

CITY OF STARBASE

City Commission Special Meeting

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.

Location: 48491 State Highway 4, Starbase, Texas 78521

A. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

The special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Starbase was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bobby Peden. Also present were Commissioner Jordan Buss and Commissioner Lois Wallace. City Data Governance & Project Manager Keila Tuttle on behalf of the City Administrator and City Clerk Gretchen Norton were also in attendance.

Three (3) of three (3) Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Peden led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Peden opened the floor for public comment on all agenda items. Citizens wishing to speak were required to have submitted a speaker card to the City Clerk at least five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting. Comments were limited to two (2) minutes per individual. Speakers were asked to state their name and address and speak clearly into the microphone.

City Clerk Gretchen Norton reported that one speaker had submitted a card.

Public Speaker – Anthony Gomez, Starbase, Texas

Mr. Gomez addressed the Commission regarding a growing safety concern on Richardson Avenue and Tarpon Bend Drive. He described incidents occurring primarily during SpaceX launch events, when residents evacuated from nearby areas temporarily gather along those roads. Mr. Gomez reported observations of public intoxication, reckless driving, and unusual late-night traffic that residents believe may raise border security concerns. He requested that the Commission consider measures to mitigate these issues and increase security in the area, noting that residents fear the situation could escalate to harm a resident.

Mayor Peden acknowledged Mr. Gomez's comments. City Clerk confirmed no additional speakers had submitted cards. The public comment period was closed.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Peden introduced the Consent Agenda. Keila Tuttle presented the following items included for approval:

- Minutes of the May 28, 2026 City Commission Special Meeting.
- Discussion and action to approve the Starbase Economic Development Corporation's regulations for receiving and approving applications for bond financing.

Mayor Peden noted familiarity with the bond financing applications through his participation in EDC proceedings. Commissioner Buss offered no additional comments.

Motion: Commissioner Wallace moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second: Commissioner Buss

Vote: 3–0. Motion passed unanimously.

E. REGULAR SESSION

Item E.1 – Ordinance Authorizing Operation of Unique Vehicles on City Streets (Ordinance No. 2026-16)

Keila Tuttle presented this item. The Commission was requested to approve an ordinance authorizing the operation of unique vehicles — including off-highway vehicles such as ATVs, ROVs, and UTVs, golf carts, and neighborhood electric vehicles — on certain public streets within the corporate boundaries of the City of Starbase.

The ordinance establishes a legal framework permitting unique vehicles to operate on city streets with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less, or 45 mph for non-electric vehicles and neighborhood electric vehicles where permitted by state law. It sets definitions for each vehicle type, outlines operational requirements for drivers, and specifies minimum equipment standards that vehicles must meet.

Mayor Peden noted that the ordinance clarifies for Starbase residents what is and is not permitted regarding the operation of these vehicles on City streets. Commissioner Buss confirmed that the ordinance is fully consistent with Texas state law and provides Starbase-specific clarification. Commissioner Wallace asked whether enforcement would be handled by the Police Department once established; Keila Tuttle confirmed it would.

Motion: Commissioner Wallace moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-16 authorizing the operation of unique vehicles, including off-highway vehicles such as ATVs, ROVs, and UTVs, golf carts, and neighborhood electric vehicles, on certain public streets within the City of Starbase.

Second: Commissioner Buss

Vote: 3–0. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E.2 – Public Hearing and Action on Rezoning – Tabled

Prior to consideration of this item, Mayor Peden advised the Commission and members of the public that Item E.2 had been inadvertently included on the posted agenda for this meeting. The item was intended for placement on the agenda for the June 17, 2026 City Commission meeting and, at one point, had been included on a draft of that agenda. The change was not reflected on the final posted agenda for this meeting.

In order to ensure proper public notice and provide all interested persons an opportunity to participate and be present for any hearing or action on the item, Mayor Peden recommended tabling the item in its entirety and carrying it forward to the June 17, 2026 meeting. Mayor Peden extended apologies to any members of the public who attended specifically for this item.

Motion: Commissioner Buss moved to table Item E.2 to the June 17, 2026 City Commission meeting.

Second: Commissioner Wallace

Vote: 3–0. Motion passed unanimously.

F. COMMISSION / CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**Item F.1 – Items of Community Interest**

Mayor Peden invited the Commission and City staff to share items of community interest pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415. No items were offered.

Item F.2 – City Administrator’s Report

Keila Tuttle reported on behalf of the City Administrator that, as this meeting was held only five days after the May 28, 2026 City Commission Special Meeting, there were no new updates to report. All new updates will be provided at the next Commission meeting on June 17, 2026.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Item	Description	Vote
D	Consent Agenda: Minutes of the May 28, 2026 City Commission Special Meeting; EDC bond financing application regulations	3–0 Unanimous
E.1	Ordinance No. 2026-16: Authorizing operation of unique vehicles (ATVs, ROVs, UTVs, golf carts, NEVs) on City streets	3–0 Unanimous
E.2	Rezoning public hearing and action – Tabled to June 17, 2026 City Commission meeting	3–0 Unanimous

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Buss moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

Gretchen Norton

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Gretchen Norton, City Clerk
City of Starbase

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Approved by the City Commission on: June 19, 2026