

The Island Way... Comprehensive Plan

The South Padre Island Community Survey #2 is available!

Revised Draft Vision Statement:

In 2050, South Padre Island will be a vibrant and attractive tropical community that welcomes people from all walks of life to its shores. A robust, year-round economy where a thriving arts scene, culture and beautiful, clean beaches support the high quality of life enjoyed on the Island. Characterized by its active multi-modal community and healthy ecosystem, South Padre Island will be a world-class destination where people come to make memories that last a lifetime.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in this survey to help us update the SPI Comprehensive Plan. All questions are optional, but we encourage you to answer as many as possible.

Click or scan the QR code to take the survey!



2018-2019 Budget

The City Council has approved the 2018-2019 Budget. The Annual Budget outlines the programs and services provided by the City to the citizens.

As such, the budget is one of the most important decisions that the City Council makes every year as it determines projects to be funded, services to be provided to the citizens and visitors, and the related costs.

The City Manager, Budget Committee and the Finance Department worked closely with various department directors to create the budget. This process included the establishment of detailed business plans and the performance of SWOT analysis to identify internal strengths and weaknesses as well as external opportunities and threats for each department.

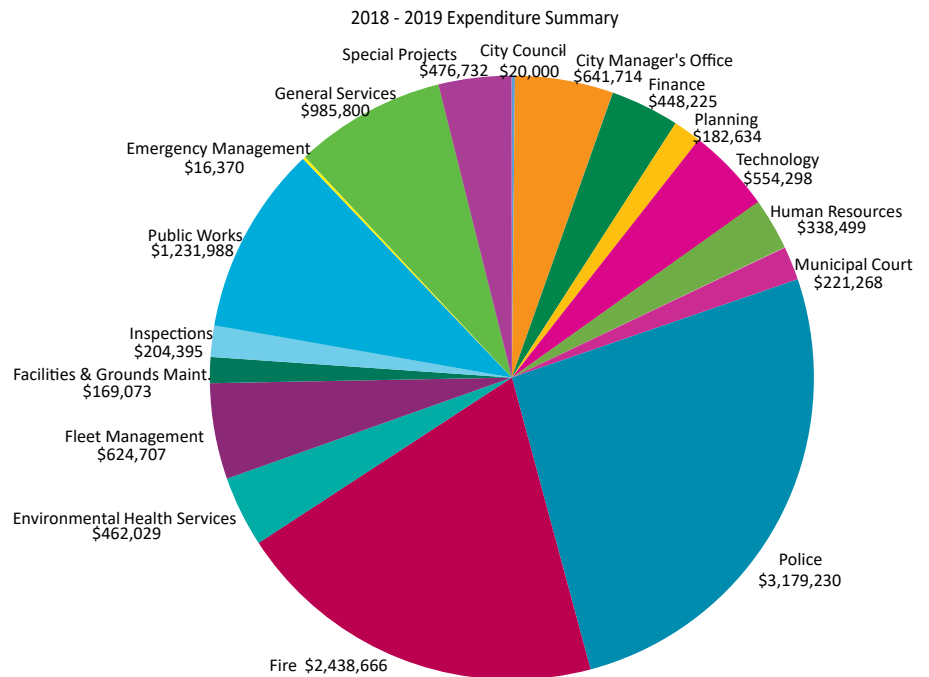
Click [HERE](#) to review the 2018-2019 Budget.

Excellence in Financial Reporting

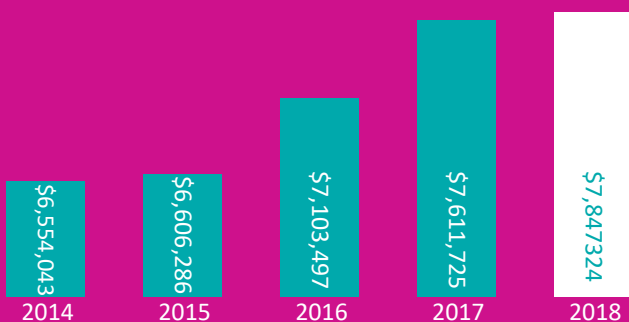
The City of South Padre Island Finance Department received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2016-2017 Budget Year.



Mayor Stahl and the SPI's Finance Department.



Property Tax Revenue Comparison



2017 - 2018 Monthly Sales Tax



Sept. 19 Council Highlights

The City Council approved the final reading of Ordinance No. 18-20 on the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget and Ordinance No. 18-21 on the 2018-2019 Property Tax Rate. The Tax Rate will remain the same as 2017.

