geo Tech Lab Testing)
  - (25.) PSI (Geo Tech Lab Testing)
- 24.) Monthly Department Reports
- 25.) General Session (Reconvene):
- 26.) Adjourn.