

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Dr. Ruben Saldana Armando Garcia Joe Martinez	Mayor Pro-Tem Commissioner Commissioner
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Oscar D. Montoya Sr. Dr. Jacob Howell	Mayor Commissioner
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Alberto Perez Martie Garcia-Vela Joselynn Castillo Javier Ramirez Michael Rocha	City Manager City Attorney (virtually) City Secretary Asst. City Manager I.T Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Sossi

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Three members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Mayor Montoya and Commissioner Howell were absent.

**3. INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana said the invocation

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Martinez led in the pledge of allegiance.

**5. OPEN FORUM**

There were no residents that signed up for open forum.

Commissioner Garcia motioned to go into executive session. Commissioner Martinez seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting went into executive session at 3:11 p.m.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation – Section 551.071
- b. Discussion regarding Economic Development Project – Section 551.087

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana called the meeting back to order at 4:42 p.m.

**7. OPEN SESSION:**

- a. **Item A from Executive Session**

Commissioner Martinez motioned to proceed as instructed by legal.  
Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Item B from Executive Session**

No action was taken on this item.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.