

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Commissioner of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking formal action regarding the items listed on the attached agenda.

If during the course of this meeting, the City Commission should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the City Commission is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., will be held by the City Commission at the date, hour, and place indicated in this Notice-Agenda or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice/Agenda as the City Commission may conveniently meet in such closed door or executive meeting or session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the section and purpose covered by the following section of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.087. Should any final action, decision, or vote be required in the opinion of the City Commission with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, decision, or vote shall be either in the open meeting, or at a subsequent public meeting upon notice, therefore, as the City Commission shall determine.

This notice is given in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. Seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY THIS THE 3rd DAY OF APRIL, 2020

ATTEST:



Jose Lynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 4:20 P.M

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The City of Mercedes recognizes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (956) 565-3114 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with requests for reasonable accommodations, including requests for a sign language interpreter.

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS

- 1.) Call Meeting to Order.
- 2.) Establish Quorum.
- 3.) Invocation.
- 4.) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5.) Open Forum-

Maximum length of time of forum is forty-five minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of five minutes. The City Commission can take no formal action on any city related matter discussed during the open forum. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up as they arrive, indicating the topic about which they wish to speak. No one will be able to sign up **AFTER 12:50 PM**. The information required for signing up must be completed by that time. No public comments will be allowed during any agenda item unless recognized by the Mayor of if the item requires a public hearing. State your name and address before beginning your presentation.

There can be no comments about specific employees. By Charter, the City Manager is exclusively given authority over personnel matters, including complaints against city personnel. All complaints against city personnel will be addressed pursuant to Mercedes Personnel Policies.

Comments must not be repeated and the Commission is not required to answer any question from the public. Any person who decides to directly question any member of the City Commission will be asked to discontinue their comments. The City Secretary's office representative will be responsible for notifying each presenter that their five-minute time limit has expired.
- 6.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21):
 - A.) Approval of Minutes for City Commission meeting (s) held March 17, 20 & 23, 2020.
 - B.) Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-04 for Right-of-way Excavations, Establishing a Permit Process and Fee; Authoring a Street Damage Fee to Secure the Integrity of Excavated City Streets, Sidewalks, and Alleys; and Adopting Related Measures to Maintain the City's ROWs
 - C.) Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-05 to Repeal Ordinance No. 2017-07 Regarding Utility Service Stewardship.
- 7.) City Manager Comments
- 8.) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve E-rate Category 2 Contract to Barcom Technology Solutions for Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library
- 9.) Discussion and Possible action to appoint, and/or re-appoint, four (4) Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission Members.
- 10.) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Changes to the Mercedes Historic Preservation Committee Grant Process
- 11.) Discussion and Action to Approve an ordinance establishing and funding the Public Works department Street Maintenance Fund
- 12.) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amended Mercedes Police Department Policies and Procedures
- 13.) TABLED: Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint or Reappoint two (2) members to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and two (2) Alternates to the Zoning Board of Adjustments
- 14.) Executive Session: Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (1)(a) regarding contemplated action pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to receive legal advice and information protected by attorney client communication privilege regarding to the acquisition and dissemination of protected information.
- 15.) General Session (Reconvene): Possible Action on item discussed in Executive Session.
- 16.) Adjourn.

NOTICE

In accordance with Governor Abbott's March 16, 2020, Executive Order and section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, in an effort to prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), beginning March 30, 2020, The City Commission will do its best to live stream their meetings. The City Commission will continue to meet to conduct business, and to maximize public safety, the public is invited to participate in Commission meetings by video access rather than attending the meeting in person.

You will be able to access the live stream via The City of Mercedes Facebook page.

- Members of the public will be able to participate and address the governmental body during any telephonic or videoconference meeting.
- To hold a telephonic or videoconference meeting, a governmental body must post a written notice that gives the public a way to participate remotely, such as a toll-free dial-in number, and that includes an electronic copy of any regular agenda packet that officials will consider at the meeting.
- A governmental body must provide the public with access to a recording of any telephonic or videoconference meeting.

Citizens are invited to continue participating in Open Forum. To sign up for open forum, please email jcastillo@cityofmercedes.com by 12:50 pm on the day of the meeting or call (956) 565-3114 ext. 138 or 161 with the following information:

Name

Phone Number

Topic of Discussion

The phone number will be required in order to call at the time of Open Forum. The participants will be called in the order of the time they signed up. Remember, the maximum time limit to express your thoughts is 5 minutes, neither staff nor the City Commission can reply during Open Forum.