

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 29, 2020 – 12:45 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Zavala City Manager
Anthony Troiani City Attorney via Webex
Joselynn Castillo City Secretary
Jose Figueroa Public Works Director
Hugo Perales I.T Director
Isaac Huacuja SWG Representative

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM

2) ESTABLISH QUORUM

All members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal arrived at 12:49 PM.

3) INVOCATION

City Manager Zavala said the invocation.

4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gomez led in the pledge of allegiance.

5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A WATERSMART FUNDING (DROUGHT) PROJECT. (#2020-10)

Mr. Zavala informed the Commission about a funding opportunity for a second water well. The water well would help to supply clean water during a drought. The grant is 50% funding and 50% match. Commissioner Gomez made a motion to table this item for more information and time to review. At a question, Mr. Isaac Huacuja stated the grant is every year, however the criteria changes and this year the City may qualify for the funding. Mr. Huacuja informed every one of the process for the funding, which includes the application, the approval or denial, and then informing the Commission of the project if they wish to continue. Public Works Director Figueroa commented that he recommends approval to help extend the life of the well. After continued discussion, Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to approve item 6. Mayor Pro-Tem Villarreal seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the item passed 3 to 2. Commissioner Benavidez and Commissioner Gomez voted nay.

6) 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.

ATTEST:

Henry Hinojosa, Mayor

Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary