

NOTICE


NOTICE is hereby given that the City Commissioner of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, March 2, 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 on the attached agenda. For those that would like to participate please join with the following link: JOIN WEBEX <https://cityofmercedes.my.webex.com/cityofmercedes.my/j.php?MTID=ma58a5f6a12ad18780a9d200ed6182f44> **Meeting number (access code):** 182 010 6919 **Meeting password:** 73uuNsqhY3b (73886774 from phones) **by phone** 1-469-210-7159 United States Toll (Dallas) +1-415-655-0001

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 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 4:35 P.M

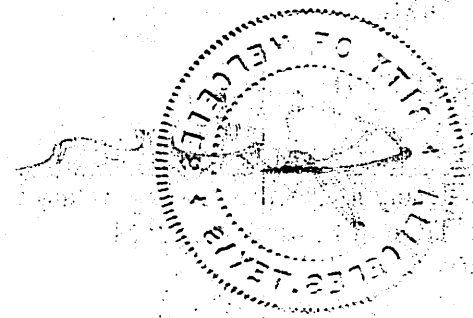
ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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.

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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
MARCH 2, 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.) **City Manager Comments**

- 7.) **Public Hearing:**

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Ordinance to Rezone Lots 1 & 42, Blk 1, and Lots 1 & 14, Blk 3, Mercedes Estates, from Class “N” Newly Annexed to Class “C-1” Apartment District.
- B.) Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Ordinance to Rezone Capisallo .23 AC – 3.04 AC Lot 8 Blk 66 A/K/A Lots 16 & 17 Greentree Subd. From Class “N” Newly Annexed to Class “B” Business District

- 8.) **Bids/Contracts:**

- A.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding responses to RFP's for Grant Writing Consulting Services
- B.) Consideration and Possible Action to execute a month to month contract for General Counsel Services with Law Firm Troiani and Sossi, pllc.

- 9.) **Projects:**

- A.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding process to move forward on Mile 1 (MPO) project
- B.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding completion of Maryland/Collier Park RDF
- C.) Consideration and Possible Action to Proceed with plans and seeking funding for Collier Park pump station
- D.) Consideration and Possible Action to enter into negotiations for acquisition of property and funding for Union Pacific property and related RDF project

- 10.) **Management Item(s):**

- A.) Consideration and Possible Action on Appointment of One Member to the Keep Mercedes Beautiful Committee and Reappoint current members
- B.) Consideration and Possible Action on Policy Directive Related to City Manager and City Charter

11.) Tabled Item(s):

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on Marketing Campaign to Promote Mercedes to the RGV Market

12.) Future Agenda Items

13.) Executive Session:

- A.) Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding status of certain legal cases related to September 2019 incident (T.G.C 551.071)
- B.) Consultation with special counsel regarding process for entering into contingent fee contract and status of negotiations related to same (T.G.C 551.071)
- C.) Consultation and discussion regarding City Manager hiring process, including legal issues and background process (T.G.C 551.071 and 551.074)

14.) Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Session Item A, B, and C.

15.) Adjournment