
MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2026 – 6:00 PM
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, TX 78570


“At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.”

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Establish Quorum**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Open Forum**
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-10 amending the election ordinance to include the early voting schedule and times
7. **Adjournment**

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM. 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 above. 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 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 4:50 P.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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01 ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, COMMISSIONER PLACE 1, AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 3; AMENDING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO EARLY VOTING TO INCLUDE THE EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE AND DAYS CLOSED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mercedes, Texas adopted Ordinance No. 2026-01 ordering a General Election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Commissioner Place 1, and Commissioner Place 3; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it necessary to amend Ordinance No. 2026-01 to clarify the early voting schedule and days closed for early voting by personal appearance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that amending the ordinance will ensure compliance with the Texas Election Code and provide clear information to the voters of the City of Mercedes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

That the following paragraph in **Ordinance No. 2026-01** is hereby amended to read as follows:

That the voting at said election shall be by means of voting machines on election day and paper ballots for early voting by mail, and by means of voting machines for early voting by personal appearance. Early voting shall commence **April 20, 2026**, at the **Mercedes Civic Center, 520 East Second Street, Mercedes, Texas**, and shall continue through **April 28, 2026**, and shall be conducted on the following dates and times:

- **Monday, April 20, 2026** – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** – **CLOSED**
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2026** – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 23, 2026** – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, April 24, 2026** – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 25, 2026** - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, April 26, 2026** - **CLOSED**
- **Monday, April 27, 2026** – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 28, 2026** – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Mercedes, Texas, this 17th day of March, 2026.

1st Reading: March 17, 2026

2nd Reading: March 18, 2026

CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS

Oscar D. Montoya Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Martie Garcia-Vela, City Attorney