

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
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THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor Patel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present: Council Member Dennis Stahl, Theresa Metty and Paul Munarriz. Absent were Council Members Alita Bagley and Ron Pitcock. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Kathy Cunningham.

City staff members present were City Manager Susan Guthrie, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Public Safety Director Randy Smith, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Development Director Sungman Kim, CVB Director Keith Arnold, Fire Chief William Fowler, Shoreline Management Director Brandon Hill, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Parks and Recreation Manager Anne Payne and City Secretary Susan Hill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Patel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08 SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE USE OF MUNICIPAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE FOR COASTAL SPORTS FACILITIES IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve Resolution No. 2017-08 supporting a House Bill allowing the use of municipal Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue for coastal sports facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09 SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 2690 THAT WILL ALLOW FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE COASTAL EROSION PROTECTION AND RESPONSE ACT (CEPRA) PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF THE STATE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX.

Council Member Stahl made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-09 in support of House Bill 2690 allowing for increase funding for the CEPRA Program through a portion of the State Hotel Occupancy Tax. Motion was seconded by Council Member Munarriz and passed on a unanimous vote.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10 IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 451 RELATING TO THE PROPOSED REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS BY MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES.

Council Member Metty made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-10 opposing Senate Bill 451 which regulates short-term rentals by municipalities and counties. Council Member Stahl seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-11 IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 2 THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE LEGISLATIVE IMPOSITION OF A REVENUE CAP AND LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE WITH LOCAL SERVICES.


Council Member Paul Munarriz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to approve Resolution No. 2017-11 opposing Senate Bill 2 with an amendment to add option of 4% or 3 cents. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-12 IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 15 RELATING TO REVENUE CAPS AND LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE WITH LOCAL SERVICES.

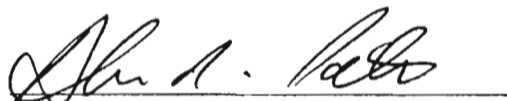
Council Member Stahl made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-12 opposing House Bill 15. Council Member Metty seconded motion. Council Member Stahl amended his motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to include an option of 4% or 3 cents. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

IX. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED


Bharat R. Patel, Mayor

