

City of Starbase
City Commission Meeting Minutes
39046 L B J Boulevard
Starbase, TX 78521
Thursday, September 25, 2025
7:00 PM

A Special Meeting was held by the Starbase City Commission of the City of Starbase, Texas, on September 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the temporary city hall located at 39046 LBJ Blvd, Starbase, Texas, 78521. The following City Commission members were present:

Mayor Bobby Peden

Commissioner Jordan Buss

Commissioner Jenna Petzelka

Commissioners absent: none

Staff Present:

City Administrator: Kent Myers (by Teams video conference)

City Clerk: Caroline Cole

City Attorney: Judy El Masri (by Teams video conference)

A. Call to Order and Quorum Determination

Mayor Peden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Peden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment on Items Listed in Sections D & F– *comments limited to two minutes per individual.*

One speaker signed up to speak, Mr. Jim Chapman of Weslaco, Texas. He indicated on his signup that he wanted to speak on item D, the Interlocal Agreement for Boca Chica Beach between Cameron County and Starbase. He mentioned that he is fond of the

Wildlife Refuge and is involved as a private citizen. He stated that everything SpaceX does impacts the Wildlife Refuge in some way large or small. Mr. Chapman stated the refuge owns two thirds of the beach and dunes, with SpaceX owning the remainder third. He stated that he had spoken to the head Fish and Wildlife employee, and they knew nothing about the agreement as of two days ago. He thinks that you need to be talking to all the parties involved to have a truly collaborative agreement.

D. Consent Agenda

1. Interlocal Agreement Between City of Starbase and Cameron County for Cleaning, Maintenance, and Renourishment of Boca Chica Beach.

Kent Myers, city administrator, introduced the consent agenda. On the Interlocal Agreement with Cameron County, Mr. Myers stated the Cameron County Commission approved Tuesday the formal partnership between the County and Starbase for the cleaning, maintenance, and renourishment of Boca Chica Beach. It is awaiting approval by the city before it is finalized. This agreement is needed before the Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan can be implemented, which is on the agenda later in this meeting. The city has several interlocal agreements in place with Cameron County, and it reflects the spirit of cooperation that Starbase has with the County. It is recommended that the commission adopt this agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Petrzelka to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Buss seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 3-0.

E. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

F. Regular Session

1. Discussion and action on an ordinance adopting the City of Starbase Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan, Establishing a Dune Protection Line for Areas within the City's Corporate Limits and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and Adopting an Erosion Response Plan for areas within the City's corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Kent Myers, city administrator, introduced the item. He wanted to acknowledge Mr. Chapman's comments. He stated that he had received a phone call from Fish and Wildlife regarding coordinating support and cooperation with them and other Federal Agencies. Mr. Myers emphasized the need for inter-agency cooperation for this plan to work optimally. The ordinance will adopt the plan

has been worked for months. There was a public hearing on the plan at the city commission meeting on September 17, 2025 where two citizens spoke. The draft plan has been on the city's website for about a month, and Mr. Myers has given an educational presentation on the erosion of the beach at the September 17, 2025 commission meeting. If the plan is approved this evening, the City will seek outside funding to support this initiative. Also, the City will engage other partners to support the implementation of the plan. He believes this might be one of the most important items to come before the commission because it shows the community is invested in continuing beach access and reflects the support of the environment from the community. Starbase is excited to ensure that this vital stretch of beach is protected for future generations. The community looks forward to submitting the plan to the General Land Office, and implementing the plan in the coming months and years.

Mayor Peden asked if this would be additive to the efforts that are ongoing to preserve the beach, and if this would be a way for the City to bring its substantial resources to bear in a way that would benefit efforts that have been ongoing, and further aid in existing efforts. Mr. Myers affirmed this would be the case, and pointed to the upcoming mitigation projects such as the Rockhands Wetlands Bank as an overall mission for the City.

Mayor Peden commented that this is a great responsibility taken on as a city, and it must follow through on.

Commissioner Buss commented that the County Commissioner's Court asked many questions about how this partnership would work going forward. He feels that the county commissioners were glad to have a community of citizens who were passionate about caring for the beach and the refuge and want to see these areas remain in very good condition going forward.

Mr. Myers commented that quality of life is very important to the residents of Starbase. To attract new residents, we must have a good quality of life to present to prospective new residents. This is one more indicator of what we are doing to create a good quality of life for the city of Starbase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buss to approve the ordinance adopting the City of Starbase Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan, establishing a dune protection line and adopting an Erosion Response Plan. Commissioner Petrzela seconded. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 3-0.

G. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mayor Peden to adjourn. Commissioner Petrzelka seconded. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 3-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

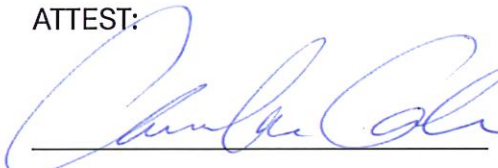
Approved by the City Commission on this 15th day of October, 2025.

APPROVED:



Bobby Peden, Mayor

ATTEST:



Caroline Cole, City Clerk