The City Council approved the final reading of Ordinance No. 18-23 lowering the speed limit on Gulf Boulevard from 30 mph to 25 mph.

The City Council approved Resolution No. 2018-26 approving and adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The City Council approved the acceptance of the Texas Department of Transportation project grant agreement. The City's Transit Department has been approved for \$154,500 in Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Fund.

The City Council approved the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Special Events Economic Impact Research Study contract in the amount of \$119,000. This research study will measure and assess the effectiveness of Hotel Occupancy Tax funded special events throughout the City.

The City Council will sponsor the South Padre Island Girl Scout Government Day on Nov. 9. This event will allow the scouts to be educated in all aspects of City government.

View the Sept. 19 recorded meeting



Friends of the Animal Rescue

Sherry Pindard from the SPI Friends of the Animal presented the September 2018 statistics.

Shelter Intake: 55 Animals
 Adopted: 4 Dogs and 12 Cats
 Reunited: 3 Dogs and 2 Cats
 Released: 14 Opossums and 15 Birds

Bird of the Month

The South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center staff member Bill Beaty presented the Groove-bill Ani as the Bird of the Month for September.

Click [HERE](#) for the SPI Birding and Nature Center website.

SPI Friends of Animal Rescue Campaign

The City Council a contribution of \$50,000 to the SPI Friends of Animal Rescue (Friends)!

Since 2011, the City and the Friends have been in a mutually beneficial relationship. The Friends provide the animal shelter and quarantine facility for the City. Every animal taken in is seen by a licensed veterinarian to diagnose potential health problems, rabies vaccinations are verified and the animal is spayed or neutered prior to release.

Additional services provided to the City are:

- If someone is arrested and they have an animal, the Friends will care for the animal until the arrestee is released.
- The Police Department and Animal Control have access to the building for late night drop-offs.
- Residents and Tourists sometimes lose their pets and the Friends have reunited hundreds of pets back with their owners.

Click [HERE](#) for the Friends of Animal Rescue website!

Junior Lifeguard Program

The City of South Padre Island Fire Department introduced the Junior Lifeguard Program this summer.

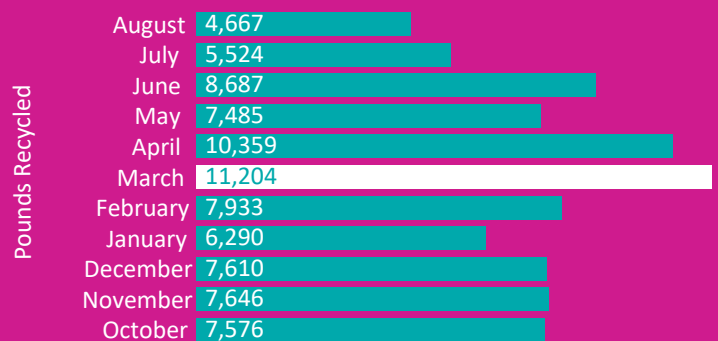
Seventeen youths participated in this summer program and learned ocean safety, first aid and life saving skills.

This program is a great first step for those who are interested in eventually becoming South Padre Island Beach Patrol lifeguards.



Mayor Stahl and junior lifeguards.

2017 - 2018 Monthly Recycling



Saturday Recycling Program.

Oct. 3 Council Highlights

At the Oct. 3 City Council Meeting, City Council approved the South Padre Island Mural grant application. The program will result in a mural at the Community Center.

The City Council approved a budget amount of \$500,000 to be allocated towards the Visitors Center improvements.

The City Council approved a budget amendment of \$300,000 to be utilized for the fall marketing enhancement targeting the Rio Grande Valley.

The City Council approved a budget amendment of \$400,000 to market airlift improvements and provide marketing incentives for airlines to bring new flights to our region.

City Council approved discussing cruise line development opportunities with Cameron County.

View the Oct. 3 recorded meeting here



National Night Out 2018

The City of South Padre Island held the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 3 and would like to thank all of those that came out and supported our event. It was a fun night for all involved and a pleasure spending the evening with people and pets from our community.

We would also like to thank all of the businesses and groups that supported the event. Without your assistance none of this would have been possible.



A few of SPI's finest during National Night Out.

