

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 30, 2024-6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
401 S. OHIO AVE, MERCEDES, TEXAS 78570

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Oscar D. Montoya Sr. Dr. Jacob C. Howell Armando Garcia Joe Martinez	Mayor Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Dr. Ruben Saldana	Mayor Pro-Tem
STAFF PRESENT:	Alberto Perez Martie Garcia Vela Javier Ramirez Juan Vasquez	City Manager City Attorney (Virtual) Asst. City Manager I.T Specialist

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Three members of the commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Commissioner Martinez arrived during item 7A. Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana was absent.

3. INVOCATION

Commissioner Howell said the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Garcia led in the pledge of allegiance.

5. PROJECT UPDATES:

Mr. Ramirez informed the city commission on the ongoing projects in the city on the 10th street and Capisallo Terrace Project. On 10th street project waterline replacement and resurface of street the waterline should be 100% completion by Saturday August 06, 2024 that would be the section on 491 to Florida Street they are working on the tie ends at the moment on the Florida street side and Canal street. The curb and gutter replacement began and that project should be done by the upcoming days. Seems that project is on schedule on repaving 491 to Florida street by August 14, 2024. Capisallo Terrace Sewer Project has been completed for almost a month and will begin paving on Thursday August 01, 2024 this project is with Precinct 1. The water line project plans for 10th Street from Ohio to Maryland will be completed by Friday. Mayor Montoya would like an update on the land acquisition by the railroad and the pooling of water on Business 83 by the pizza hut and dairy queen.

6. BID/CONTRACT:

a. Approval of Annual Roof Repair Contract

Engineer Israel gave a briefing on the background on the annual Bid for Roofing and went out for proposal RFP 2024-016 Roof replacement repair and related services original date was July 3, 2024 and city only received one respondent so than we extended the date because we received two calls and only one actually received one contractor go out to the site and so we reached out to Betancourt Legacy Construction. They do have experience in built up roofs. We are selecting the contractor and if approved they will then go and visit with the contractor to price it out. Mr. Posadas recommended proceeding with Betancourt. Commissioner Garcia motioned to approve. Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

a. Approving Resolution 2024-22 regarding Local Park Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Application

Commissioner Howell motioned to approve and forego the reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Approving Resolution 2024-23 regarding updating the Parks and Open Space Master Park Plan

Mr. Ramirez stated they are looking at amending the 2019 Master Park Plan to add a survey that was conducted to get feedback from the community for the Dome park and to include an operations and maintenance plan.

Commissioner Howell motioned to approve and forego the reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Martinez motioned to go into executive session. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting went into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.07 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development)*

- a. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters – Section 551.074
- b. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation -Section 551.071
- c. Consultation with Attorney regarding contracts – Section 551.071
- d. Discussion regarding Project M30-Section 551.087
- e. Discussion regarding Project M2-Section 551.087

Mayor Montoya called the meeting back to open session at 8:55 p.m.

9. OPEN SESSION:

- a. Item A from Executive Session – No Action
- b. Item B from Executive Session – No Action
- c. Item C from Executive Session – No action
- d. Item D from Executive Session – Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve and move forward with Project M30 and negotiate as discussed in executive session with conjunction with City of Mercedes, EDC and legal team. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Item E from Executive Session – No Action

b. Adjournment

Commissioner Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.