

**TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of South Padre Island, Texas was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at Club Padre located at 5800 Padre Boulevard.

Mayor Robert N. Pinkerton Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A full quorum was present: Aldermen Kirk Mills, Fred Mallett, Rick Ridolfi, Jim Hoff and Alderwoman Dr. Tara Rios Ybarra.

Staff members present were Darla Honea, Robert Rodriguez, Mary K. Hancock, Chuck Zebrowski, Cate Ball, Raul Morales, Juan Loya, Sylvia Mata, Gilbert Silva, Paul Cunningham, Dewey P. Cashwell Jr. and Susan Hill.

**II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IV PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Pinkerton read a Proclamation of January, 2006 being School Board Recognition Month.

**V DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Written reports had been distributed with meeting packets. Verbal highlights included:

- Mary Kay Hancock, reporting for Dan Quandt, Convention Centre: The Golf Tournament was wrapping up this week; the 8 Ball and 9 Ball Tournament would be held next week; and preparations were being made for Spring Break.
- Finance Director Darla Honea reported that Occupancy Tax receipts were up 8.5%; November, 2006 had been the "best ever", due to the Redfish and Basketball Tournaments and that Sales Tax receipts were up 16%.
- Police Chief Robert Rodriguez reported on getting new software in service prior to Spring Break.  
Alderwoman Rios Ybarra stated that the Police Report of sexual assaults being up 100% was very disturbing.
- Public Works Director Raul Morales said his department was moving ahead on all projects, i.e., Gulf Circle restrooms were in operation; the Water Tower Park was open; Treasure Island; and that he had been working with TX DOT regarding drainage.
- Chuck Zebrowski reported having worked on new modules for Public Safety and Municipal Court and updates for Financial.

Mayor Pinkerton thanked everyone for their reports.

**VI UPDATE ON PROJECTS AND SETTING OF DATE FOR A WORKSHOP ON THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PROJECT (CASHWELL)**

- New Geotechnical work had been done on the foundation; results were expected the following Friday.
- No change in the old Town Hall remodel project.

Mr. Cashwell also reported on the Town's progress on the following projects: Transportation Enhancement, heliport, Beach to Bay Sidewalk, bulkhead, Water Tower improvements (complete), Holiday Lights installation (complete), a second Padre Boulevard landscape project (recommends a City Hall location), annexation to the south, the noise ordinance, and palm tree trimming.

**VII APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Items approved include the following:

- A. MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS (4) OF JANUARY 4, 2006 AND REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2006.**

**B. APPROVE PIISD TAX COLLECTION AND ADJUSTMENT REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER, 2005 AND DECEMBER, 2005.**

**C. APPROVE EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR MAYOR ROBERT N. PINKERTON, JR. FROM THE MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006 AND MARCH 1, 2006.**

**D. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:** Invoices were paid by General Fund checks numbered 078239-078398 (078240-078241 were voided) for a total of \$341,942.45.

**VIII PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM R. W. BECK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PLACEMENT OF THE ISLAND'S ELECTRIC UTILITY LINES UNDERGROUND, WITH DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOLLOWING**

City Manager Cashwell introduced Ms. Toni Batson, representing R. W. Beck, who presented a Power Point presentation of a proposal for underground electric utilities which included the relocation of power lines, transmission and distribution circuits, and would cover the area of about one mile, from Harbor Street north to Swordfish on Padre Boulevard and Gulf Boulevard. She then stated the related pros and cons of having underground electric utilities, and said the estimated cost for Phase I was \$8,000,000.

The conclusion of the report was that underground electric utilities would improve the aesthetics, but may not improve the reliability of service.

Mayor Pinkerton thanked Ms. Batson for her presentation. No action was taken.