New & promoted employees

City Manager Susan Guthrie presented new City staff members and recently promoted staff members to the City Council and community.

As of June 6, three new employees were hired and four employees were promoted.

Newly hires employees:
Senior Accountant Maria Herrera, Senior Sales Manager Travis Milum and Information Counselor Luis Rios.

Promotions:
Jose Cortez was promoted from Part-Time Maintenance to Full-Time Maintenance. Claudine O'Carroll was promoted from Police Lieutenant to Police Captain. Jacob Losoya was promoted from Part-Time Police Officer to Full-Time Police Officer and Oziel Garcia was promoted from EMS Lieutenant to EMS Captain.

Click or scan the QR code for job openings, descriptions and much more!



Current job openings

Parks & Recreation Manager

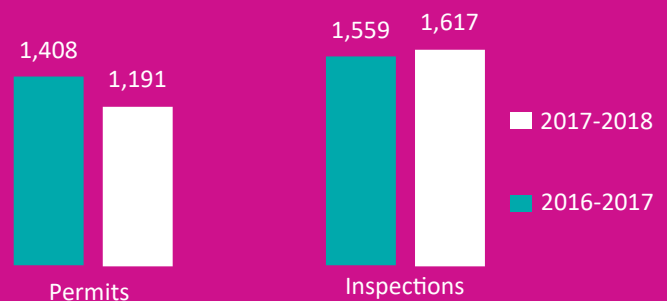
Police Officer (Part-Time)

CVB/DMO Director



Staff members presented during the council meeting.

Building Permits & Inspections Comparison



Island Vibes

Stay informed

The City of South Padre Island has many ways to keep you informed!

Subscribe

Sign up to receive newsletters and updates delivered to your inbox.
<http://myspi.org/category/subcategory.php?categoryid=71>

Facebook

City of South Padre Island's Facebook Page has more than 7,200 followers. Follow us today to stay up to date.
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthPadreTexas/>

For tourism and event information follow us at:
<https://www.facebook.com/sopadre/>

Website

The City's website has the most information about your Island!

Key Information:

- Upcoming Meetings
 - Agendas
 - Live Stream Meetings
 - Press Releases
 - Departmental Documents
 - Financial Reports
- www.myspi.org

Meetings

View upcoming meeting agendas, live stream meetings in session or watch archived meetings.

<http://www.myspi.org/egov/apps/services/index.egov?view=detail;id=20>

Swift911

The City of South Padre Island utilizes Swift911 to notify citizens, businesses and visitors of emergency situations.

Click or scan the QR code to sign up



The emergency notification system is web-based, giving the City the ability to message residents and visitors any time day or night using text, voice or email alerts.

Re-entry sticker

Re-entry stickers are available at the Police station for residents, property owners and businesses.

Click or scan the QR code for more information



The stickers allow re-entry to the Island following a major storm event.

Transparency

The City of South Padre Island has launched an online financial transparency portal. This portal provides multiple years of information that enhances the accountability of the City's financial operations.



Financial Transparency

Click the \$ for more information

Key Contacts

- Building Division (956) 761-8103
- City Hall (956) 761-6456
- Community Center (956) 761-8168
- Convention & Visitors Bureau (956) 761-3000
- Planning (956) 761-8112
- Economic Development Corporation (956) 761-6805
- Environmental Health (956) 761-8123
- Finance (956) 761-8130
- Fire Department (956) 761-3830
- Municipal Court (956) 761-3225
- Parks (956) 761-8168
- Police Non-Emergency (956) 761-5454
- Public Works (956) 761-8159
- Shoreline (956) 761-8166
- Transit (956) 761-8178
- Visitors Center (956) 761-6433

Parks and Recreation

The City of South Padre Island maintains several City parks.

- Water Tower Park
- John L. Tompkins Park
- Turtle Park
- Butterfly Park
- Lis Memorial Park
- Queen Isabella Memorial Park

Click or scan the QR Code to view locations and amenities!



Things To Do!

On South Padre Island, there are always exciting things to do and fun new activities to try all year long. Each member of your family or group is sure to find something that fits their personality and interests perfectly. If you enjoy getting out and having a crazy new adventure, you can try flyboarding, ziplining, tandem skydiving, surfing, kiteboarding, driving ATVs, stand-up paddleboarding, snorkeling, scuba diving, parasailing, jet skiing, and deep sea fishing.

Click or scan the QR Code to view events, deals and much more!

