

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 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, Ron Pitcock, Theresa Metty, Alita Bagley and Paul Munarriz. Also present was City Attorney Paul Cunningham and Assistant City Attorney Kathy Cunningham.

City staff members present were City Manager Susan Guthrie, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Public Safety Director 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, Interim Fire Chief Albert Perez, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Transit Director Jesse Arriaga, Shoreline Management Director Brandon Hill, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson 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:

a. RECOGNITION OF INTERIM FIRE CHIEF ALBERT PEREZ

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Patel announced that Item 5f will be pulled to be considered separately.

Council Member Metty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to approve Items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d and 5e on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bagley made a motion to approve Item 5f on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Pitcock seconded the motion, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

a. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2017 WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING. (S. HILL)

b. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 137392 through 137445 and EFT payments totaling \$82,846.02.

c. APPROVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AS PREPARED BY VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING, L.L.C. (GIMENEZ)

d. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,580 TO PURCHASE THE GALLUP Q12 SURVEY FOR ALL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES TO TAKE IN JUNE 2017. (GUTHRIE)

- e. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350 FROM THE TEXAS INTERSTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS) TO ALLOCATE GRANT FUNDS FOR TRAINING. (PEREZ)**
- f. **APPROVE REQUEST FOR AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR PAUL MUNARRIZ FROM THE FEBRUARY 15, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (MUNARRIZ)**

VI. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON VENUE TAX PROJECTS. (GUTHRIE)

- a. **MEDIANS AND IMPROVEMENTS**
- b. **CONVENTION CENTER PROPERTY ACQUISITION**
- c. **PARKING**
- d. **WIND AND WATER SPORTS FACILITY**
- e. **AMPHITHEATER/VENUE**

An update was given on each of the Venue Tax projects.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW THE EXISTING BIKE LANES TO FUNCTION AS AN ALTERNATE BUS LANE FOR THE ISLAND METRO AND METRO CONNECT BLUE LINE BUSES DURING HIGH PEAK TRAFFIC PERIODS (I.E., SPRING BREAK, SEMANA SANTA, FOURTH OF JULY). (ARRIAGA)

Council Member Pitcock made a motion to approve a “pilot” program for 2017 that will allow Island Metro and Metro Connect Blue Line buses to drive on the existing bike lanes during high peak traffic periods. Motion was seconded by Council Member Munarriz, which carried on a unanimous vote.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WEST PALM STREET WIDENING FOR TRUCK AND BOAT TRAILERS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PALM STREET BOAT RAMP. (A. SANCHEZ)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to approve the engineering work to be done to widen West Palm Street for truck and boat trailers and to bring back a set of plans for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$266,000 TO COVER THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST ARIES, SOUTH SIDE OF WEST VERNA JEAN (1/2), NORTH SIDE OF WEST VERNA JEAN AND WEST PALM STREET WIDENING FOR TRUCK AND BOAT TRAILERS. (A. SANCHEZ)

Mayor Patel made a motion to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$266,000 for improvements to the south side of West Aries, south side of West Verna Jean, north side of West Verna Jean and West Palm Street (widening for truck and boat trailers). Motion was seconded by Council Member Munarriz, which passed on a unanimous vote.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02 TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE. (BALDOVINOS)

Mayor Patel made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to approve Resolution No. 2017-02 that changes the composition of the Keep SPI Beautiful Committee to include five (5) at-large members and two (2) representatives from local organizations that promote anti-litter and beautification initiatives. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City’s Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-02, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MITIGATION PLAN AS PROPOSED BY LAS COSTAS CONDOMINIUMS FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF THE GULF CIRCLE BEACH ACCESS PATH. (B. HILL)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to move forward with the Mitigation Plan for Las Costas Condominiums for the realignment of the Gulf Circle Beach Access Path, with staff recommendations. Motion passed unanimously. Staff recommendations approved includes:

- The City is bound to work in partnership to satisfy the conditions of the approved permit.
- The City will have a survey of the properties performed as soon as possible
- Once a pathway with minimal impact has been selected, a full mitigation packet will be assembled by PARC and approved by city staff.
- This comprehensive plan will be brought before the Shoreline Task Force in order to proceed for General Land Office (GLO) approval.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WALKOVER AT MARISOL CONDOMINIUMS LOCATED AT 1700 GULF BOULEVARD. (B. HILL)

Mayor Patel made a motion to approve staff recommendation that the existing walkover be removed (was not constructed as permitted and failed inspection) and construction begin again, this time proceeding according to the permitted engineering plans. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which carried on a unanimous vote.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY BOARDWALK REPAIRS TO THE LOWEST BIDDER, BRYANT INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,600. (B. HILL)

Council Member Pitcock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bagley to award the Queen Isabella Causeway Boardwalk repairs to the lowest bidder, Bryant Industrial Services, in the amount of \$61,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Other bids received were from Epoxy Design Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$99,512.

XIV. PRESENTATION OF 2016 RACIAL PROFILE REPORT. (SMITH)

Council Member Stahl made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2016 Racial Profile report. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pitcock. Motion passed unanimously.

XV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER CANCELLING OR RESCHEDULING THE MARCH 15, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO SPRING BREAK – TEXAS WEEK (MARCH 11-19, 2017). (S. HILL)

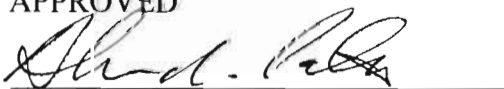
Council Member Bagley made a motion to cancel the March 15, 2017 Regular City Council meeting. Council Member Munarriz seconded the motion, which carried on a unanimous vote.

XVI. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED


Bharat R. Patel, Mayor

