

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Oscar D Montoya	Mayor
	Joe Martinez	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Leonel Benavidez	Commissioner
	Jacob Howell	Commissioner
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Alberto Perez	City Manager
	Martie Garcia-Vela	City Attorney (webex)
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Javier Chapa	I.T Director
	Ervin Vilchis	I.T Liaison
	Orlando Diaz	Sergeant
	Nereida Perez	Finance Director
	Blanca Sanchez	Interim Chief of Police
	Javier Campos	Fire Chief

**1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

**2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Three members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Mayor Montoya and Commissioner Howell arrived during item 6B.

**3.) INVOCATION**

Commissioner Gomez said the invocation.

**4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Benavidez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5.) OPEN FORUM**

No resident signed up for open forum.

**6.) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**a. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-37 FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

The temporary closure of state right-of-way is for the Christmas Parade. Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gomez seconded. At a question about the cost, Sgt. Diaz stated there is an estimated cost of \$4,000 for additional overtime personnel not on duty and the Christmas parade will need increased man power due to the parade being a large event. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**b. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-38 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT SUBMISSION FOR BOARDER ZONE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FY 2022.**

Fire Chief Campos stated the grant will be used for a pick-up truck to be used in rural areas. Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**c. APPROVAL OF RESOLTUION 2021-39 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT SUBMISSION FOR BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM FY 2022.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made a motion to approve this item. Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**7.) BIDS/CONTRACTS:**

**a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SERVICE PLAN CONTRACT WITH STRYKER FOR LIFEPAK-15 CARDIAC MONITORS.**

Fire Chief Campos informed the Commission that this item is a service contract for the maintenance of the cardiac monitors. The contract has an expiration date in 2024. Chief Campos explained to the Commission the use of the cardiac monitors and stated that the cost is within budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**8.) ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.