

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 16, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Henry Hinojosa Mayor  
Leandro Villarreal Mayor Pro-Tem  
Leonel Benavidez Commissioner  
Cristella De Leon Hernandez Commissioner  
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner via Webex

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sergio Zavala City Manager  
Anthony Troiani City Attorney via Webex  
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary  
Javier Campos Fire Chief/EMC  
Hugo Perales I.T Director  
Nereida Perez Finance Director

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

**2) ESTABLISH QUORUM**

All members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Commissioner Gomez was present via Webex.

**3) INVOCATION**

City Manager Zavala said the invocation.

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal led in the pledge of allegiance.

**5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 AMBULANCE FOR COVID RESPONSE FROM SOUTHWAST AMBULANCE SALES.**

Fire Chief Campos updated the Commission of the impact COVID has had on the City of Mercedes and continued on the need to continuously provide great service to the Citizens of Mercedes. Fire Chief Campos informed the Commission of the call volume for EMS Services.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to approve item 5. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item passed unanimously.

**6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 6 SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR COVID-19 USAGE FROM HEAT SAFETY EQUIPMENT, LLC.**

Fire Chief Campos informed the Commission of the necessity for the 6 Air Packs and stated they would be placed on the 3 ambulances. The funding would come from the CARES Act and may take 3 to 4 weeks to arrive.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal made a motion to approve item 6. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item passed unanimously.

**7) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 10 PORTABLE RADIOS FROM TRI-COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS.**

Fire Chief Campos stated that the portable radios would allow each firefighter to have one assigned. This would help from cross contamination of COVID-19.

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to approve item 7. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**8) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Hinojosa seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 PM.

ATTEST:

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Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

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Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary