



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 5, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
MERCEDDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDDES, 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.) **Consent Agenda:**
 - A.) Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held July 20 & August 3, 2021
 - B.) Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Police Services with Mercedes ISD.
 - C.) Approval of items for surplus.
- 7.) **City Manager Comments:**
 - A.) MHA presents COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Flyer B.) Personnel Policy Manual C.) Master Park Plan D.) Update on City Projects and Events
- 8.) **Ordinance/Resolutions:**
 - A.) Consideration and Action to approve Resolution 2021-30 directing the Mercedes City Manager to execute a TIRZ Agreement with ARADI Holdings for the Travel Center Project
- 9.) **Action Item(s):**
 - A.) Discussion and Action on Amendments to the Bylaws of the Development Corporation of Mercedes
 - B.) Discussion and Possible Action on the reappointment to the Mercedes Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
 - C.) PREVIOUSLY TABLED: Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2021-25 to nominate up to five candidates for the Election of Board of Directors for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District.
- 10.) **Bids/Contracts:**
 - A.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding the ERO Contract Amendment for the Estimated Budget for the Cost of Work for the Police Department Building Renovation
 - B.) Discussion and Possible Action to enter into a Local Agreement between the City of Mercedes Police Department and the Office of Criminal District Attorney of Hidalgo, Texas, hereinafter called States Attorney pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Government Code of Criminal Procedures
- 11.) **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 to rescind and or annul contract for legal services with Martie Garcia-Vela, PC on the basis of misrepresentation pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters
- B.) Discussion relating to the sale of real estate for MERCEDES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE S 885.5' -E 110' BLK 2 – Section 551.072 – Real Property
- C.) Discussion regarding Project Drive-In pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.087 – Economic Development
- D.) Consultation with Attorney regarding pending matters pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.071 – Pending Litigation

12.) Open Session:

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

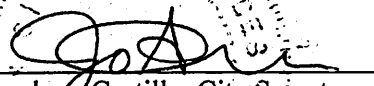
13.) Future Agenda Items

14.) Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, October 5, 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 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

ATTEST



Joselyn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 5:15 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.