

TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS BOARD OF ALDERMEN
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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, December 20, 2006 at Club Padre, 5800 Padre Boulevard. Mayor Robert N. Pinkerton Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A full quorum was present: Aldermen Rick Ridolfi, Jim Hoff, Dr. Tara Rios Ybarra, Phillip Money and Jo Ann Evans.

Staff members present were Jason Moody, Mary Austin, Judge David Colwell, Rachel Rocha, Robert Rodriguez, Chuck Zebrowski, Raul Morales, Connie Ledbetter, Clifford Rowell, Darla Honea, Jay Mitchim, Paul Cunningham, Dewey P. Cashwell Jr., and Joyce Adams.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderwoman JoAnn Evans announced that the SPIRIT group would be hosting an ongoing series of distinguished lecturers.

City Manager Cashwell reported that the Town's application for Transportation Enhancement Funds had not been approved because TX DOT had experienced a rescission of \$350 million in funds.

IV PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Pinkerton presented a Certificate of Recognition to Municipal Court Clerk Mary J. Austin, who had resigned effective January 5, 2007, after thirty-two years of service to the Town. He congratulated Mrs. Austin and thanked her for her dedication. City Manager Dewey P. Cashwell, Jr., thanked her and stated the Town anticipated her future volunteer work in the community. The Board members, Judge David P. Colwell and the Town Prosecutor Stuart Diamond, extended congratulations.

V DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department Directors and other staff highlighted their monthly reports.

VI APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Evans to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Items approved are as follow:

- A. Approve minutes of the December 6, 2006 Workshop and Regular Meeting.
- B. Accept and approve the PIISD Tax Collection and Adjustment Reports for November 2006.
- C. Approve invoices for payment: invoices were paid by General Fund checks numbered 100582 through 100749 (100580 and 100581 were voided) for a total of \$ 350,353.34.

VII REPORT FROM THE BAY AREA TASK FORCE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE REGARDING THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION (PINKERTON)

Mr. Sam Wells, representing the Bay Area Task Force Implementation Committee, reviewed the list of residential street endings that the Task Force had recommended for improvements. Mayor Pinkerton thanked him for his report.

Mrs. Susan Bagley stated that the seawall at the end of Mesquite Street was in (dire) need of repair. Public Works Director Raul Morales stated that the Town would investigate the matter.

VIII DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AS SUBMITTED BY THE AD HOC MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (PINKERTON)

Mayor Pinkerton congratulated and thanked Chairwoman Cher Giesecking and Co-Chairman Will Davis of the ad hoc Medical Care Committee for their committee's final report to the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Pinkerton suggested that City Manager Cashwell and Assistant City Manager Rowell examine the list of the committee's recommendations and make a report to the Board of Aldermen the immediate concerns, along with associated costs, and a list of the recommendations that could be considered later.

Considerable discussion was held by the Board regarding the recommended list and the order of importance, the period for implementation, budgetary considerations, and distribution of pertinent medical information to the public. Alderwoman Rios Ybarra stressed the importance of acting as soon as possible on the "easier" recommendations.

Hoff made a motion, seconded by Ridolfi, to direct the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to examine the recommendations and their associated costs, along with a priority list. Motion carried unanimously.

IX DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING UP PROCEDURES TO INFORM CITIZENS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATE OF THE ISLAND (RIOS YBARRA)

Alderwoman Dr. Tara Rios Ybarra requested that highlights on the following items be reported to the Board of Aldermen and citizens once per year:

- Quality of drinking water
- Quality of ocean and bay water
- Air quality
- Schools
- Dune conditions
- Turtle population
- Dolphin numbers

City Manager Cashwell stated that the Town would contact the appropriate agencies for this information and return with a report.

No formal action was taken.

X DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20-3 AND 20-21 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING LANDSCAPING (MITCHIM)

Evans made a motion, seconded by Ridolfi, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 20-3 and 20-21 of the Zoning Ordinance, regarding landscaping. Motion carried unanimously.

XI DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-11 AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, SECTIONS 9-1 THROUGH 9-22, DEFINING GARBAGE, TRASH AND LITTERING, PROHIBITING STAGNANT WATER, ACCUMULATION OF WEEDS OR TRASH ON PROPERTY; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR GARBAGE AND TRASH CONTAINERS FOR ALL PROPERTIES, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY, SEVERABILITY AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION (EVANS)

Hoff made a motion, seconded by Ridolfi to approve, on second reading, Ordinance No. 06-11, amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town to amend Article 1, Sections 9-1 through 9-22, defining Garbage, Trash and Littering, Prohibiting Stagnant Water, Accumulation of Weeds or Trash on Property; providing requirements for garbage and trash containers for all properties, providing for a penalty, severability and authorizing publication. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said ordinance was placed in the Town's Ordinance Book, entitled Ordinance No. 06-11, 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 ON PURCHASE OF 400 SERIES "GREEN MACHINE" COMPACT SUCTION SWEEPER, SPECIFICALLY THE 424-HS MODEL (ROWELL)

Ridolfi made a motion, seconded by Hoff, to approve the purchase of a 424-HS Model of the "Green Machine" Compact Suction Sweeper (through the HGAC) for a cost of \$32,000.

XIII REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON ACTION BY THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A HELIPORT IN ISLA BLANCA PARK AND CAMERON COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REGARDING THE FLATS NORTH OF THE CONVENTION CENTER (QUANDT)

City Manager Dewey P. Cashwell Jr. reported that the Cameron County Commissioner's Court had unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of South Padre Island for a heliport to be located in Isla Blanca Park.

Commendations were given to all those concerned with successfully pursuing this item.

XIV ADJOURN

Mayor Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 6:20 P.M.


JOYCE ADAMS, CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED:


ROBERT N. PINKERTON JR., MAYOR