

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor Patel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.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 Interim City Manager Darla Jones, Public Safety Director Randy Smith, Finance Director Rodrigo Gimenez, Administrative Services Director Wendi Delgado, Interim Fire Chief Albert Perez, Shoreline Management Director Patrick Barrineau, Shoreline Program & Project Manager Brandon Hill, Transit Program Administrator Deborah Carpenter 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 SUPPORT AND COMMIT \$5,000 TO PHASE I OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF PROPOSED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM TRAILS NETWORK AND ANCHOR SITES IN BROWNSVILLE AND CAMERON COUNTY, WITH A FOCUS ON NATURE, HERITAGE, CULTURAL, AND ACTIVE TOURISM. (PATEL)

Irv Downing from University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) gave a presentation of the proposed active transportation and tourism trails network through out Cameron County and asked for support from South Padre island for Phase I of the Economic Impact Study.

Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to support and commit \$5,000 to Phase I of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Active Transportation Plan Economic Impact Study. Motion carried unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FIRST READING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 16-18 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT, PROGRAM AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017. (GIMENEZ)

Council Member Bagley made a motion to approve first reading adopting Ordinance No. 16-18 appropriating funds for the fiscal year budget from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. Council member Metty seconded the motion. A record vote was taken with each Council Member casting an aye vote. Motion passed unanimously.

- VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FIRST READING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 16-19 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF .305640 FOR TAX YEAR 2016, AND SETTING THE ASSESSED VALUATION AT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE AND PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS IN THE EVENT OF EARLY PAYMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW. (GIMENEZ)**

Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Avalos, to approve first reading to adopt Ordinance No. 16-19 establishing the ad valorem tax and the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.305640, setting the assessed valuation at one hundred percent (100%) of the fair market value and providing for discounts, penalty and interest. Motion passed on a record vote with all Council Members casting an aye vote.

- VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 16-17 ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING ZONE" ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WHITE SANDS STREET EAST OF PADRE BOULEVARD. (PATEL)**

Council Member Bagley made a motion to approve second and final reading of Ordinance No. 16-17 establishing a "no parking zone" on the south side of White Sands Street east of Padre Boulevard. Motion was seconded by Council Member Munarriz, which passed on a unanimous vote.

- VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT RPT 1602 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$673,154; AND AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER GRANT AGREEMENT. (ARRIAGA)**

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to approve acceptance of Texas Department of Transportation Grant RPT 1602 in the amount of \$673,154 and authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

- IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT RUR 1701 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$537,241; AND AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER GRANT AGREEMENT. (ARRIAGA)**

Council Member Bagley made a motion to accept Texas Department of Transportation Grant RUR 1701 in the amount of \$537,241 and authorized the Interim City Manager to enter into agreement. Council Member Stahl seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- X. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CANCELLATION OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION BY: (HILL)**

- a. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFYING CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION ARE UNOPPOSED.**

Council Member Bagley made a motion to acknowledge receipt and accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates certifying candidates for the November 8, 2016 General Election are unopposed. Council Member Munarriz seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

b. APPROVE ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION.

Mayor Patel made a motion, seconded by Council Member Avalos to approve Order of Cancellation for the November 8, 2016 General Election and to approve Resolution No. 2016-23 declaring unopposed candidates and cancelling said election. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS; TO DISCUSS:

a. DISCUSSION OF CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS.

At 10:51 a.m., Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

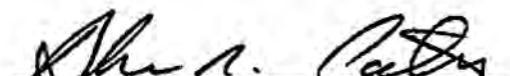
At 12:56 a.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

XII. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED


Bharat R. Patel, Mayor

