

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Ruben Saldana Mayor Pro-Tem  
Dr. Jacob Howell Commissioner  
Armando Garcia Commissioner  
Joe Martinez Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Oscar D. Montoya Sr. Mayor

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alberto Perez City Manager  
Martie Garcia-Vela City Attorney  
Javier Ramirez Asst. City Manager  
Nereida R. Perez Finance Director  
Michael Rocha I.T Manager

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Four members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Mayor Montoya was absent.

**3. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Martinez said the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Howell led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. OPEN FORUM**

No one signed up.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Approval of Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2023-13 regarding Industrial Waste**

Commissioner Martinez motioned to approve and forego the reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Mr. Perez stated the ordinance will not take affect until 60 days from the second reading date. Legal stated that there will be some adjustments to the table of contents due to page numbering. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**7. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**a. October Commission Meetings Date Change**

Mr. Perez stated that the regular meetings for October will need to be moved to Monday instead of Tuesday. Tuesday, October 3, 2023 will move to October 2, 2023 and October 17, 2023 will be moved to October 16, 2023. Commissioner Martinez recommended to cancel the meeting of October 2, 2023 and move all items to October 16, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana called the meeting into executive session at 6:44 P.M.

**8. 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. Consultation with Attorney regarding contracts for services – Section 551.071**

**b. Discussion regarding future land use in ETJ – Section 551.087**

**c. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters. – Section 551.074**

**d. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation – Section 551.071**

Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana called the meeting back to order at 8:28 P.M.

**9. OPEN SESSION: Present, Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:**

**a. Approval of Sludge Removal Equipment for Water Treatment Plant and authorizing City Manager to go out for bids**

Commissioner Martinez motioned to proceed as discussed and authorize city manager to go out for RFP. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Item B from Executive Session**

No Action was taken on item b from executive session.

**c. Item C from Executive Session**

No Action was taken on item c from executive session.

**d. Item D from Executive Session**

Commissioner Howell stated they would proceed with update on litigation. No action was taken.

**10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Garcia motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Howell seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.