



Mayor Oscar D. Montoya
Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Martinez
Commissioner Leonel Benavidez

Commissioner Jacob Howell
Commissioner Jose M. Gomez
Interim City Manager Kevin Pagan

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, TX 78570

“At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.”

- 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 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 five-minute time limit has expired.

- 6.) Presentations:
 - A.) Workforce Solutions Presentation
 - B.) Emergency Notification-CODE RED
 - C.) Update on Mercedes Drainage Projects including Proactive efforts. (Commissioners Benavidez & Gomez)
- 7.) **Consent Agenda:** *(All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, if discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.)*
 - A.) Possible Action to Authorize Budget Amendment for needed power to the Mercedes EOC
 - B.) Approval and Acceptance of a Grant Agreement Flood Infrastructure Fund from TWDB.
 - C.) Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weslaco for Mile 2 ½ W. Road
- 8.) City Manager Comments
- 9.) **Ordinances and Resolutions:**
 - A.) Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution pursuant to Local Government Code Section 21.003 authorizing elected officials to serve as volunteers for, among other things, the Mercedes Volunteer Fire Department.
 - B.) Consideration and Approval of a Resolution by the City Commission of the City of Mercedes, Texas Authorizing and Approving Publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; Complying with the requirements contained in securities and exchange commission rule 15c2-12; and providing and effective date.
 - C.) Consideration and approval of a resolution relating to establishing the City’s intention to reimburse itself

for the prior lawful expenditures of funds relating to constructing various city improvements from the proceeds of Tax-Exempt obligations to be issued by the City for Authorized purposes; Authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date.

10.) Management Item(s):

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Hidalgo St. between N. Ohio Ave. & N. Illinois Ave.
- B.) Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of One New Member to the Keep Mercedes Beautiful Committee.
- C.) Discussion and Possible Action on the City of Mercedes Work Safe Plan regarding the Opening of City Buildings.
- D.) Discussion and Possible Action for an Equipment Needed Assessment for All of the Departments of the City of Mercedes. (Commissioners Benavidez & Gomez)
- E.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Irrigation District No. 9.

11.) Tabled Items:

- A.) Consideration and Possible Action to renew the contract with Langley and Banack, Inc. (Legal Services in connection with the Weslaco-Mercedes ETJ, Annexations & Utility System Boundaries Issues

12.) Future Agenda Items

13.) Executive Session: Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development)

- A.) Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal aspects of Fire Department/EMS Operations. (T.G.C. 551.071)
- B.) Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 to deliberate the possible appointment of Mr. Alberto Perez as City Manager of the City of Mercedes, Texas

14.) Open Session:

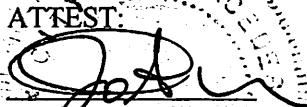
- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on item A of Executive Session.
- B.) Discussion and Possible Action to enter a term contract of employment with Mr. Alberto Perez as City Manager of the City of Mercedes, Texas.

15.) Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 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 above. 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 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

ATTEST:


Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Time of Posting: 3: 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.