MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.045, AN EMERGENCY MEETING MAY BE HELD WHEN THERE IS URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY SUCH AS AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a special emergency meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Ricco, and Eva-Jean Dalton with Council Member Alita Bagley arriving at 11:16 a.m.

City staff members present were, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Chief of Police Claudine O'Carroll, Public Information Officer Angelique Soto, Fire Inspector Ashley Bowen and City Secretary Susan Manning.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McNulty led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino, Cameron Parks Director Joe Vega and County Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Hushen expressed that they were ready to help during this severe weather event.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STATE OF EMERGENCY ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND DUE TO WIND SHEAR THAT KNOCKED DOWN A MULTITUDE OF POWER POLES LEAVING THE ISLAND WITHOUT POWER AND PADRE BOULEVARD IMPASSIBLE AND UNSAFE.

Mayor McNulty explained that thirty one (31) transmission line poles were either cracked or snapped in half due to the wind shear that occurred overnight leaving South Padre Island without power.

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco that a state of disaster is declared for the City of South Padre Island, that the City's Emergency Management Plan be implemented and authorize the Mayor to sign the local state of disaster declaration. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

V. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Susan M. Manning, City Secretar

APPROVED

Patrick McNulty, Mayor

