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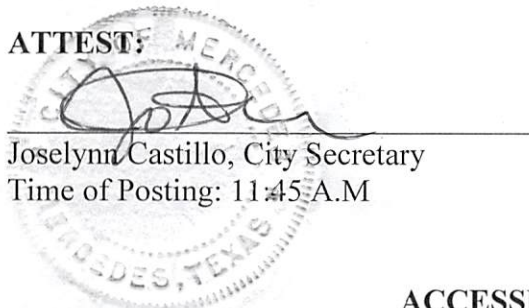
NOTICE is hereby given that the City Commissioner of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking formal action regarding the items listed on the attached agenda. For those that would like to participate please join with the following link: JOIN WEBEX <https://cityofmercedes.my.webex.com/cityofmercedes.my/j.php?MTID=m6585dd41d1625dd78875d66af4e98cd3> **Meeting number (access code):** 126 576 1675 **Meeting password:** CFcQD3iWf74 (23273349 from phones) **by phone** 1-469-210-7159 United States Toll (Dallas) +1-415-655-0001

If during the course of this meeting, the City Commission should determine that a closed or executive meeting of 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 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 11:45 A.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
JANUARY 19, 2021 – 6:00 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 5:50 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 or 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 held January 5 & 12, 2021
 - B.) Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No 2021-01 to amend zoning ordinance No 26, as amended, to reduce the front yard building set back from thirty feet "30" to twenty five feet "25" in certain residential zoning districts.
 - C.) Approval of Resolution No 2021-01 Accepting Operation Stonegarden #3172806
 - D.) Approval of FY 20-21 1st Quarter Investment Report
- 7.) City Manager Comments
- 8.) Presentation by VIDA on the final 2020 Quarterly Expenditure Report
- 9.) Presentation by Fire/EMS Administrator of Record Armando "Mando" Martinez of last quarterly report. (Armando Martinez)
- 10.) Public Hearing to solicit input for the Needs Assessment for Fiscal Year 34 (2021) (Grants Coord.)
- 11.) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Grants Writing Contracts and Consultants (City Manager)
- 12.) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Weslaco and Mercedes for the housing of the prisoners. (Police Chief)
- 13.) Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution related to City Manager Authority (Commissioner Gomez and Commissioner Howell)
- 14.) Discussion and Update on upcoming infrastructure projects, street improvements and funds (Commissioner Howell and Commissioner Joe Martinez)
- 15.) Discussion and Possible recognition of the Athletics' program and Administration at MISD for inspiring Mercedes during COVID-19 (Commissioner Howell)
- 16.) Monthly Department Reports
- 17.) Executive Session:
 - A. *Consultation with legal counsel regarding legal issues related to termination of contract with City of Weslaco related to housing of prisoners (T.G.C. 551.071)*
 - B. *Consultation with legal pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (2) for the purpose of receiving privileged attorney client communications and pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (1) regarding pending and anticipated litigation. (Comprehensive Litigation Update)*
 - C. *Consultation with legal pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (2) for the purpose of receiving privileged attorney client communications (January 3, 2021, report of individual on City property).*

- D. *Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of Real Estate. (220 Patricia Ave)*
- E. *Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of Real Estate. (120 N. Virginia)*
- F. *Consultation with legal counsel regarding legal issues related to the Hiring of the City Manager. (T.G.C 551.071 & 551.074)*

18.) Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Session Items 17.A, 17.B, 17.C, 17.D, 17. E & 17. F.

19.) Adjourn