

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF MERCEDES**

Published On: July 31, 2013

PROGRAM AMENDMENT

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La Audiencia Pública se llevará a cabo en, Martes, 06 de agosto 2013 a las 6:00 PM en la ciudad de Mercedes City Hall ubicado en 400 S. Ohio Avenue, Mercedes de Texas 78570

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Los comentarios escritos pueden ser enviados a:

**Mayor/Alcalde: Henry Hinojosa
City of Mercedes
400 S. Ohio Avenue
Mercedes, Texas 78570
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**City of Mercedes
Urban County Program
Public Hearing on Program Amendment**

Sign-In Register
400 S. Ohio Ave. Mercedes City Hall – Commission Chambers
August 6, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Name	City Address
1. Olga Rosas	400 S. Ohio Ave. Mercedes, Tx. 78570
2. Armando Garcia	429 Patricia, Mercedes, TX 78570
3. Yeronica Martinez	962 Closer Blvd, Mercedes, TX 78570
4. Armado E. Martinez	962 Closer Blvd Mercedes Tx 78570
5. PETRA V. Vidales	425 Mockingbird Lane Mercedes
6. Maria Ramirez	202 Dawson Mercedes Tx
7. Rebecca M. Salinas	12273 mile 2E, Mercedes, TX
8. Rodolfo Salinas	12277 mile 2E, Mercedes, TX
9. Rebecca Martinez	1231 E. 8th St Mercedes, TX
10. Pete Martinez III	1231 E. 8th St Mercedes, TX
11. Dawn Hamilton	GMS - 2020 E. Expwy 83 - Mercedes, TX
12. Jose L. Muniz	926 S. Virginia, Mercedes, Tx
13. Antonio Aguilar	400 S. Ohio Ave, Mercedes Tx
14. Marisol Vidales	434 S. Ohio Ave., Mercedes TX 78570
15. Jesse Villarreal	171 Prosperity Dr. Merced TX

Name	City Address
16. Michelle Leftwich	400 S. Ohio Mercedes, TX 78570
17. Quentin Anderson	402 E. Tyler Harlingen TX 78550
18. Robert Rodriguez	402 E. Tyler Harlingen TX 78550
19. JEFF C. RIVICRA	700 S. TEXAS AVE MCKINNEY, TX 75050
20. Martha Mena	700 S. Texas Ave., Mercedes, TX 78570
21. Armando Gutierrez	2020 Bipany 83, Mercedes, TX 78570
22. Amanda Morales	400 S. Ohio Ave, Mercedes, TX 78570
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NOTES:

In compliance with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements, the City of Mercedes held a public hearing on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. on the City's proposed program amendment to its Urban County Program Year 25 (2012). At 6:26 pm Mayor Henry Hinojosa opened the public hearing. The City Manager gave a brief explanation as to the reason behind the amendment. It was explained to the Mayor, Commission and the audience that initially when the work plan was drawn up the proposed cost estimate to extend the adequate infrastructure to the community safe room site was not clear. As plans were drawn up a revised cost estimate was submitted thus leaving some room to add to what was initially proposed. The initial work plan called for the extension of a waterline only. At this time what is being proposed is to add sanitary sewer improvements to include the installation of a sewer line and a grinder pump station to the already approved waterline extension to the project. The City Manager pointed out that the proposed amendment would not have any budgetary changes to the program. There being no further questions or discussion from the audience or commission the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:40 P.M.


August 9, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary of the City of Mercedes, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct draft excerpt copy of Agenda Item #8 of the minutes of the Mercedes City Commission at the City Commission meeting held August 6, 2013, which files are located at City Hall.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my signature and seal of the City of Mercedes on this the 9th day of August, 2013.

SEAL



Arcelia L. Felix
City Secretary

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Henry Hinojosa	Mayor
	Jose M. Gomez	Commissioner
	James Howard Wade, Jr.	Commissioner
	Dianna G. Tovar	Commissioner
	Rodolfo Z. Rodriguez	Commissioner
	Ricardo Garcia	City Manager
	Juan Molina	City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

Staff: Michelle Leftwich, Amanda Morales, Marisol Vidales, Jesse Villarreal, Olga Maldonado, Olga Rosas and Tony Aguilar

8.) PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING URBAN COUNTY PROPOSED PROGRAM AMENDMENT TO PROGRAM YEAR 25 (2012).

