

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 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 and Alita Bagley, with Council Member Paul Munarriz out on an excused absence. Also present was 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, Fire Chief William Fowler, 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, Interim Public Information Officer Angelique Soto 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. Proclamation: Retirement of David Rocha, Public Works Foreman

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Peacock to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

- a. **APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (S. HILL)**

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

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 137446 through 137595 and EFT payments totaling \$1,156,907.73.

- c. **APPROVE AMENDMENT TO EXISTING CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE PADRE BOULEVARD SIDEWALKS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT. (JONES)**

- d. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO DRONES, AS WELL AS, TRAINING FOR POLICE PERSONNEL. (SMITH)**

- e. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE BEACH MAINTENANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,375 TO MITIGATE THE UNPERMITTED DAMAGES INCURRED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PEARL WALKOVER. (B. HILL)**

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

Mayor Patel introduced and congratulated new and recently promoted staff members.

VII. 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**
- f. TIMETABLE**

Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, City Manager Susan Guthrie, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones and Shoreline Management Director Brandon Hill gave updates on the various components of the Venue Tax Project.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING: TO DISCUSS REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 96, PADRE BEACH SECTION VII FROM NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSITION CHARACTER ZONE (NT) TO NEIGHBORHOOD CROSSING (NC). (KIM)

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Patel opened the Public Hearing.

Proponents: None

Opponents: Shane Wilson and unidentified citizen email received by City Council

Mayor Patel closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 pm

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP BY REZONING LOT 2, BLOCK 96, PADRE BEACH SECTION VII FROM DISTRICT "NT" (NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSITION CHARACTER ZONE) TO DISTRICT "NC" (NEIGHBORHOOD CROSSING CHARACTER ZONE). (KIM)

After some discussion, Council Member Bagley moved to deny the request to approve first reading of ordinance to rezone Lot 2, Block 96, Padre Beach Section VII from Neighborhood Transition Character Zone to Neighborhood Crossing Character Zone. Council Member Metty seconded the motion. Motion to deny passed on a 4 to 1 vote with Mayor Patel casting a nay vote.

X. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 25 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. (KIM)

Council Member Stahl made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance adding Chapter 25 establishing rules and regulations for public parks and recreational facilities. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pitcock, which carried unanimously.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03 REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF TEXAS, THROUGH THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, CONDEMN AND REMOVE THE OLD QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY STRUCTURE; AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN LETTER TO THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMISSIONER REGARDING SAME; AND REQUEST THAT THE CONCRETE AND STEEL DEBRIS FROM THE DEMOLITION BE RELOCATED TO THE RGV REEF SITE. (MUNARRIZ/STAHL)

Council Member Stahl made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to approve Resolution No. 2017-03 and authorize the Mayor to sign letter to the General Land Office Commissioner requesting that the old Queen Isabella Causeway be condemned and removed. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-03, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY TO EITHER CONTINUE OR DISSOLVE THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; AND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04 IF DISSOLVED. (BAGLEY)

After some discussion, Council Member Bagley made a motion to continue with the Historical Preservation Committee, but to leave dormant at this time and revisit at a future time to discuss the need for it. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pitcock, which carried unanimously. Resolution No. 2017-04 was not approved.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL TIRZ (TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE) REPORT. (JONES)

After the presentation of the Annual Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) report by Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Mayor Patel moved to accept the report as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which passed on a unanimous vote.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF CMP FUNDED MOONLIGHT BEACH ACCESS WALKOVER. (B. HILL)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to proceed with the bidding out and construction of the Moonlight Beach Access Walkover project. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORMING A SUBCOMMITTEE REGARDING AN ADDENDUM TO CHAPTER 22, DUNE PROTECTION, BEACH RENOURISHMENT, AND ACCESS PLAN IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. (B. HILL)

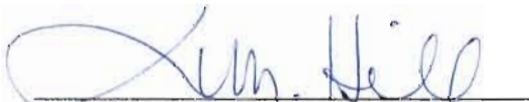
This item was pulled.

XVI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE BEACH MAINTENANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 TO PURCHASE A NEW TRACTOR (NEW HOLLAND POWERSTAR). (B. HILL)

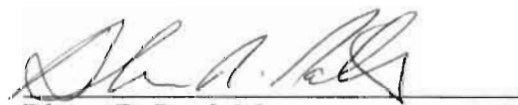
Council Member Pitcock made a motion to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$80,000 from the Beach Maintenance Fund to purchase a new tractor. Mayor Patel seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

XVII. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED


Bharat R. Patel, Mayor

