

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Combes Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm Monday, April 29, 2024, at **Combes Municipal Complex**, 21626 Hand Road, Combes Texas to consider the following;

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

Regular 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 – Absent

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Pastor Andy Esquivel led the invocation.

Commissioner Ann Forbes 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 at this time, there are 0 (zero) person with business before the council not scheduled on the agenda to speak or on any item on the agenda for a maximum of three (3) minutes and asks to move to the next agenda item.

4. Consideration and Possible Action of Minutes February 26th & March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action of Minutes February 26th & March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action of Minutes February 26th & March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

5. Consideration and Possible Action on Invoices for General & Waterworks Funds through April 30, 2024.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

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Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for any questions/ discussion pertaining to the invoices. With no questions/discussion, Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to approve for Invoices for General & Waterworks Funds through April 30,2024 to be paid.

Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to approve for Invoices for General & Waterworks Funds through April 30, 2024, to be paid. Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

6. Consideration and Possible Action of process to grant Mr. Arthur and Carolina Ball Release of Area by Petition of Landowner from Extraterritorial Jurisdiction- 8.72 acres out of Lot 1, Block 4, Country Estates North Subdivision- 21326 Briggs Coleman Road, Harlingen, Texas 78550.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

The City Administrator Ms. Aida Gutierrez informed the city council that an unsigned petition was received late March 2024 by requirement a new signed petition was received April 2024 by Mr. Arthur and Carolina Ball. The petition is the request to be released from the City of Combes ETJ. New Senate Bill 20238 passed the legislative session in Texas, it provides residents trapped in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) with an exit strategy through either a petition or election process. Mr. and Mrs. Ball requested a release via a petition, and not through an election process.

Petition Process: Property owners within the ETJ can initiate the process by submitting a petition. The petition allows them to release their property from the city's authority. Once the required signatures are obtained, the property can be removed from the ETJ.

Election Process: Alternatively, residents can choose to participate in an election. If a majority of voters in the ETJ decide to leave the city's jurisdiction, the property is no longer subject to municipal regulations.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked to Table Consideration and Possible Action of process to grant Mr. Arthur and Carolina Ball Release of Area by Petition of Landowner from Extraterritorial Jurisdiction- 8.72 acres out of Lot 1, Block 4, Country Estates North Subdivision- 21326 Briggs Coleman Road, Harlingen, Texas 78550. Commissioner Mary David made a motion to Table Consideration and Possible Action of process to grant Mr. Arthur and Carolina Ball Release of Area by Petition of Landowner from Extraterritorial Jurisdiction- 8.72 acres out of Lot 1, Block 4, Country Estates North Subdivision- 21326 Briggs Coleman Road, Harlingen, Texas 78550. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Forbes. All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote.

7. Consideration and Possible Action of process to grant, sell, or convey a strip of land out of Survey 22 to Mr. Thomas and Yvette Galvan Exterovich-13265 Madeley Avenue (aka: 405 Madeley).

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia informed the city council Mr. and Mrs. Exterovich have requested a strip of land (about 20 ft) granted back to them. The strip was purchased by the city in 1983 for the purpose of an easement behind Dishman Elementary School. The proposed project was never established.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action of process to grant, sell, or convey a strip of land out of Survey 22 to Mr. Thomas and Yvette Galvan Exterovich-13265 Madeley Avenue (aka: 405 Madeley).

Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to approve Consideration and Possible Action of process to grant, sell, or convey a strip of land out of Survey 22 to Mr. Thomas and Yvette Galvan Exterovich-13265 Madeley Avenue (aka: 405 Madeley). Seconded by Commissioner Mary David.

Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar abstained the motion due to professional confidential reasons.

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The City Legal Counsel Mr. Gilberto Hinojosa reminded Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar that a motion can be abstained for any reason other than a conflict which requires filing an affidavit.

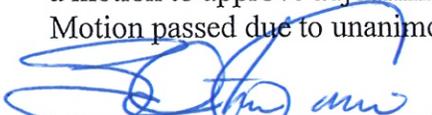
Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked All in favor. Motion passed due to unanimous vote. Commissioner Kenneth P Stolar not in favor.

8. Adjournment of Meeting.

Action for Approval or Disapproval of.

Mayor Silvestre Garcia asked for a motion of Adjournment of Meeting. Commissioner Olga H Montes made a motion to approve adjournment of the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mary David. All in favor.

Motion passed due to unanimous vote.



Silvestre Garcia, Mayor

JoAnn Nino, City Secretary