

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 – 6:30 PM
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, TX 78570**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Oscar Montoya
Commissioner Joe Martinez
Commissioner Armando Garcia
Commissioner Jacob C. Howell (virtual)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Ruben Saldana

STAFF PRESENT: Alberto Perez, City Manager
Martie Garcia Vela, City Attorney (virtual)
Meredith Hernandez, Interim Finance Director
Kristine Longoria, Human Resources
Michael Rocha, I.T Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Juan Vasquez

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Montoya welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. Establish Quorum

A quorum was established with Mayor Montoya, Commissioner Garcia, and Commissioner Martinez present in person. Commissioner Howell and Attorney Martie-Vela joined the meeting via Google Meets. Mayor Pro-Tem Saldana was absent.

3. Invocation

The invocation was led by Commissioner Howell.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Martinez.

5. Open Forum

There were no sign-ups for Open Forum.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-28 to Rezone Lot 7 Block 41 Capisallo E Subdivision
- b. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-29 to adopt the Tax Rate for 2025
- c. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-30 updating the Water and Sewer Rates
- d. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend City of Mercedes Personnel Policy Chapter 23. Hours of Work, Attendance, and Punctuality

Commissioner Jose Martinez motioned to approve items A, B, C, and D and to forgo the reading of items A, B, and C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armando Garcia and carried unanimously.

- 7. Management Items:** Present, discuss, consider and possibly take action regarding:
- a. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the County of Hidalgo, City of Mercedes, and City of Edcouch, Texas concerning project development activities of the Mile 2 West Road Project, from State Highway (SH) 107 to Interstate Highway (IH) 2

Commissioner Jose Martinez made a motion to approve the agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Armando Garcia. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDENDUM

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 motion to enter Executive Session was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The motion carried unanimously, and the Executive Session began at 6:44 p.m.

- a. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters – Section 551.074
- b. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation – Section 551.071
- c. Consultation with Attorney regarding Project Anchor – Section 551.087

9. Open Session: Mayor Montoya reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

- a. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item A
No action was taken on item A from executive session.
- b. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item B
No action was taken on item A from executive session.
- c. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item C
No action was taken on item A from executive session.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Jose Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Armando Garcia seconded the motion. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.