

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Combes Commissioners met in a Regular Session at 7:00 pm Monday, August 14, 2023, at **Combes Municipal Complex**, 21626 Hand Road, Combes Texas to consider the following.

Public comments may be e-mailed to agutierrez@townofcombes.com by the meeting date at 4:00 pm.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Mayor Silvestre Garcia requested roll call.

1. Roll Call.

By City Secretary Jo Ann Nino

Mayor Silvestre Garcia – Present
Commissioner Olga H Montes- Present
Commissioner Mary David- Present
Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar- Present
Commissioner Ann Forbes- Present
Commissioner Carlos Cordova – Present

Mayor Silvestre Garcia- Quorum established, meeting goes on to the next item on the agenda.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor led the Invocation.

Mr. Steve Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments: At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak, or any person may speak on any item on the agenda for a maximum of three (3) minutes. No formal action can be taken on these items. Action for Approval or Disapproval

Mayor Silvestre Garcia informed the City Council and Public there was one person with business before the council not scheduled on the agenda. Ms. Cynthia Zartuche located on Young Road addressed the City Council with a matter regarding the Brush and the maintenance of the ditches.

Mayor Silvestre asked Legal Counsel Gilberto Hinojosa if it was possible to move up Agenda #9 Steve Jennings, Director- Cameron County Drainage District #5-Consideration and Possible Action a) Project to Drain North Side of Combes. b) Hand Road Drainage. With acknowledgement from Legal Counsel, Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for item a) to be moved up and item b) to be left on the agenda as directed.

Agenda #9 a)- Mr. Steve Jennings addressed the city council with a photo of Cameron County Drainage District 5 of the area in question and gave discussion and recommendations on a project to drain North Side of Combes. Mr. Rolando Vela General Manager for Drainage District entered the discussion, gave acknowledgment on an approach that was previously made with the congress office on a 1.6 million grant. He explained the idea of the project was to upgrade the current drainage as Mr. Steve Jennings previously discussed.

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Commissioner Mary David made a motion to Acknowledge Steve Jennings, Director- Cameron County Drainage District #5-Consideration and Possible Action a) Project to Drain North Side of Combes. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

4. Consideration and Possible Action -Minutes-July 30,2023-Regular Meeting.
Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action -Minutes-July 30,2023-Regular Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

5. Consideration and Possible Action

a) Invoices to be paid August 2023- All Departments

b) Check Register & Debit Card Transactions-General Fund, Waterworks, and Police Department Special Funds for July 2023.

c) Financial Statement Reports-General Fund, Waterworks, and Police Department Special Funds for July 2023.

Action for approval or Disapproval of (Items A-C)

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for any comments or discussions from the City Council regarding items a) b) and/or c). Commissioner Mary David asked a question on current internet provider VTX.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar made a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action:

a) Invoices to be paid August 2023- All Department

b) Check Register & Debit Card Transactions-General Fund, Waterworks, and Police Department Special Funds for July 2023.

c) Financial Statement Reports-General Fund, Waterworks, and Police Department Special Funds for July 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Olga H. Montes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

6. Public Hearing- To consider comments for the submission of A Texas Department of Agriculture amendment request, Amendment Number 2, for a change of quantities and beneficiaries in the TxCDBG CDV21-0278 street improvements grant. Action for Approval, Disapproval, or Acknowledgement.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to open Public Hearing- To consider comments for the submission of A Texas Department of Agriculture amendment request, Amendment Number 2, for a change of quantities and beneficiaries in the TxCDBG CDV21-0278 street improvements grant. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

7. Consideration and Possible Action:

a) Amendment Number 2 to TxCDBG CDV21-078 street improvements grant administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture to change the quantities and beneficiaries of the contract. Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

b) Award construction contract contingent of the Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of Amendment Number 2 for the TxCDBG CDV21-0278 street improvements grant. Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

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Mayor Silvestre Garcia opened public hearing and questioned the change of quantities and beneficiaries of the contract.

Grant Works representative Ms. Imelda Barrera updated the City Council and the public present at the meeting that The Community Development Grant from 2021 for street improvements and the grant was to reduce the scope of the bid, since it was bided higher than expected. The purpose is to deteriorate road surfaces and lack of drainage resulting in unsafe driving conditions.

Mr. Pedro Gutierrez with Rhyner Construction explained the work to be performed and the location for the update work to be made. It would include Orange Street, Tangerine Street and Woodrow Street.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to approve a) Amendment Number 2 to TxCDBG CDV21-078 street improvements grant administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture to change the quantities and beneficiaries of the contract. b) Award construction contract contingent of the Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of Amendment Number 2 for the TxCDBG CDV21-0278 street improvements grant. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

8. Melissa G. Rosas, LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force-Consideration and Possible Action of Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia opened discussion with Ms. Melissa G. Rosas related to the fees and scope of the work to be provided by the LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force.

