

June 19, 2023, Special Meeting

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Combes Commissioners met in a Special Session at 7:00 pm Monday, June 19, 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 Administrator Aida Gutierrez

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

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

2. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.**

Commissioner Olga H. Montes led the Invocation.
Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar 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

Mr. Ramiro Martinez signed up for public comments to address the cleaning of Combes Property on Staton St. He informed the city council that the City has been contacted several times on the cleaning of the property and has failed to respond to the request.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia made a statement due to No formal action can be taken on the complaint. He declared that he decided to run for a position for the City of Combes to make a difference for the community and plans to act on solutions with disposition and encourages the City Council when a decision is made it is for the benefit of the Citizens of Combes.

Complaint by Mr. Ramiro Martinez will be investigated thoroughly and addressed as soon as possible.

4. **Consideration and Possible Action- Minutes- May 16, May 22nd. & May 30, 2023.**

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Commissioner Mary David made a comment to correct an item on Minutes for May 30,2023 page 7 #6 Consideration and Possible Action to; a) Appoint and/or Re-Appoint Combes Economic Development

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Corporation Directors. Action for Approval or Disapproval of. c) Appoint and/or Re-Appoint Combes Municipal Development District Directors. Correction was to amend the minutes for May 30,2023 and add EDC Director Jerry Santos.

Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar made a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action- Minutes- May 16, May 22nd. & May 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

5. Second Public Hearing-and Final Action of Re-zone request from Mr. Jose Briseno Jr.-from Commercial to Residential- N. Expressway 77, Block 6 B.F. Subdivision.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

The City Administrator Aida Gutierrez reconfirmed the City Council acknowledged and approved the First Public Hearing for this item and currently on the Second Public Hearing and Final Action. No one has opposed at this time.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to approve Second Public Hearing-and Final Action of Re-zone request from Mr. Jose Briseno Jr.-from Commercial to Residential- N. Expressway 77, Block 6 B.F. Subdivision. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

6. Presentation by-Mr. Tom Hushen, Cameron County Emergency Management- Hurricane Preparedness

Action for Acknowledgement.

Due to Mr. Tom Hushen not being able to attend the meeting. Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked the item to be tabled until next regular meeting on Monday June 26,2023.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to Table Presentation by-Mr. Tom Hushen, Cameron County Emergency Management- Hurricane Preparedness until next meeting on Monday June 26,2023. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

7. Presentation by-Tionte Boggan, GreenZone Enterprises-Introduction of GreenZone Enterprises Recycling Program.

Action for Acknowledgement.

Mr. Tionte Boggan made a presentation to introduce GreenZone Enterprises recycling program. He explained how the program would benefit the Nino's Head Start and the community of Combes by placing one of their vending machines inside or outside our city hall. It is used to transform value from waste and return it back to the people using transparent, secure blockchain for our currency, GZX, which is a limited supply asset.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to Acknowledge Presentation by-Tionte Boggan, GreenZone Enterprises-Introduction of GreenZone Enterprises Recycling Program. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

8. Javier Guerrero, LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force -Consideration and Possible Action:

Mr. Javier Guerrero recognized Ms. Melissa Gonzalez with LRGV TPDES Stormwater Task Force and Ms. Linda Navarro with Rates. Mr. Javier Guerrero addressed to the City Council one item on the agenda was the agreement to consider and Ms. Melissa Gonzalez explained the agreement. This would allow the Task Force to actively participate in the City's effort to respond and comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) TPDES Phase II Stormwater Rules for the 5th MS4 (municipal separate stormwater sewer system) permit period to begin in 2024.

