MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor Pro-tem Alita Bagley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present: Council Member Dennis Stahl, Alex Avalos, and Theresa Metty, with Mayor Bharat Patel and Council Member Paul Munarriz out on an excused absence. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Kathy Cunningham.

City staff members present were Interim City Manager Darla Jones, Public Safety Director Randy Smith, Development Director Sungman Kim, Shoreline Management Director Patrick Barrineau, Shoreline Program & Project Manager Brandon Hill, Permit/Parks & Recreation Program Manager Mary Kay Hancock, Media Relations Manager Nancy Botello and City Secretary Susan Hill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Bagley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro-tem Bagley announced that Item 5b would be pulled to be considered separately.

Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Bagley to approve Items 5a and 5c on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Council Member Stahl made a motion to approve Item 5b on the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which passed on a 3 to 0 vote with Council Member Avalos abstaining from the vote.

a. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AND SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING. (HILL)

b. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 136297 through 136407 and EFT payments totaling \$468,273.49.

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c. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF QUEEN ISABELLA MEMORIAL CAUSEWAY AND HWY. 100 ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016 FOR THE GRAN FONDO/RAUL ALCALA CHALLENGE CYCLING EVENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE PERMITTING OF THE EVENT. (HANCOCK)

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2016-27, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 16-20 VACATING AND CLOSING CERTAIN STREET/ROADWAY WITHIN THE CITY AND KNOWN AS THE PORTION OF WEST WHITING STREET BETWEEN THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LAGUNA BOULEVARD AND TO THE EASTERN PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 3, BLOCK 45 ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 14, PAGE 52 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE SAID ABANDONED TO THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER. (JONES)

Council Member Stahl made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 16-20 vacating and closing street known as the portion of West Whiting Street between west right-of-way line a Laguna Boulevard to the eastern property line of Lot 3, Block 45 and authorizing the sale of property in the amount of \$85,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which carried on a unanimous vote.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SOUTH PADRE ISLAND'S DESIGNATED COLOR PALETTE IN THE FORM BASED CODE. (BAGLEY)

After some discussion, Council Member Metty made a motion to send this to the Development Standards Review Task Force for their review and recommendation. Mayor Pro-tem Bagley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO AND ADMINISTER THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION "MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE" IN WHICH CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES ARE COMMITTING TO CREATE/RESTORE MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITAT IN THE COMMUNITY. (BAGLEY)

Mayor Pro-tem Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Avalos to support the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Pledge, preferably on "Monarch Day" in October, to commit to fulfilling all action items and to designate the South Padre Island Birding & Nature Center (SPIBNC) as the lead, with Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee to partner with SPIBNC on this project. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REJECT SUBMITTED BIDS FOR THE QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY BOARDWALK REPAIRS, AND REISSUE THE CALL FOR BIDS. (BARRINEAU)

Council Member Stahl made a motion to reject the sole bid that was submitted for the Queen Isabella Causeway Boardwalk repairs due to cost concerns; and authorize the City to re-bid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which passed unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BEACH-DUNE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAZEBO STRUCTURE FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IN THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN. (BARRINEAU)

Council Member Avalos made a motion to approve a Beach-dune permit for the construction of a gazebo in the Butterfly Garden. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

XI. UPDATE ON CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE. (JONES)

Interim City Manager Darla Jones explained that this new customer service initiative will promote and encourage all employees to treat external and internal "customers" with respect, a smile, fairly and in a timely manner.

XII. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-tem Bagley adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED

Alita Bagley, Mayor Pro-tem

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