



Mayor Oscar D. Montoya
Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Martinez
Commissioner Armando Garcia

Commissioner Jacob Howell
Commissioner Ruben Saldana
City Manager Alberto Perez

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2022 – 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. Recognition of the Mercedes Enterprise.

7. **Consent Agenda:** *(All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, if discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.)*

- a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held August 2, 2022

8. **Ordinance/Resolutions:** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*

- a. First reading of Ordinance No. 2022-16 to Rezone Mercedes Original Townsite Lot 24 Blk 69 from Class “B” Two Family to Class “C-1” Apartment District; Applicant: Cynthia P. Gamez (ACM)
- b. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-17 Prohibiting the Processing, Storage, Application, Disposal and Treatment of Municipal Solid Waste and Wastewater. (ACM)

9. **Management Item(s):** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*

- a. Budget Amendment request to Transfer Three (3) Planning Department Positions to the Public Works Department. (Public Works)
- b. Vote on Proposed Tax Rate for 2022
- c. Directing City Manager to update the City, School and Neighborhood maintenance initiative. (CM)

10. **Bids/Contracts:** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*

- a. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Mercedes Independent School District and the Mercedes Police Department. (PD)
- b. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mercedes and the City of Weslaco for Animal Care Services.
- c. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Addendum between the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties and the Mercedes Police Department. (PD)
- d. Entering into Contract for Engineering Services (CM)

11. **Departmental Monthly Reports:**

Police Dpt., Public Works, Library, Planning, Finance/Municipal Court, City Secretary/HR/PIO, Fire

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 regarding Project Lopez – Section 551.087
- b. Discussion regarding Projects Update from DCM– Section 551.087
- c. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal requirements for school safety and police department requirements – 551.071
- d. Discussion regarding Project Updates from the City – Section 551.087
- e. Consultation with Attorney regarding ETJ legal requirements – Section 551.071

13. Open Session: *Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding*

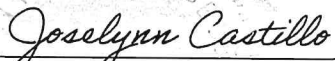
- a. Item A from Executive Session
- b. Item B from Executive Session
- c. Item C from Executive Session
- d. Item D from Executive Session
- e. Item E from Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 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 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 7:45 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.