

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT:	Sergio Zavala	City Manager
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Marisol Vidales	Library Aide

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Hinojosa welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

All members of the Commission were present which constituted a quorum.

3.) INVOCATION.

Commissioner Gomez was voice for those present by expressing an inspired invocation.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.) TABLED: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 CALLING THE 2020 CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION.

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to un-table item 5. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zavala informed the Commission that other cities were contacted. One City had the 7 am to 7 pm hours and their price from the County was \$23K, which would be approximately \$7K increase.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion for the hours to remain 8 am to 6 pm and 7 am to 7 pm on the first and last day of Early voting. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Benavidez and Commissioner Gomez voted nay.

6.) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE LETTER OF AGENCY BETWEEN THE CITY OF MERCEDES ON BEHALF OF DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND REGION ONE ESC FOR INCLUSION IN THE ORION CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNET SERVICES.

Ms. Vidales addressed the Commission regarding the Orion Consortium for Internet services. Ms. Vidales stated the library currently has 200 MB speed and if the City accepts the letter of agency with Region One ESC, the Internet speed can increase to 10 GB speed. The current internet is provided through E-Rate funding and the City pays 10%.

With the Orion Consortium Service, the City will need to pay the full amount of \$400 per month. Mr. Hernan Ramirez, Region One ESC Director, informed the Commission that the service benefits the community because it makes internet more accessible. He stated the agreement is for 4 years for \$4,080.00 per year.

Commissioner Gomez made a motion to not accept and to bring back next year for consideration. Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item passed. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal voted nay.

7.) ADJOURN.

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 P.M.