

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

1.CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2 Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Joe Ricco, Lisa Graves and Kerry Schwartz.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, CVB Director Blake Henry, CFO Rodrigo Gimenez, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Police Chief Claudine O’Carroll, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, CVB Director Blake Henry, Public Information Coordinator Karin Spinks, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, and City Secretary Angelique Soto.

2.PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McNulty led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3.PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

4.PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- 4.1. PRESENTATION BY REPUBLIC SERVICES REYMUNDO CARRILLO REGARDING THE MODIFICATION OF RECYCLING EQUIPMENT AND PRACTICES. (BALDOVINOS)

5.APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Graves made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.7. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.1. UPDATE REGARDING THE COMPARISON OF AUGUST 2023 TO AUGUST 2024 BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY. (MEDDERS)
- 5.2. APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER JOE RICCO FROM THE AUGUST 7, 2024 AND AUGUST 21, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. (RICCO)
- 5.3. APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER REES LANGSTON FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (LANGSTON)
- 5.4. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HWY 100 FOR THE 2024 PRIDE PARADE, OCTOBER 13, 2024. (HUFFMAN)
- 5.5. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)
- 5.6. APPROVE THE ASHBRIITT THIRD AMENDMENT TO PRE-EVENT DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES CONTRACT. (PIGG)

5.7. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)

6.REGULAR AGENDA

6.1. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANNUAL STR PRESENTATION BY DECKARD TECHNOLOGIES. (GIMENEZ)

Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez introduced Deckard Technologies CEO, Nick Del Pego updated the Council with Short Term Rental registrations, license compliance, complaints.

- 101 validated complaints into the Call Center since last October. (56 by phone and 45 by online complaint form.
- 36 different properties with 53 total complaints.
- 23 noise complaints and 21 reported possible illegal rentals. The other 9 complaints include parking, registration assistance, and other suspected non-STR related ordinance violations.

New system enhancements soon to be implemented are:

- Express Client Portal launching to clients in Q4 of 2024.
- Ability for owners/property managers to see all permits in one place.
- Bulk renewal and payment available.

A meeting will be scheduled in the future to allow staff to compile statistics/reports for further discussion.

6.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 24-05 REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves to approve the first reading of Ordinance 24-05 Repealing and replacing Chapter 20 of the City of South Padre Island Code of Ordinances as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee and Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND AND KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS OF A NEW PARKING LOT TO INCLUDE 18-20 PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TXDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN PADRE BLVD (NB LANES) AND PADRE BLVD. LOOP AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,500. (RICCO)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to authorize an amendment to the agreement between the City of South Padre Island and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Design and Construction Plans of a new parking lot to include 18-20 parking spaces within the TXDOT Right-of-Way between Padre Blvd. (NB Lanes) and Padre Blvd. Loop and to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$59,500. Motion passed unanimously.

6.4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$3,000 TO INCREASE BEACH MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES. (BALDOVINOS)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Graves to approve a budget amendment for \$3,000 to increase Beach Maintenance Fund for Part-Time employees. Motion passed unanimously.

**6.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MOBILE FOOD UNITS
IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-13 AND COMPLIANCE.
(MCNULTY, BALDOVINOS)**

Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos briefed Council regarding Mobile Food Units and compliance of Ordinance No. 23-13. No action taken.

7.ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

