

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor Pro-tem Stahl called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present: Council Member Ron Pitcock, Theresa Metty, Alita Bagley and Paul Munarriz. Out with an excused absence was Mayor Bharat Patel. Also present was City Attorney Kathy Cunningham.

City staff members present were City Manager Susan Guthrie, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Police Chief Randy Smith, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Development Director Sungman Kim, Administrative Services Director Wendi Delgado, CVB Director Keith Arnold, Fire Chief Doug Fowler, Transit Director Jesse Arriaga, Shoreline Management Director Brandon Hill, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Building Official David Travis, Environmental Health Code Enforcement Officer Cipriano Torres, Interim Public Information Officer Angelique Soto, Parks and Recreation Manager Anne Payne and City Secretary Susan Hill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Stahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. **PRESENTATION: JULY 2017 BIRD OF THE MONTH**
- b. **PRESENTATION: SPI RIT (SOUTH PADRE ISLAND ROBOTICS INTEGRATION TEAM) DRONE TEAM**

Note: Item No. 6 was moved in front of the Consent Agenda.

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Note: Item 5g was pulled off the Consent Agenda in its entirety and Item 5j was pulled to discuss separately.

Council Member Pitcock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 5a through 5l with the exception of Item 5g (which had been pulled from the Consent Agenda). Council Member Bagley asked that Item 5j be pulled to discussed and voted on separately. Council Member Pitcock withdrew his motion.

Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bagley to approve Items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5h, 5i, 5k and 5l on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 5J: Council Member Bagley made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 17-09 to remove the words “each hour” in Sec. 11-222(b). Motion died for lack of second. Council Member Metty made a motion to approve second and final reading of Ordinance No. 17-09 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pitcock. At this time, City Attorney Kathy Cunningham advised against keeping the wording “each hour” in the ordinance and recommended removal. Vote was then taken, motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote with Council Member Bagley casting a nay vote.

a. **APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2017 WORKSHOP AND JULY 5, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. (S. HILL)**

b. **APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 138714 through 138802 and EFT payments totaling \$342,389.93.

c. **APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21 ADOPTING THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FULL RANGE OF PRE-DISASTER AND POST-DISASTER FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MITIGATION PURPOSES. (JONES)**

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City’s Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-21, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

d. **APPROVE CANCELLATION OF HILLCO GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING AGREEMENT, AS PER AGREEMENT TERMS, IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CITY RELATED BUDGETARY CONCERNS. (GUTHRIE)**

e. **APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES COAST GUARD STATION SOUTH PADRE ISLAND AND SOUTH PADRE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHEN REQUESTED. (SMITH)**

f. **APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-22 TO APPROVE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HIGHWAY 100 AND THE QUEEN ISABELLA MEMORIAL CAUSEWAY ON OCTOBER 15, 2017 FOR THE 2017 RIDE FOR ROTARY EVENT. (PAYNE)**

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City’s Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-22, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

g. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,110.84 FROM HOTEL MOTEL EXCESS RESERVES TO REPLACE SIGN AND LOGO AT THE VISITORS CENTER. (ARNOLD)**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

h. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,600 FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE STUDY. (JONES)**

- i. **APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-08 AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TO REPLACE 13-22.4 FOR THE REGULATION OF EVENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND EVENT ORGANIZERS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR THE PARTICIPANTS, SPECTATORS, ATTENDEES AND GENERAL PUBLIC. (GUTHRIE)**

A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 17-08, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- j. **APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO, 17-09 AMENDING SEC. 11-221 AND SEC. 11-222 OF ARTICLE XII, SHORT TERM RENTALS, TO INCLUDE STRICTER COMPLIANCE. (GUTHRIE)**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately

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A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 17-09, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- k. **APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-10 AMENDING SEC. 9-16, CONTAINER REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION TRASH, TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRUCK OR TRAILER AS AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF REMOVING CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS IN THE EVENT THAT THE FRANCHISED COLLECTION AGENCY IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A CONTAINER. (TRAVIS)**

A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 17-10, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- l. **APPROVE EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR MAYOR BHARAT PATEL FROM THE JULY 19, 2017 AND AUGUST 2, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. (PATEL)**

VI. **PRESENTATION OF NEW CITY STAFF MEMBERS AND RECENTLY PROMOTED STAFF MEMBERS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY. (GUTHRIE)**

This item was moved in front of the Consent Agenda.

