



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

Commissioner Jacob Howell
Commissioner Jose M. Gomez
City Manager Alberto Perez

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 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.) Fire, Police and Public Works Department Storm report
- B.) Waste Connections report on Brush pickup

7.) **City Manager Comments:**

- 1.) Update on Water loss
- 2.) Update on sludge removal
- 3.) Discuss Job Fair on May 21, 2021
- 4.) Update on 1st City Food Bank distribution and future dates
- 5.) Sales tax revenue update
- 6.) Develop quarterly process to identify unused funds (Howell)

8.) **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- A.) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution #2021-16 to Approve the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way

9.) **Management Item(s):**

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Open Records Requests for Commissioners
- B.) Discussion and Possible Action on Mile 9 North Meadows Pre-Final Plat Approval
- C.) Discussion and Possible Action to Rezone-East Mercedes Lot 8 Blk 4
- D.) Discussion and Possible Action by the Commission to initiate Drainage Improvements for the City of Mercedes (Benavidez & Gomez)
- E.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding water storage capabilities (Martinez & Howell)
- F.) Discussion and Possible Action on impact of lawn mowing debris in the streets and storm drains creating build up (imposition of fine of \$50 to \$250) (Gomez & Benavidez)
- G.) Discussion and Possible Action to purchase generators for lift stations #1, #2, #3, #5 and #8 (Benavidez & Gomez)

H.) Discussion and Possible Action by the Commission on the Needs Assessment conducted for all of the Departments of the City of Mercedes.

10.) Bids/Contracts:

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action to approve Workforce Solutions work Subsidized Employment Agreement
- B.) Discussion and Possible Action on contract with Border Affairs, LLC for grant writing services.

11.) Future Agenda Items:

12.) Monthly Department Reports

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 and Discussion on Economic Development Project Travel Center (EDC) (Section 551.087)
- B.) Consultation and Discussion on Privileged Attorney Client Communication (Mr Perez)
- C.) Consultation and Discussion regarding role of the City Commission and City staff (directing staff Section 551.074) (Mr Perez)
- D.) Discussion regarding the Duties and Responsibilities of the City Manager and the inclusion of supporting documentation for all items to be placed on the Agenda by Staff & City Commissioners (Section 551.074, Benavidez, Gomez and Mr Perez)
- E.) Consultation with Attorney regarding complimentary tickets to the 82nd Annual Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo (Section 551.071, Benavidez and Gomez)
- F.) Consultation with Attorney regarding R. Gutierrez Engineering contract. (Section 551.071) (Mr Perez)

14.) Open Session:


- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on items in Executive Session A, B, C, D, E and F.

15.) Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, May 18, 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 14ST DAY OF MAY 2021.

ATTEST:


Joselyn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 6:55 P.M.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

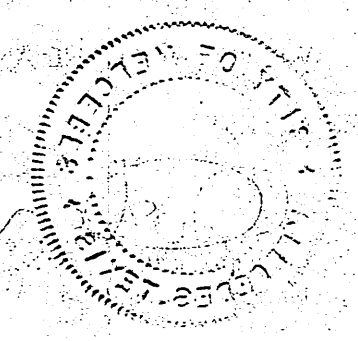
The City of Mercedes recognizes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (956) 565-3114 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with requests for reasonable accommodations, including requests for a sign language interpreter.

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