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## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND OCTOBER 5, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**South Padre Island, TX – October 6, 2016:** The motion to select Susan Guthrie as the new South Padre Island City Manager passed after a unanimous decision, and her official start date with the City of South Padre Island will be October 17, 2016.



Susan Guthrie "Meet and Greet" held before the City Council meeting.

"For the last two or three months we have been engaged in searching for a city manager, and I am happy to report that we have amongst us our new city manager," said South Padre Island Mayor Barry Patel during last night's City Council meeting before officially welcoming her onboard. Mayor Patel also went on to thank interim-city manager Darla Jones on the excellent job that she has done during her time with the City of South Padre Island.

Also during last night's City Council meeting, Mayor Patel presented the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to Cheryl Hill and the South Padre Island Walk for Women. Mayor Patel also proclaimed October 21, 2016 as National Mammography Day on South Padre Island, and encouraged everyone to participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SPI Walk for Women taking place this weekend, Oct. 7-9, 2016.



Immediately after presenting the proclamation, Mayor Patel went on to award Frank Espinoza and AEP Texas with a Certificate of Appreciation for their support and contribution to help build the John L. Tompkins Park.

Cristin Howard, Manager and Director of Marketing for the South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center, announced that the Birding and Nature Center will be hosting a "Monarch Day" event on October 22, 2016 to celebrate the monarch's yearly fall migration, as well as to host the signing of the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

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An update was also given regarding the beach nourishment event, scheduled to begin in October, with Weeks Marine and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Beach nourishment dredging is scheduled to last approximately 25-30 days with an additional 7-10 day cleanup afterward, and will bring an estimated 225,000 cubic yards of beach quality sand.

For more information regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SPI Walk for Women and “Monarch Day” please visit [www.sopadre.com](http://www.sopadre.com).

For more information regarding the beach nourishment project please see the following page.

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## City of South Padre Island 2016 Beach Nourishment

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The United States Army Corps of Engineers will be on SPI for the city's beach nourishment beginning in October.

This nourishment will serve as the continuation of last year's attempt that had to be cut short due to weather, and the engineers estimate it will take 4-6 weeks.

This year the Army Corps will use a 'hopper dredge', which means pipe won't have to be laid down the City's entire shoreline. The dredging will directly impact the beach from around White Sands St. to E. Parade Dr.

The dredging will nourish the beach in segments, moving north to south. The off shore pump station will push a water and sand slurry through long pipes up onto the beach. As the sand dries it will be sculpted using machinery into a natural beach slope.



Scan this QR Code with your phone in order to view an informative video on beach nourishment or visit [www.myspi.org](http://www.myspi.org) for more information