City Manager Susan Guthrie introduced new employees and those promoted as of February 25, 2017, which are listed below:

New Hires:

T. Anne Payne – Parks and Recreation Manager
 Guadalupe Casanova – Police Officer
 Jose L. Diaz – Police Officer
 Duvie E. Alcozer – Code Enforcement Officer

Promotions:

Oscar Grisham – promoted from Parks Foreman to Shoreline Operations Manager
 Jesus Cantu – promoted from Equipment Operator I to Equipment Operator II
 Jesus Rey Martinez – promoted from Maintenance to Equipment Operator I
 Michael Schiltz – promoted from Police Officer to Police Sergeant

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2017-2018 BUDGET OF THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. (DOWNING/EDC PRESIDENT)

Irv Downing, President of the SPI Economic Development Corporation (EDC) gave an overview of the 2017-2018 budget and outlined some of the projects that the EDC is currently working on.

Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve the EDC 2017-2018 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PLAN FOR A MARINE LIFE CENTER. (DOWNING/EDC PRESIDENT)

Council Member Munarriz made a motion to approve expenditure in the amount of \$25,000 for a Conceptual Design Plan for a Marine Life Center on property owned by the EDC. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which carried unanimously.

At this time, with no objections from City Council, Item X was moved in front of Item IX.

IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO LEAD A DMAIC PROJECT TO ASSESS MARKETING/ADVERTISING PROCESSES IN COOPERATION WITH THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY BOARD. (STAHL)

Council Member Stahl made a motion to direct the City Manager to lead a DMAIC project to assess the marketing and advertising processes. Motion was seconded by council Member Pitcock, which passed unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINAL STEPS OF PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE (PM) DMAIC TO INCLUDE OUTCOME OF THE RESERVE STUDY AND FUNDING OPTIONS. (GUTHRIE)

After presentation regarding preventive maintenance needs and funding possibilities, Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve and direct staff to move forward with Option B of the Financing Options which includes Sales Tax Contingency \$60,000+; General Fund Excess Reserves \$22,000 = \$82,000 (FY 2016-17); Property tax rate increase of \$0.01 \$225,000 plus using \$30,000 that was proposed to fund the Outside Agency budget for a total of \$337,000. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE CONVENTION CENTRE PARKING LOT PAVING IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II TO SOLE BIDDER, G & T PAVING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,968. (ARNOLD)

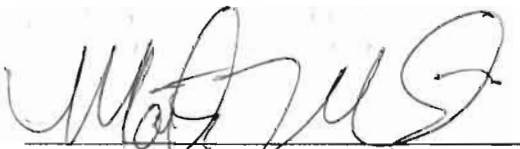
Council Member Bagley made a motion to approve and award the Convention Centre Parking Lot Paving Improvements, Phase II to the sole bidder, G & T Paving, in the amount of \$171,968. Council Member Metty seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

XII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #5 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE SERVICES FOR SIDEWALKS, BOARDWALKS FROM THE CONVENTION CENTRE TO THE NORTHERN CITY LIMIT BOUNDARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,000; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN. (JONES)


Council Member Pitcock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz, to approve Amendment #5 to the Kimley-Horn agreement to provide engineering, design and environmental clearance services for sidewalks, boardwalks from the Convention Centre to the northern city limit boundary in the amount of \$305,000; and authorize the City Manager to sign.

XIII. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-tem Stahl adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.


Marta Martinez, Assistant City Secretary

APPROVED


Dennis Stahl, Mayor Pro-tem

