

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

STAFF PRESENT:	Alberto Perez	City Manager
	Martie Garcia Vela	City Attorney
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Meredith Hernandez	Interim Finance Director
	Javier Ramirez	Asst. City Manager
	Marisol Vidales	Library Director
	Juan Vasquez	I.T Specialist
	Tom Villagomez	Public Works Director

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Four members of the commission were present which constitutes a quorum. 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. OPEN FORUM-

- Mr. Joe and Mary Cano stated they addressed the Commission on May 21, 2024. They provided pictures and prices for the van they need for Amigos Del Valle. The members of the center would like to attend events but fear the van will break down any moment. The van has faulty A/C and is crowded. They are requesting approval to replacing their 2009 van for a new 15 passenger van.
- Mr. Albert Cano expressed his concern about his wife who fell at home and was in pain. He dialed 9-1-1 and received no answer, he then called Mercedes PD and again no answer, however, Mercedes PD called him back. Mr. Cano stated it took 16 minutes for someone to arrive as of his first phone call. He stated the EMT's did an awesome job, but expressed his concern with not being answered when he called PD.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held June 18, 2024 & July 2, 2024

Commissioner Martinez motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

a. Approval of first reading of ordinance 2024-06 amending ordinance 2023-04 regarding garbage accounts

b. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2024-07 to rezone Hacienda Olivia Phase II.

Commissioner Martinez motioned to approve the items under Ordinances/Resolution both A & B and forego the reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. MANAGEMENT ITEMS: *Present, discuss, consider and possibly take action regarding:*

a. Approval to accept the Voluntary Annexation Petition filed for Las Cabanas

Commissioner Howell motioned to approve. Commissioner Martinez seconded. Mr. Ramirez stated it is required to have the city approve the petition in order to move forward. Mile 2 West and Mile 9 north on the south east side of the intersection. This is a 14.9 acre of Lot 3 block 120. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The properties were originally ½ acre.

9. Departmental Monthly Report

Reports are included for their review.

Commissioner Martinez motioned to go into executive session. Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting went into executive session at 6:48 p.m.

10. 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 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

Mayor Montoya called the meeting back to order at 7:52 p.m.

11. Open Session:

- a. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item A – No Action
- b. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item B – No Action
- c. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item C – No Action

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Martinez motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously at 7:53 p.m.