

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING W/ DCM  
AUGUST 10, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Oscar D. Montoya Sr. Mayor  
Jacob Howell Commissioner  
Armando Garcia Commissioner  
Ruben Saldana Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jose Martinez Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alberto Perez City Manager  
Martie Garcia-Vela City Attorney  
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary  
Javier Ramirez Asst. City Manager  
Nereida Perez Finance Director  
Meredith Hernandez Chief Accountant  
Michael Rocha I.T Manager  
David Jimenez I.T Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Ramirez, Fred Gonzalez, Marcos Garcia, Joe Flores, Lou Huerta, Zefra Mascorro, Peggy Yanez, Ruth Valdez,

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.  
President Fred Gonzalez called the meeting to order for the DCM at 6:30 p.m.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Four members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum.  
Commissioner Howell was absent.

**3. INVOCATION**

President Fred Gonzalez said the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Montoya led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. OPEN FORUM**

No citizen signed up for open forum.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana, A. Garcia seconded. 6:34 P.M.**

**a. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters – Section 551.074**

**Mayor Montoya called the meeting back to order at 8:15 P.M.**

**7. OPEN SESSION: Discussion and Action on item 6.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana motioned to authorize the engineer to submit a proposal for a line relocate for Project M30. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana moved to authorize the engineer to provide a cost estimate for Project 150. Commissioner Martinez seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.