



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
OCTOBER 19, 2021 – 6:30 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 6:20 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.) Presentation by Hidalgo County regarding the Scofflaw Program (Hidalgo County)
- B.) Presentation on the maintenance of drainage canals (PW Director)

7.) Consent Agenda:

- A.) Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held August 13, 2021 and August 17, 2021.
- B.) Approval to reappoint existing member to the Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC)
- C.) Approval of items for surplus.
- D.) Approval of 4th Quarterly Investment Report

8.) City Manager Comments:

- A.) Update on status of Master Drainage Plan, Development of cost estimates for street, water distribution and water collections (sewer) improvements (Comm. Howell & Martinez). B.) Update on Worker’s Compensation Agreement with Montalvo Insurance.

9.) Ordinance/Resolutions:

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2021-31 authorizing the City of Mercedes to execute the interlocal agreement with the County of Hidalgo as it relates to Scofflaw. (Police Chief)
- B.) Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Relating to establishing the City’s Intention to Reimburse Itself for the prior lawful expenditure 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.
- C.) Consideration of Bids relating to the sale of obligations designated as “City of Mercedes, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021”, Consideration and Approval of Financial Advisor’s recommendation concerning this matter; and other matters in connection therewith.
- D.) Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of “City of Mercedes, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021”, Providing for the payment of said certificates by the Levy of

an Ad Valorem Tax Upon all taxable property within the City and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenue s of the system; authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreements with the City's Financial Advisors; and providing an effective date.

- E.) Discussion and Possible Action to direct City Manager to work with legal to develop training for City Commission on Roberts Rules of Order (Comm. Martinez & Howell)

10.) Action Item(s):

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on funding request from VIDA
B.) Discussion and Possible Action to allow the Proposed Development for Winston Tract to be filed with the City of Weslaco & Hidalgo County for Subdivision Review. (PW Director)
C.) Discussion and Possible Action to address safety hazards in City Parks including Playground Equipment (Comm. Benavidez & Gomez)
D.) Discussion and Possible Action to memorialize Mercedes residents who have died due to COVID-19. (Comm. Benavidez & Gomez)

11.) Bids/Contracts:

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on entering into an agreement with the County of Hidalgo, Texas Tax Assessor Collector, Hamer Enterprises and the City of Mercedes for participation in the SCOFFLAW (Police Chief)

12.) 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.) Discussion and Consideration regarding role of City Commission (interfering with City Manager responsibilities)
B.) Consultation with Attorney regarding legal matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

13.) Open Session:

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on executive session item A.

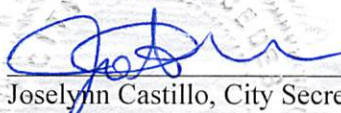
14.) Future Agenda Items

15.) Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 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 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 5:30 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.