Mayor Hinojosa opened the public hearing at 6:36 PM. City Manager Ricardo Garcia said, "the City Commission approved the Urban County Program allocating funding for the water line extensions to the proposed dome shelter north of town. Now that we have started the engineering phase, there may be some money left over on that line item so that we may be able to do some sewer line improvements as well. This will not add any money. We are just adding sewer improvements to the line item so that if there is money left over, we would be able to use it and finish out the Urban County funds." There were no comments from the audience and the Public hearing was closed at 6:40 PM.

- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING URBAN COUNTY PROPOSED PROGRAM AMENDMENT TO PROGRAM YEAR 25 (2012).

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Urban County program amendment to program year 25 (2012). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade and passed unanimously.



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Suburban City of the Rio Grande Valley

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a **Regular Meeting** on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 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.

If during the course of this meeting, the City Commission should determine that a closed or executive meeting or 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 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

ATTEST:

Arcelia L. Felix, City Secretary

Time of Posting: 1:00 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.

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2013 6:00 P.M.
MERCEDDES CITY HALL - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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- 1.) Call Meeting to Order. *Mayor*
- 2.) Establish Quorum. *Mayor, Gomez, Guajardo, Padz., Wade*
- 3.) Invocation. *Mano's Pineda*
- 4.) Pledge of Allegiance. *Padz.*

- 5.) Open Forum- *Fernando Guerrero Cano - Star Ambulance, good job*
Maximum length of time of forum is thirty minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of five minutes. The City Commission can take no formal action on any 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 once the meeting has commenced. No public comments will be allowed during any agenda item unless recognized by the Mayor or if the item requires a public hearing.

All presentations involving personnel shall be directed to the City Manager. 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 may be asked to discontinue their comments. The City Manager will be responsible for notifying each presenter that their five-minute time limit has expired.

- 6.) Consent Agenda (Ordinance No. 98-21): *Motion to approve as read Guajardo/Padz. Motion passes*
 - A.) Approval of Minutes for City Commission meeting (s) held July 16, 2013.
 - B.) Approval of change order to contract with Clore Construction, LLC. (#2013/08/06A)
 - C.) Approval of interlocal agreement with Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for E911 Public Safety answering point services (#2013/08/06B)
 - D.) Approval of change order to contract with Reim Construction. (#2013/08/06C)
 - E.) Approval of request by Mercedes I.S.D. for use of bottom part of civic center on August 6, 2013.
 - F.) Approval of request by Mercedes I.S.D. for use of BBQ pits at civic center August 18-19.
 - G.) Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2013-11 re-zoning Lot 4-11, Block 122, Mercedes Original Townsite Subdivision, Mercedes, Hidalgo County, Texas from "B Two Family Residence" to "C-1 Apartments"

- 7.) Presentation of audit report on EDC Loans. (Long, Chilton, LLP) *Quintan Anderson present to make presentation*

- 8.) Public Hearing regarding Urban County proposed program amendment to Program Year 25 (2012). (City Manager) *Open 6:26 Discussion/Explanation Closed 6:40*
- Discussion and possible action regarding Urban County proposed program amendment to Program Year 25 (2012). *Motion to approve Padz./Wade. Motion passes.*

- 9.) Public Hearing regarding abandonment of unused section of right-of-way on Starr Street between Illinois Avenue and Baseline Road and to retain an easement for the existing sewer line. *per 6:45*
- Discussion and possible action regarding abandonment of unused section of right-of-way on Starr Street between Illinois Avenue and Baseline Road and to retain an easement for the existing sewer line. (Asst. City Mgr.) *motion to approve Padz./Guajardo motion passes*

- 10.) Public hearing regarding repeal of Ordinance No. 2012-17 in its entirety and replace with amended ordinance. - Animal Control *per 6:44*
- Discussion and possible action of first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-12 repealing Ordinance No. 2012-17 in its entirety and incorporating regulations for treatment of livestock and domestic and wild animals and fowl. (Asst. City Mgr.) *motion to approve Padz./Guajardo*

- 11.) Request by GL Texas Kajukenbo & Valdivia's Little Kenpo. *motion for honor last yrs. amount, Guajardo/Wade motion passes.*

- 12.) Discussion and possible action on appointment of EDC Board member Joel Quintanilla to replace Dalia de la Cerda. *No Action. C.M + Attorney to place proper wording*

- 13.) Discussion and possible action of claim by Mr. and Mrs. Eliborio Perez concerning a tax issue. (City Manager) *Per 2-11-95. City to end to waive penalties/interest send letter to Guajardo/Padz. Motion passes.*

- 14.) EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:10
- Discussion regarding duties and responsibilities of the City Manager. - Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - Personnel.
- Discussion regarding personnel. - Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - Personnel.

- 15.) Discussion and possible action regarding item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

- 16.) Adjourn.