Mr. R.E. Garcia engineer for the City of Combes educated the City Council on the Pros and Cons of having an agreement with LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to approve Melissa G. Rosas, LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force-Consideration and Possible Action of Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

9. Steve Jennings, Director- Cameron County Drainage District #5-Consideration and Possible Action a) Project to Drain North Side of Combes

b) Hand Road Drainage.

Action for Approval, Disapproval, or Acknowledgement.

10. Update by: City Engineer, R.E. Garcia & Associates- Consideration and Possible Action

a) Drainage Improvement Plan & Survey for Hand Road- (Across City Hall-Behind Homes Located by Railroad Tracks).

City of Combes Engineer Mr. R. E. Garcia informed the City Council on his findings and recommendations for the drainage improvements plan.

b) Annexation of Templeton/Woods Road- from Expressway 77/83 -I69 east to Nixon Road (North Side Corner) and process to start reconstruction of Road.

Action for Approval, Disapproval or Acknowledgement.

Mr. R.E. Garcia presented the City Council with a diagram of area in question and pointed out the recommendation of area to be annexed.

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Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to approve Update by: City Engineer, R.E. Garcia & Associates- Consideration and Possible Action.

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b) Annexation of Templeton/Woods Road- from Expressway 77/83 -I69 east to Nixon Road (North Side Corner) and process to start reconstruction of Road. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

11. Carlos Colina-Vargas & Associates – Consideration and Possible Action

a) Report on reconstruction and adaptive reuse of the former City Hall Building.

b) Report on grant for updating the Comprehensive Development Plan and the Park Master Plan.

Action for Approval, Disapproval, or Acknowledgement

Mayor Silvestre Garcia informed the City Council and public that he contacted Mr. Carlos Colina Vargas for ideas for future use of the Old City Hall located on Templeton Ave.

Mr. Carlos Vargas contacted previous architect Mr. Manuel Hinojosa that designed the Old City Hall. After inspection of the building, it was determined that it can be reconstructed. He informed that he would work diligently for a grant for future project for the Old City Hall.

Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar made a motion to acknowledge Carlos Colina-Vargas & Associates – Consideration and Possible Action, a) Report on reconstruction and adaptive reuse of the former City Hall Building. b) Report on grant for updating the Comprehensive Development Plan and the Park Master Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Olga H. Montes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

12. Consideration and Possible Action of Rhyner Construction Retainage Payment Invoice #4 & Change Order #2 Final Quantities for FM 508 Project. (Bond 2021)

Action for Approval or Disapproval of

Mayor Silvestre Garcia informed the City Council that a previous stop order was removed for project to be closed out. A recommendation for retainage owed on change order 1 and change order 2 be paid accordingly until quantities are finalized.

Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar made a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action of Rhyner Construction Retainage Payment Invoice #4 & Change Order #2 Final Quantities for FM 508 Project. (Bond 2021). Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

13. Consideration and Possible Action of Contract Agreement between City of Combes and Hinojosa Engineering Inc. for Special Projects as Needed. (Approved June 26,2023 Meeting).

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to approve the agreement of the contract.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action of Contract Agreement between City of Combes and Hinojosa Engineering Inc. for Special Projects as Needed. (Approved June 26,2023 Meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

14. Hinojosa Engineering, Inc.- Consideration and Possible Action on Animal Shelter Assessment and Preliminary Cost to comply with State Regulations for Quarantining or Impound of Animal.



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Representative of Hinojosa Engineering, Inc informed the City Council the findings of the Animal Shelter do not comply with State regulations, and it is not safe for use.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to accept the report by Hinojosa Engineering, Inc.- Consideration and Possible Action on Animal Shelter Assessment and Preliminary Cost to comply with State Regulations for Quarantining or Impound of Animal. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

15. Executive Session-Consultation with Attorney as per Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code 551.071- Discussion regarding G&G Contactors/Surety Bond-Combes Public Warehouse & Animal Shelter Bond Project 2021-

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Legal City Counsel Gilberto Hinojosa advised no action for Executive Session until after meeting with Surety Bond.

Surety Bond Meeting set for Tuesday August 15,2023 @ 3:00pm

16. Action following Executive Session-Consultation with Attorney as per Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code 551.071-Discussion regarding G&G Contractors/Surety Bond-Combes Public Warehouse & Animal Shelter Bond Project 2021-

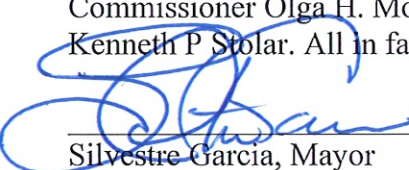
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Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to acknowledge the report by Legal Counsel Gilberto Hinojosa. Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to acknowledge the report by Legal Counsel Gilberto Hinojosa. Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

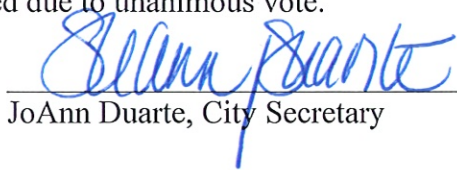
17. Adjournment of Meeting.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion for Adjournment of Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.



Silvestre Garcia, Mayor



JoAnn Duarte, City Secretary