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Commissioner Armando Garcia

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MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2023 – 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. Presentations:**

- a. Postponed: Proclamation for Coach Roger Adame for becoming Mercedes' High School's All-Time Winningest Coach
- b. Recognition of Cancer Survivor

**6. 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.

**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 February 7, 2023

**8. City Manager Comments:**

- a. Status Update on S&P Rating and City Audit b. Invitation to LEAP Launch (Library)

**9. Ordinances/Resolutions:** *Present, Discuss, Consider and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*

- a. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2023-03 amending ordinance 2022-08 to approve Senior Citizen Discount to extend to 1-inch residential meter accounts
- b. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2023-04 to remove the disconnect fee and change the reinstatement fee and adding the afterhours reinstatement fee

**10. Management Items:** *Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:*

- a. Approval of Amended Personnel Policy regarding Holiday Pay for Fire/EMS.

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

- a. Approval of Contract between County of Hidalgo Elections Department and estimate for the May 6, 2023 City of Mercedes Election
- b. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library Board and the Friends of the Mercedes Library
- c. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Texas and the City of Mercedes, Texas on behalf of Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library in order to provide library services to county residents

**12. Monthly Departmental Reports**

- a. Police Dept., Fire Dept., Library, Planning, Finance, Rec Center, City Sec/HR

**13. 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 policy – Section 551.074
- b. Discussion regarding future land use for Parks – Section 551.087 & 551.072
- c. Consultation with Attorney regarding Agent of Record contract – Section 551.071
- d. Consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation – Section 551.071
- e. Discussion regarding Project Cruz – Section 551.087
- f. Discussion regarding Project STM – Section 551.087
- g. Discussion regarding Project Coffee – Section 551.087
- h. Discussion regarding Project Killer V – Section 551.087
- i. Discussion regarding Project MD – Section 551.087
- j. Discussion regarding Project M2 – Section 551.087
- k. Discussion regarding Project M30 – Section 551.087
- l. Discussion regarding Project Carwash – Section 551.087
- m. Discussion regarding Project UT – Section 551.087

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

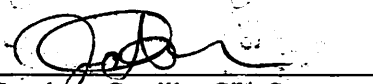
- a. Item A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, & M from Executive Session (separately)

**15. Adjournment**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
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Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary  
Time of Posting: 6:00 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.**