



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  
NOVEMBER 2, 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.) **Consent Agenda:**
  - A.) Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held August 5, 2021 and August 24, 2021
  - B.) Approval of items for surplus.
  - C.) Approval of Agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way

- 7.) **City Manager Comments**

- 8.) **Ordinance/Resolutions:**

- A.) Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution 2021-32 to approve opening a Bank Account related to the Certificates of Obligation.
- B.) Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2021-33 approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Mercedes
- C.) Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2021-34 to cast allotted 25 votes for Candidates for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- D.) Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2021-15 approving the Personnel Policy Manual.

- 9.) **Action Item(s):**

- A.) Discussion and Action on approval for City to continue to absorb cost of Utilities for Baskets Full.
- B.) Discussion and Possible Action on Attorney's Fee for Legal Representation for Commissioner Jose M. Gomez as per City Charter Section 4.03 Chief Legal adviser to the City Commission. (Comm. Gomez & Benavidez)
- C.) Discussion and Possible Action on David Garza's Request for De-annexation.
- D.) Discussion and Possible Action to direct City Manager to work with Planning Department in analyzing and proposing updates or considering to rezone potential properties for business purposes. (Comm. Martinez & Howell)

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

- A.) Discussion and Possible Action on Memorandum of Understanding to esignate parking spaces for Veterans.
- B.) PUBLIC HEARING: County of Hidalgo Urban County Program Fiscal Year (35) 2022-2023 Needs Assessment
- C.) Discussion and Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mercedes and the County of Hidalgo Urban County Program.

D.) Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to select a Consulting firm for a Water & Wastewater Sewer Rate Study.

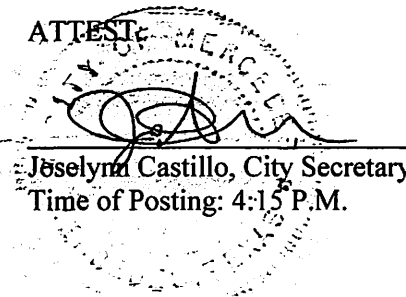
**11.) Future Agenda Items**

**12.) Adjournment**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a *Regular Meeting* on Tuesday, November 2, 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 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

ATTEST:



Joselyn Castillo, City Secretary  
Time of Posting: 4:15 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.**