



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
OCTOBER 18, 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. **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 October 3, 2022.
 - b. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-24 to Convey the Abandoned Alley located at 0.069 of one-acre (3,000 Sq. Ft.) of Land, being a portion of a 20' Public Alley located between Missouri avenue and Texas Avenue of the Original townsite of Mercedes to the Development Corporation of Mercedes
 - c. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-25 on Conveyance of Property to the Development Corporation of Mercedes described as Lot 20, Valle De Palmas Subdivision, Unit 2
 - d. Approval of Agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right-of-Way for Veterans Day Parade.
 - e. Approval of 4th Quarterly Investment Report
 - f. Approval of Budget Amendment 2223-01 for Planning Department from Human Resources
 - g. Approval of Budget Amendment 2223-02 for Public Works Admin from Human Resources
 - h. Approval of Budget Amendment 2223-03 for Public Work Streets from Public Works Utilities
7. **City Manager Comments:**
 - a. Introduction of Public Works Director; b. Introduction of Building Official; c. Introduction of Customer Service Specialist; d. National Night Out Event
8. **Ordinance/Resolutions:** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*
 - a. Resolution 2022-13 authorizing the Resale of Foreclosed Real Estate Properties for failure to pay ad valorem taxes. (H. Gutierrez)
 - b. Ordinance 2022-26 regarding Animal Control Services.
9. **Management Item(s):** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*
 - a. Public Hearing: Fiscal Year (36) 2023-2024 Needs Assessment for the County of Hidalgo Urban County Program.
 - Approving the proposed FY (36) 2023-2024 Urban County Budget
 - b. Approval of changes to the Library Policy. (M. Vidales)
 - c. Letter of Request for support for the 1st Annual South Texas Farm Fest.

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

- a. Renewal of Contract with Montalvo Insurance for Workers Comp Services. (K. Longoria)
- b. Selecting an Audit Firm for FYE 21-22 and possibly FYE 22-23. (N. Perez)
- c. The Interlocal Agreement with the County of Hidalgo: Office of the Tax Assessor Collector. (N.Perez)

11. Monthly Departmental Reports

Finance/Court, Library, Planning, City Secretary/HR, Fire Dept, Police Dept.

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 personnel matters – Section 551.074
- b. Consultation with legal regarding joint project with EDC – Section 551.071 & Section 551.087
- c. Consultation with legal regarding contract – Section 551.071

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

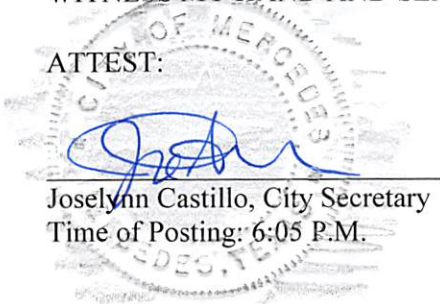
- a. Item A from Executive Session.
- b. Item B from Executive Session.
- c. Item C from Executive Session.


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 18, 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 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

ATTEST:





Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 6:05 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.