Power Point presentation was given by Ms. Melissa Gonzalez.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked questions pertaining to how the Task Force works and other options the City might have to enforce and abide to the rules and regulations for the stormwater.

a) SWMP MOA

b) Task Force Membership

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked to table item a) SWMP MOA and b) Task Force Membership until next regular meeting on Monday June 26,2023 and to meet with members of the Task Force to discuss the program in full detail prior to meeting. Commissioner Ann Forbes made a motion to table items a) &b). Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to re-open agenda items c) FIF Category 1 Project d) FIF Category 1 Modeling Project e) Harlingen FIF Cat 1 project f) Cluster approach to the next round of FIF RFPs (Primera, Combes, La Feria, County) for discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar - Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

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d) FIF Category 1 Modeling Project

e) Harlingen FIF Cat 1 project

f) Cluster approach to the next round of FIF RFPs (Primera, Combes, La Feria, County)

Action for Approval or Disapproval of. (Items A-F)

Ms. Linda Navarro gave a brief explanation of modeling efforts regarding flooding issues in the Valley. Mayor Silvestre Garcia recommended the City Council table the item to get educated on the programs before a decision can be made on agenda items. Commissioner Ann Forbes made a motion to table and close the discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Olga H. Montes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

9. Consideration and Possible Action.

a) Road access on Combes Easements from Betty Bob to Jordan Street.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to table Road access on Combes Easements from Betty Bob to Jordan Street until the city has an engineer on board to review and get area re-engineered and Contact District 5 to discuss options to make the road accessible. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

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

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Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to table item b) Drainage Improvement Plan & Survey for Hand Road- (Across City Hall- Behind Homes located by Railroad Tracks) until the city has an engineer on board to observe the area and confirm the scope of work there. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes.

10. Consideration and Possible Action: Rhyner Construction- Payment Request #3 \$166,943.43 City of Combes FM 508 Road Widening Project (Bonds 2021 Project).

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked questions to update himself on the proposal for the drainage improvements in question. City Administrator Aida Gutierrez reconfirmed the city council on what was previously agreed and/or approved on project to be done by Rhyner Construction. Financial update on project was given. Original bid cost amount \$349,994.20, Change order \$36549.70, increase with change order \$386,543.90. Discussion was made among the City Council on payment request #3 \$166,943.43.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion approve for Payment Request #3 \$166,943.43 City of Combes FM 508 Road Widening Project (Bonds 2021 Project). Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to enter executive session at 8:45pm. Commissioner Kenneth P. Stolar made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in Favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

11. Executive Session:

a) Consultation with Attorney as per Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071-Discussion regarding G&G Contractors-Combes Public Warehouse & Animal Shelter Bond Project 2021-Inspection, Testing, Report & Cost.

b) Consultation with Attorney as per Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071-Unity Park Commercial Road-Wulff Road- Project, Inspection, Re-inspection and Closeout.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of (Items A-B)

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to exit the executive session and return to the regular meeting at 10:14pm. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

12. Action following Executive Session:

a) Consultation with Attorney as per Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071-Discussion Regarding-Update G&G Contractors-Combes Public Warehouse & Animal Shelter Bond Project 2021- Inspection, Testing, Report & Cost.

The City's Legal Counsel asked for a Motion for Attorney to proceed as instructed in executive session by City Council. Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion for attorney to proceed as instructed in executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

b) Consultation with Attorney as per Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071-

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**Update-Unity Park Commercial Road-Wulff Road- Project, Inspection, Re-
Inspection and closeout**

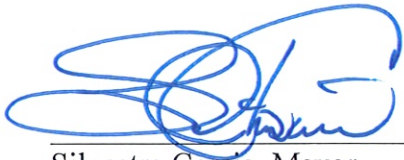
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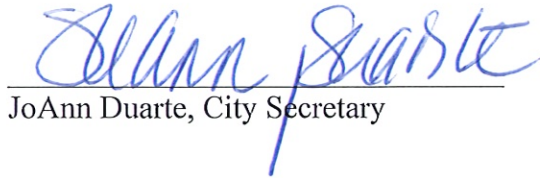
13. Adjournment of Meeting.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Commissioner Olga H. Montes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Carlos Cordova. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.



Silvestre Garcia, Mayor



JoAnn Duarte, City Secretary

Notes to Agenda:

1. Commissioners may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda.
2. Commissioners reserve the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

Persons and Disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact Joann Duarte, City Secretary, at 425-7131 or 423-2714.

This is to certify that I, Aida Gutierrez posted this Agenda at _____ p.m. on, June 16, 2023.