

**MINUTES
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 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 full quorum was present: Council Member Dennis Stahl, Alex Avalos, Theresa Metty, Alita Bagley and Paul Munarriz. Also present was City Attorney Paul Cunningham.

City staff members present were City Manager William DiLibero, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Police Chief Randy Smith, Public Works Director Armando Gutierrez, Finance Director Rodrigo Gimenez, Development Director Sungman Kim, Administrative Services Director Wendie Delgado, Transit Director Jesse Arriaga, CVB Director Keith Arnold 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. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Patel read a proclamation recognizing Pat Rasmussen and Ellen Walker for their work with the Annual Christmas Parade this year and past years.

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Avalos made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bagley to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

a. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2015 WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING. (HILL)

b. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 134179 through 134322 and EFT payments totaling \$1,282,700.93.

c. APPROVE RENEWAL AGREEMENT OPTION FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR WITH THE CURRENT CITY'S INVESTMENT ADVISORS, VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING, L.L.P. (GIMENEZ)

d. APPROVE TO RENEW INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REGARDING THE AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE RENEWAL AGREEMENT. (ARNOLD)

e. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365,000 FOR CONVENTION CENTRE INTERIOR RENOVATION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXCESS RESERVES. (ARNOLD)

f. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 TO PAY FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CONVENTION CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT. (JONES)

- g. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR PARC (PETER RAVELLA CONSULTING) CONTRACT TO PROVIDE GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE. (DILIBERO)**
- h. **APPROVE EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR MAYOR BHARAT PATEL FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (PATEL)**

Note: At this time, with no objections from the City Council, Mayor Patel moved Item 17 under Item 5.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STREET MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN. (PATEL/GUTIERREZ)

Armando Gutierrez gave an overview of street improvements (18.5 miles) with an estimated cost of \$27 million for curb, gutter and sidewalks and \$34 million to include landscaping and solar lights. Discussion was held, no action taken.

Note: At this time (6:10 p.m.), Mayor Patel excused himself from the Council Meeting to catch a flight to Austin, Texas for a meeting with Texas Department of Transportation in order to accept the award of a 3.4 million dollar grant for Padre Boulevard Sidewalk improvements. Mayor Pro-tem Bagley took over the meeting at this time.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT CITY STAFF TO PROPOSE A CITY WIDE PLAN TO RE-BUILD SIDE STREETS (STREETS RUNNING EAST TO WEST) WITH SIDEWALKS, LANDSCAPING, SOLAR LIGHTING AND BAY-END IMPROVEMENTS BEGINNING WITH OLEANDER STREET TO MORNINGSIDE STREET. (PATEL/DILIBERO/KIM)

Dr. Kim gave a brief presentation on a conceptual design for bay endings in residential areas to allow residents access to the bay using kayaks, canoes, etc. Discussion included possible recommendations on different models and/or possible master plan. No action was taken.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLY REVISING CITY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE ALL PROPERTY OWNERS TO BUILD A SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF RESPECTIVE PROPERTY WHEN SUBSTANTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION ON SAID PROPERTY IS DONE. (PATEL)

Council Member Stahl made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 15-22 which amends Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Sec. 4-2.3 requiring installation of a sidewalk when obtaining a building permit to build a structure. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO LOOK INTO REVISING CITY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO MAINTAIN LANDSCAPING AND CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FRONT OF RESPECTIVE OWNERS PROPERTY. (PATEL/JONES/CUNNINGHAM)

Council Member Stahl made a motion to approve first reading to Ordinance No. 15-23 amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances by amending Sec. 9-6 to require property owners to maintain their premises up to the adjacent street. Motion was seconded by Council Member Munarriz, which passed unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLAN TO ADDRESS LANDSCAPING FOR CITY STREETS. (DILIBERO/GUTIERREZ)

Armando Gutierrez gave an overview of Public Works staff assignments and availability for landscaping duties, as well as, future landscaping issues. Discussion was held, no action was taken.

XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY HIRING OF LANDSCAPE PERSONNEL OR A COMPANY TO MANICURE THE STREET ISLANDS ALONG THE COMPLETED SECTION OF GULF BOULEVARD. (GUTIERREZ)

Discussion was held in which Armando Gutierrez advised that he would get prices of hiring landscape personnel and/or company and will report back to City Council. No action was taken.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY HIRING OF A BACKHOE TRACTOR AND OPERATOR TO ASSIST WITH THE CLEANUP AND SHAPING OF THE TXDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY MEDIAN NEAR 400 PADRE FRONTAGE ROAD. (GUTIERREZ)

Discussion held, no action taken.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SELECT A FIRM FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES. (GIMENEZ)

Council Member Stahl made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to select Long Chilton, L.L.P. for professional auditing services. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO VACANT AND/OR EXPIRING TERMS OF THE CITY'S COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCE (HEREIN CALLED COMMITTEES) FOR THE FOLLOWING: (HILL)

Council Member Stahl made a motion, seconded by Council Member Méty to make the following appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

a. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS: FOUR (4) APPOINTMENTS (2 REGULAR & 2 ALTERNATE)

Regular Members: Paul Fedigan, Art Teniente
Alternate Members: Cain Mahan, Austin Morgan*

*Austin Morgan wanted to be considered as a Regular Member, he will be finishing his regular term, which will expire 12/31/16.

b. BOARD OF ETHICS: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS

None – no applications were submitted and incumbents did not seek reappointment.

c. CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY BOARD: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS – CONDO & HOTEL MOTEL

Arnie Creinin, Bill Donahue, Will Greenwood

d. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS REVIEW TASK FORCE: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS

George Shelley, Gar Treharne, Kimberly Dollar

e. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS

Bob Friedman, Ron Pitcock, Sally Scaman

f. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS

Steve Hathcock, Mary Ann Rous, Holly Martin

g. KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE: FOUR (4) APPOINTMENTS

Elaine Sanchez, Jan Whittington, Julie Bergman, Kat Little

h. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS

Kerry Schwartz, Stormy Wall, Sally Scaman

i. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS

Chris Huffman, Kimberly Dollar, Art Teniente

j. SHORELINE TASK FORCE: THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS

Virginia Guillot, Ron Pitcock, Norma Trevino

XV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT MERGER. (DILIBERO)

Bill DiLibero gave an overview on the Public Safety Department merger and discussion followed. No action was taken.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; 551.072, DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; TO DISCUSS:

a. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF ECO-TOURISM PARCEL.

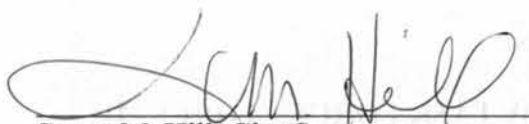
City Council did not go into Executive Session.

XVII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF ECO-TOURISM PARCEL.

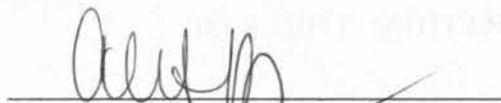
Mayor Pro-tem Bagley made a motion to authorize the City Manager to begin negotiations for purchase of eco-tourism parcel. Motion was seconded by Council Member Stahl. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

XVIII. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-tem Bagley adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED


Alita Bagley, Mayor Pro-tem

