

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
JULY 10, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.  
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Leandro Villarreal	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Leonel Benavidez	Commissioner
	Cristella De Leon Hernandez	Commissioner
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner via Phone Call

<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Sergio Zavala	City Manager
	Anthony Troiani	City Attorney via Webex
	Joselynn Castillo	City Secretary
	Javier Campos	Fire Chief/EMC
	Hugo Perales	I.T 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 a phone call.

**3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Benavidez led in the pledge of allegiance.

**4) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO POTENTIALLY USE THE MERCEDES DOME FOR TEMPORARY COVID-19 TREATMENT BY BONA FIDE MEDICAL AUTHORITIES.**

Mr. Zavala informed the Commission regarding the Hospitals in the RGV being maxed out with a 6 hour wait. Mr. Zavala stated that although the Dome is used for Hurricane Season, Chacon Middle School is available for flood sheltering if needed. Mr. Zavala specified that the City will only provide the building. The City will not provide staff and the Medical Authorities will need to provide the City with insurance; he continued by stating the only cost for the City will be the Utility bill.

Fire Chief Campos stated he spoke to Rick Saldana regarding the spike in COVID Cases and the need for housing the patients.

Mayor Hinojosa stated that it would benefit the Citizens to have COVID housing in the Eastern part of Hidalgo County.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal made a motion to approve the use of the Mercedes Dome for Temporary Services. Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**5) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Benavidez made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM

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Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

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Leo Villarreal, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Cristella De Leon Hernandez, Commissioner

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Leonel Benavidez, Commissioner

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Jose M. Gomez, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary