

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 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 Ron Pitcock, Theresa Metty, Alita Bagley and Paul Munarriz, with Council Member Dennis Stahl out with 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, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard 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: EARTH DAY

Mayor Patel presented an Earth Day Proclamation to Kim Dollar, Chairman of the Keep SPI Beautiful Committee.

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Pitcock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

a. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. (S. HILL)

b. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 137980 through 138093 and EFT payments totaling \$519,162.82.

c. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-13 DENYING AEP TEXAS REQUEST FOR DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,010,174. (JONES)

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-13, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

d. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,795.08 FOR FINAL PAYMENT, INCLUDING RETAINAGE, FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION. (JONES)

e. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT RPT 1701 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,000; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER GRANT AGREEMENT. (ARRIAGA)

- f. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNT DUE TO OBTAIN A SURVEY AND APPRAISAL FOR THE PINNELL PROPERTY IN RELATION TO THE VENUE PROJECT. (GUTHRIE)**
- g. **APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE QUEEN ISABELLA MEMORIAL CAUSEWAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 FOR THE PEDAL TO PADRE CYCLING EVENT. (PAYNE/SMITH)**

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-14, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- h. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,216.50 FOR INSURANCE PROCEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH A POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE ACCIDENT. (GIMENEZ)**

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO NAME THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY HALL AS THE "PAUL Y. CUNNINGHAM, JR. CITY HALL" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY ATTORNEY. (PATEL)

Mayor Patel made a motion to name the City Hall after the late City Attorney, Paul Y. Cunningham, Jr.; and direct the City Manager to put together a ceremony, inviting the public, the Cunningham family and friends, for the dedication of the building and recognition of Paul's contributions to the history and evolution of South Padre Island. Council Member Munarriz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION OF SWIFT 911 EMERGENCY CALL SYSTEM. (FOWLER/SHELLARD)

Fire Chief Doug Fowler and Technology Director Mark Shellard explained and gave a short presentation of the Swift 911 Emergency Call System that the City recently implemented. Swift 911 is an high-speed targeted alerting system using voice, TXT/SMS, email, fax, pager, RSS, IPAWS, Facebook, Twitter, inbound hotline with over 40 translation languages to choose from.

VIII. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON: (GUTHRIE)

a. PROPOSED SPRING BREAK/MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE.

City Manager Susan Guthrie gave an update on the first meeting that the subcommittee had recently, stating that they discussed, among other ideas, "Best Practices" from 17 other communities, reviewed process to analyze Spring Break and its economic impact. Members of the Spring Break/Mass Gathering subcommittee consist of Bill Donahue, Clayton Brashear, Dennis Stahl, Paul Munarriz, Doug Fowler, Randy Smith, Roxanne Guenzel, Wally Jones, Kim Dollar and Susan Guthrie.

b. SHORT-TERM RENTALS/NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES.

Susan Guthrie advised that a subcommittee for short-term Rentals and neighborhood issues was formed consisting of Eleana Jones, Troy Giles, Will Greenwood, David Gower, Julian Castillo, and city staff consisting of Claudine O'Carroll, Eddie Salazar, Georgian Ramos and Susan Guthrie. This committee is set to have their first meeting on April 25, 2017.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO FORM A MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REBRANDING SPRING BREAK TO ATTRACT A WIDER RANGE OF VISITORS TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL. (PATEL)

Mayor Patel made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to direct the City Manager to work with our Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Director to create a

subcommittee on a Marketing and Special Events plan and budget, specifically for the months of March and April, to be incorporated into the next CVB budget; and to bring back to City Council no later than the first City Council meeting in August. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

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

City Manager Susan Guthrie gave a short update on the Venue Tax Projects.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15 AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ALL ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY (INCLUDING THE SELECTION OF UNDERWRITERS) IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SERIES OF VENUE TAX BONDS TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE VENUE PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016. (GIMENEZ)

Council Member Bagley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-15 authorizing the preparation for the issuance of a series of Venue Tax Bonds to finance a portion of the venue projects approved by voters in 2016. Council Member Pitcock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-15, 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 ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO SET THE DUNE PROTECTION LINE (ALSO REFERRED TO THE HISTORIC BUILDING LINE) FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PADRE ISLAND INN SUBDIVISION. (B. HILL)

After presentation from Shoreline Director Brandon Hill, Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 17-02 amending Chapter 22, Section 22-4 – Dune Protection Line to provide a dune protection line to property located at Lot 1, Block 1, Padre Island Inn Subdivision located just south of The Shores. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BEACH AND DUNE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A CONCRETE PAVER DRIVEWAY AND A SWIMMING POOL AT 5106A, 5106B, 5108A AND 5108B GULF BOULEVARD. (B. HILL)

Mayor Patel made a motion to approve the Beach and Dune Permit for construction of a single-family residence located at 5106A, 5106B, 5108A and 5108B Gulf Boulevard. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pitcock, which carried unanimously.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BEACH AND DUNE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED CONCRETE GYM ON CONCRETE PILINGS LOCATED AT PADRE GRAND, 2100 GULF BOULEVARD. (B. HILL)

Mayor Patel made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to approve a Beach and Dune Permit for the construction of an elevated concrete gym at the Padre Grand located at 2100 Gulf Boulevard. Motion passed unanimously.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; 551.072, DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; TO DISCUSS:

A. DISCUSSION OF REAL ESTATE.

At 7:15 p.m., Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

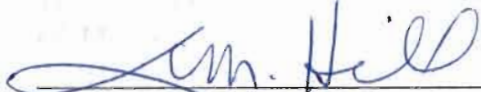
At 8:06 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

XVI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REAL ESTATE.

Council Member Pitcock made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations to acquire property. Council Member Bagley seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

XVII. ADJOURN.

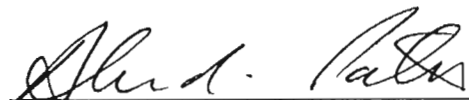
There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.



Susan M. Hill, City Secretary



APPROVED



Bharat R. Patel, Mayor