

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Hinojosa Mayor
Jose M. Gomez Commissioner
Cristella De Leon Hernandez Commissioner
Leonel Benavidez Commissioner
Mark Sossi City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leandro Villarreal Mayor Pro-Tem

STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Zavala City Manager
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary
Nereida Perez Finance Director
Dagoberto Chavez ACM/Police Chief
Tommy Uresti Fire Chief

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Hinojosa welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.) ESTABLISH QUORUM.

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

3.) INVOCATION.

City Manager Sergio Zavala led the invocation. All those in attendance participated in the reverent act.

4.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Commissioner Gomez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:02 P.M.

5.) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

- Mr. David Garza expressed concern regarding the publication for the Public Hearing on the budget. City Attorney Sossi explained that there are state deadlines, and the City was in compliance with the deadlines for publication. Mr. Garza had questions regarding the Capital Improvement fee. Mr. Zavala stated that the Capital Improvement fee was included in the budget due to the Commission not voting on it as of date. Mr. Zavala continued by saying, if the Commission wishes to remove the fee, budget amendments will be necessary.

At a call for comments, no other comments were made. Mayor Hinojosa closed the public hearing 6:10 P.M.

6.) FORMAL ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

Commissioner Hernandez motioned to approve the first reading of the Ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

7.) FORMAL ACTION ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-21 ADOPTING THE 2019 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-21 adopting the 2019 Tax Rate. Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item was approved unanimously.

8.) ADJOURN

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.