

## NOTICE

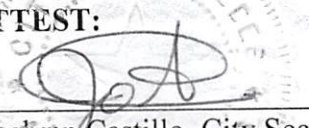
**NOTICE** is hereby given that the City Commissioner of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering 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 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 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.**

**ATTEST:**



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Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary  
Time of Posting: 1:45 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 18, 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 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 five-minute time limit has expired.

- 6.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21):
  - A.) Approval of Minutes for City Commission meeting (s) held August 4 & 10, 2020.
  - B.) Approval of Resolution 2020-11 Accepting Operation Stonegarden #3172805
- 7.) City Manager Comments
- 8.) Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Staff to Solicit Bids for 2 Heart Monitors (Armando Martinez, EMS Coordinator)
- 9.) Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Staff to purchase 3 portable rehab tents by Sunbelt Inflatable Tents with CARES funding (Javier Campos Jr, Fire Chief)
- 10.) Discussion and Possible Action to Vote on a Proposed Tax Rate for 2020
- 11.) Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Disposition (Auction) of Seized Vehicles
- 12.) Discussion and Possible Action to approve quotation for Public Works' vehicle to be paid for through CARES funds.
- 13.) Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance to Amend Ord. No. 2020-01 Declaring an Election to be Held in the City of Mercedes on November 3, 2020, with revised Early Voting Dates.
- 14.) Discussion and Possible Action to amend, clarify, implement or revise complaint policy enacted October 1, 2020. (Benavidez & Gomez) (Note: this appears to be the same item approved by the Commission on July 21, 2020).
- 15.) TABLED: Discussion and Possible Action to Fill One Vacancy to the Development Corporation of Mercedes (DCM) Board of Directors
- 16.) TABLED: Review and Possible Action on Contracts:  
(Expire 9/30/2020)
  - (1.) Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP (Bond Counsel) September 30, 2020
  - (2.) Carr Riggs & Ingram (Auditors)
  - (3.) Gutierrez, R. Engineering ( Engineering Services) September 30, 2020
  - (4.) LEMC Engineering (Engineering Services) September 30, 2020
  - (5.) Sigler, Winston & Greenwood Engineering (Engineering Services) September 30, 2020
  - (6.) Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP (Dlqt. Tax/other fees Attorney) September 30, 2020
  - (7.) TML-IRP (Liability/E&O/Physical, Property/Mobile/Flood September 30, 2020

(8.) City of Weslaco (Animal Impoundment Services) September 30, 2020

(Expire 11/2020)

(9.) McAfee Insurance (Government Crime Insurance) October 1, 2020

(10.) Montalvo Insurance –Texas Mutual Worker’s Comp November 1, 2020

(11.) Humana (Health Insurance) November 30, 2020

(Expires 2021)

(12.) Troiani & Sossi Law (City Attorney)

(13.) Jacobs (CH2MHill) (OMI, Inc) (Water/Wastewater Plant)

(14.) Juan R. Alvarez (Municipal Court Judge) September 30, 2021

(Expires 2022)

(15.) RBC- Dain Rauscher, Inc (Financial Advisors)

(16.) Cintas August 15, 2022

(Expires 2023)

(17.) Waste Connections of Texas (Solid Waste Services) March 31, 2023

Consultants:

(18.) Langley & Banack, Inc. (Post ETJ-Annexations & De-Annexations Legal Services) Approved 8-6-2013

(19.) Armando Martinez (Administrator of Record/Emergency Medical Services) March 1, 2021

(20.) Dr. Andrew Levine –Medical Director November 6, 2020

(21.) Hollis Rutledge (Planning, Marketing & Governmental Relations) January 2, 2021

(22.) TIF Services of South Texas (TIRZ Services) December 31, 2020

(23.) David R. Gorena (City Prosecutor) February 2021

(24.) Raba Kistner (Geo Tech Lab Testing)

(25.) Terracon (Geo Tech Lab Testing)

(26.) PSI (Geo Tech Lab Testing)

**17.) Monthly Department Reports**

**18.) Executive Session:**

- Discussion Regarding Duties and Responsibilities of the City Manager. –Section 551.072, Texas Government Code Annotated.- Value of Real Property (Feasibility City Jail).
- Consultation with legal pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(2) for the purpose of receiving privileged attorney client communications and pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(1) regarding to anticipated litigation. (4<sup>th</sup> quarter fiscal year briefing on status of pending litigation).

**19.) General Session: (Reconvene)**

**20.) Adjourn**