**IX DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE FINAL REPORT FROM THE AD HOC BAY AREA TASK FORCE AND TO SET A DATE FOR A JOINT WORKSHOP (RIOS YBARRA)**

Rios made a motion, seconded by Mills to extend the deadline for the Preliminary Report from the Ad Hoc Bay Area Task Force to February 15, 2006, and to set a February 1, 2006 date for a Joint Workshop. Ridolfi made an amendment to the motion, to allow the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Bay Area Task Force to approve or disapprove the date of February 1, 2006 for the workshop. Aldermen Rios and Mills agreed to the amendment. The vote was unanimous in favor of the amended motion.

**X DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SET A DATE FOR RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES FOR GULF CIRCLE BEACH ACCESS AND THE WATER TOWER PARK (CASHWELL)**

No action was taken.

**XI DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOGNIZE OUR ISLAND HERITAGE: RENAMING WHITING STREET TO "CAPTAIN JIM GHILAIN STREET" (RIDOLFI)**

Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Hoff to rename "Whiting Street" to "Captain Jim Ghilain Street." Motion carried unanimously.

**XII DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO UNDERSTAND THE INCREMENTAL COST OF PROVIDING ENHANCED WAVE SERVICES FOR ISLAND-ONLY ROUTES AND TO REQUEST THAT THIS AGREED UPON SERVICE BE FINANCED WITH TSPI GENERAL FUNDS (RIDOLFI)**

Discussion was held. Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to approve the allocation of \$40,000 to increase "Island Only" service at the time the Board reviews the budget amendments at the meeting of February 1, 2006. Motion carried 4-1 with four aye votes cast by Ridolfi, Mallett, Hoff and Rios Ybarra. Mills cast the nay vote.

Alderwoman Dr. Tara Rios Ybarra requested that a survey be done to determine who actually rides the bus.

**XIII DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SELECTION OF PROVIDER FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SERVICES (CASHWELL)**

Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Mills to approve Lane Kendig, Inc., in association with Halff and Associates and Tip Strategies, Inc. as the provider for a Comprehensive Plan Services for the Town of South Padre Island. (The other firms that were interviewed were

BWR, Peter J. Smith and EDAW.) Motion carried 4-1, with ayes cast by Ridolfi, Mills, Rios Ybarra and Hoff. Mallett cast the nay vote.

**XIV DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SELECTION OF PROVIDER FOR PARKING AND TRAFFIC STUDY (CASHWELL)**

No action was taken.

**XV DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE MODULES AND HARDWARE SYSTEMS IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN'S INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK GENERATED AND STORED BY THE TOWN'S ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS (ZEBROWSKI)**

Discussion was held. Mills made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to approve a (budgeted) State Contract purchase of Laserfiche software modules from Tyler Technologies, Incode Division, Lubbock, Texas, for the amount of \$ 51,928. Motion carried unanimously.

**XVI DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 825, URGING CONGRESS TO PASS THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) (PINKERTON)**

Mallett made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to approve Resolution No. 825, urging Congress to pass the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said resolution was placed in the Town's Resolution Book, entitled Resolution No. 825, and by reference hereto, included in these minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

**XVII DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 826, APPROVING AN UPDATED DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR WAVE EMPLOYEES (BALL)**

Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to approve Resolution No. 826, approving an Updated Drug and Alcohol Policy for WAVE employees. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said resolution was placed in the Town's Resolution Book, entitled Resolution No. 826, and by reference hereto, included in these minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

**XVIII EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO § 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS, OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

**A. EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER)**

At 7:00 p.m., Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to go into Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

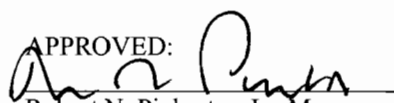
**XIX DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT (PINKERTON)**


Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Mills to direct the City Attorney to prepare a two year contract for the City Manager, Dewey P. Cashwell Jr., to include a six percent increase in salary. The motion carried 4-1, with ayes cast by Ridolfi, Mills, Mallett, Rios Ybarra and one nay cast by Hoff.

**XX ADJOURN**

Mayor Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Robert N. Pinkerton Jr., Mayor

  
Joyce Adams, City Secretary

