

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Alberto Perez City Manager
Martie Garcia-Vela City Attorney
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary
David Jimenez I.T Specialist

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

All members of the Commission were present which constitutes a full quorum.

3. INVOCATION

Commissioner Saldana said the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez's daughters, Emma Jo and Mariana led in the pledge of allegiance.

5. OPEN FORUM-

No citizen signed up for open forum.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Canvass the Returns of the 2023 City Officer's Runoff Election for Commissioner Place 3 and Declaring the Results

The following are the official results for the runoff election held Saturday, June 10, 2023:
COMMISSIONER PLACE 3

NAME	Mail	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Leonel Benavidez	1	285	105	391
Joe Martinez	16	439	181	636

286 votes were cast on election day; 725 votes were cast during early voting; 17 absentee ballots and no provisional votes were cast.

Joe Martinez received the majority of the votes for Commission Place 3

Commissioner Saldana motioned to accept the results. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Commissioner Place 3

Mayor Montoya recognized District Attorney Terry Palacios. State Representative Armando Martinez administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Joe Martinez and congratulated him for another term in office.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.