

**TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002**

I CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of South Padre Island, Texas was held March 6, 2002 at the Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Boulevard. Mayor Ed Cyganiewicz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A full quorum was present: Aldermen Doyle Wells, David Eymard, Rick Wells, Gerald Sher and Bill Thornton. Staff members present were Dan Quandt, Mary K. Pollard, Darla Honea, Robert Rodriguez, Cate Ball, Clifford Rowell, Sherry Newport, Paul Cunningham, Ray Kendall and Joyce Adams.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cyganiewicz reminded people about Early Voting for the Primary Elections and that the Election Day location for Precinct 52 would be the Training Center on West Retama.

V COMMITTEE REPORTS

Written reports were submitted with the meeting packages.

VI APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by R. Wells, seconded by D. Wells, items on the Consent Agenda were approved unanimously. Items approved are as follows:

- a. Approve minutes: Workshop and Regular Meetings, February 6, 2002 and Regular Meeting, February 20, 2002.
- b. Approve excused absence for Alderman David Eymard from Regular Meeting, February 20, 2002.
- c. Approve invoices. Invoices were paid by General Fund checks numbered 061996, 061997, and 062138 through 062261 totaling \$285,292.64.

VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING LAGUNA BOULEVARD SIDEWALK PROJECT

Public Works Director Sherry Newport gave an update on the progress of the Laguna Boulevard project. Discussion was held.

VIII DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW BUSINESSES TO STORE MERCHANDISE OR INVENTORY IN VEHICLES OR TRAILERS OUTSIDE OF BUSINESS BUILDING DURING SPRING BREAK PERIOD

Discussion was held. A motion was made by Thornton, seconded by R. Wells, to allow businesses to store merchandise or inventory in vehicles or trailers outside of their business building during Spring Break (only). Motion carried unanimously.

IX DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 01-12, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN AND ESTABLISHING NEW PERMIT FEES FOR HEALTH PERMITS, HEALTH RENEWALS AND FIRE ALARM MONITORING

City Manager Ray Kendall explained the first reading of this ordinance passed on September 5, 2001, but that the second reading had been tabled on September 19, 2001, after the bridge collapsed. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by D. Wells, seconded by Sher, to approve Ordinance No. 01-12 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said ordinance was placed in the Town's Ordinance Book, entitled Ordinance No. 01-12, and by reference hereto, included in these minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

X DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A BEACH AND DUNE APPLICATION BY HAMLIN POOLS, ON BEHALF OF OWNERS OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, VILLAS SUBDIVISION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SWIMMING POOL WITH BRICK PAVER DECKING WITHIN THE TWENTY-FIVE FOOT RESERVE STRIP

Sherry Newport, Public Works Director, reported the Beach and Dune Task Force had voted unanimously to approve this application, and that staff also recommended approval. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Eymard, seconded by Thornton, to approve the application by Hamlin Pools for Lot 4, Block 3, Villas Subdivision, for the construction of a swimming pool with brick paver decking within the twenty-five foot reserve strip. Motion carried unanimously.

XI DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A BEACH AND DUNE APPLICATION BY LA INTERNACIONAL CO-OWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERIMETER ALUMINUM FENCE ALONG NORTH PROPERTY LINE AS WELL AS THE AUTHORIZATION TO REBUILD EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES AS THEY CURRENTLY EXIST, SHOULD A CATASTROPHE TAKE PLACE

Mrs. Newport reported that the Beach and Dune Task Force had approved only the application for construction of a perimeter aluminum fence along the north property line. The General Land Office had also expressed concerns about the blanket authorization requested. Staff recommended approval of the application as submitted, with provisions.

Discussion was held.

A motion was made by R. Wells, seconded by Sher, to approve the application for a perimeter aluminum fence along the north property line, but to deny the remainder of the request. Motion carried unanimously.

XII DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EDC'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Richard Franke, President of the EDC, asked for the Board's approval of the Request for Qualifications. Discussion was held. A motion by Sher, seconded by Thornton, to approve the Request for Qualifications for the development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of South Padre Island carried unanimously.

XIII DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 691, PROVIDING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION A PERCENTAGE OF THE MARKET VALUE OF A RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD

Discussion was held. A motion by Eymard, seconded by R. Wells, to approve Resolution No. 691, carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said resolution was placed in the Town's Resolution Book, entitled Resolution No. 691, and by reference hereto, included in these minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

XIV DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 692, PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TRAVEL TRAILERS

Discussion was held. A motion by D. Wells, seconded by Eymard, to approve Resolution No. 692, carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said resolution was placed in the Town's Resolution Book, entitled Resolution No. 692, and by reference hereto, included in these minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

XV DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE TOWN'S SIGNING OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES FOR TATTOO PARLORS LOCATED IN THE "C" DISTRICT

Alderman D. Wells stated he had been asked to place this on the agenda by someone who wanted to obtain a permit to operate a tattoo parlor in the "C" District.

City Attorney Paul Cunningham explained that the tattoo parlors holding existing permits in District "C" were "grand-fathered", but new ones were not, as the Board of Aldermen had agreed this was not a permissible use. The Planning and Zoning Commission had approved this as a permissible use, but the Board of Aldermen must hold Public Hearings before it is approved/disapproved.

Lengthy discussion was held.

No action was taken.

XVI DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SELECT AN ARCHITECT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEW CITY HALL COMPLEX

City Manager Kendall stated he had interviewed references for the two architect finalists, Rike-Ogden (ROFDW) and Kell-Munoz. He was of the opinion that both architectural firms could do the job well, but recommended that the Board of Aldermen select Rike-Ogden (ROFDW) Architectural Firm for the design of the new City Hall complex.

Discussion was held. A motion was made by Sher, seconded by Thornton, to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the design of City Hall with ROFDW, and to interview the references for engineering firms. Motion carried unanimously.

XVII DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRADE OF A SEIZED/AWARDED 1994 DODGE INTREPID IN EXCHANGE FOR A PAINT JOB FOR A POLICE FLEET VEHICLE

Discussion was held. A motion was made by Eymard, seconded by R. Wells, to authorize the trade of a seized/awarded 1994 Dodge Intrepid in exchange for a paint job for a police fleet vehicle, with Cavazos Body Shop, Brownsville, Texas. Motion carried unanimously.

XVIII DISCUSSION OF SPRING BREAK PREPAREDNESS, INCLUDING THE PRESENTATION OF THE SPRING BREAK VIDEO

City Manager Ray Kendall reported the Town was basically ready for Spring Break, and that all of the recommendations made by the Spring Break Task Force have been or will be implemented by March 8, 2002. He also noted a new business, the Austin Bicycle Cabs, was coming to Town.

Chief Rodriguez reported the Police Department's scheduling of officers, including the extras, was almost completely done for Spring Break.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

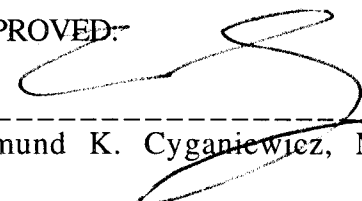
Chief Rodriguez then showed an updated Spring Break Video.

XIX ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Cyganiewicz adjourned the meeting.


Joyce Adams, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Edmund K. Cyganiewicz, Mayor

