

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Special Meeting on Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor Patel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present: Council Member Dennis Stahl, Alex Avalos, Theresa Metty and Paul Munarriz. Absent was Council Member Alita Bagley. Also present was City Attorney Paul Cunningham.

City staff members present were Interim City Manager Darla Jones, Public Safety Director Randy Smith, 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

None.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING A 2% VENUE TAX FOR LODGING FACILITIES ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 334 TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Council Member Metty made a motion to approve a 2% Venue Tax. Motion was seconded by Council Member Stahl, which passed on a unanimous vote.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE LIST OF THE APPROVED VENUE ITEMS.

Mayor Patel made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to form a committee consisting of members from City Council, Convention and Visitor Advisory Board, Cameron County (Sofia Benavides/David Garcia) and City staff to develop a list of venue items. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO HAVE A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THAT CONSISTS OF AN INITIATIVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2% VENUE TAX AND DIRECT INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS AND MEET THE REQUIRED DEADLINES.

Council Member Stahl made a motion to direct the Interim City Manager and City Attorney to begin the process to put this item on the November ballot. Council Member Metty seconded the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

VII. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED

Bharat R. Patel, Mayor

