

**MINUTES
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Special Emergency Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2020 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Ricco, Alita Bagley and Eva-Jean Dalton.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, and City Secretary Susan Manning.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071(2), TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

At 2:01 p.m., Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 3:18 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS THE CITY CAN TAKE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND.

At 3:18 p.m. Mayor McNulty made a motion to take a recess until after the Cameron County Judge's press conference that was to be held at 4:00 p.m. same day. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ricco. City Council reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor McNulty stated that the County Judge will be issuing a mandatory Shelter-in-place order to begin at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and that the City will comply to the fullest.

Mayor McNulty made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to direct the City Manager to direct the Police Department to conduct a traffic stop at the base of the causeway for the duration of the County mandated order and to contact Texas Department of Transportation regarding facilitating the traffic stop. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

6. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Susan M. Manning
Susan M. Manning, City Secretary

APPROVED

Patrick McNulty
Patrick McNulty, Mayor

