

**MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2025 – 6:30 PM
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, TX 78570**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Joe Martinez
Commissioner Jacob Howell
Commissioner Armando Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Oscar Montoya
Mayor Pro-Tem Ruben Saldana

STAFF PRESENT: Alberto Perez, City Manager
Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary
Martie Garcia Vela, City Attorney
Michael Rocha, I.T Director
Tom Villagomez, Public Works Director
Adrian Perez, Planning Director
Armando Villela, Parks Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Juan Vasquez, Ruth Valdez

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
Commissioner Martinez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Establish Quorum**
Three members of the Commission were present which constitutes a quorum.
- 3. Invocation**
Commissioner Howell said the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
Commissioner Garcia led in the pledge of allegiance.
- 5. Open Forum**
There were no residents signed up for open forum.
- 6. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held December 3, 2024
 - b. Approval of Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-23 regarding Parks and Recreational Facility FeesCommissioner Garcia made a motion to approve all item under consent agenda.

Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinances/Resolutions

- a. 2nd Public Hearing and Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-01 regarding the voluntary annexation of 0.628 Acres, more or less, out of Lot 14, Block 64, Capisallo District Subdivision (Gregoria Rodriguez)

Commissioner Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioner Garcia motioned to approve the ordinance and forego the reading.

Commissioner Howell seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2nd Public Hearing and Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-02 regarding the voluntary annexation of 2.025 Acres, more or less, out of Lot 4, Block 26, Capisallo District Subdivision (William Leggett)

Commissioner Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Commissioner Howell motioned to approve and forego the reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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)

Commissioner Howell motioned to go into executive session. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The Commission went into executive session at 6:39 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 Updates – Section 551.087

9. Open Session

Commissioner Martinez called the meeting back to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Howell motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconded. Upon a called vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.