

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Ricco, Lydia Caballero and Eva-Jean Dalton.

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 OF THE PROMOTION OCEAN RESCUE LIFEGUARD PEDRO CASILLAS TO OCEAN RESCUE LIEUTENANT.**
- 4.2. PRESENTATION FROM DR. YBARRA REGARDING SOUTH PADRE ISLAND HOSPITAL.**

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.3. Motion passes unanimously.

- 5.1. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2021, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (SOTO)**
- 5.2. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ.)**
- 5.3. APPROVE THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-01 AMENDING THE CITY'S PADRE BOULEVARD AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT FORM BASE CODE AND DESIGN GUIDELINES TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF A PUBLIC ART COMPONENT FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS. (SCHWARTZ)**

6. REGULAR AGENDA

- 6.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 ANNUAL TIRZ (TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE) REPORT. (SANCHEZ)**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to accept the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Annual TIRZ report. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-03 FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE BOATING PLANNING GRANT AND FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Resolution No. 2021-03 for the submission of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Boating Planning Grant and for the Mayor to sign a letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2021-03, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

6.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE STONE GARDEN PROJECT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO HELP PREVENT AND REDUCE BORDER-RELATED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. (O'CARROLL)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve Resolution No. 2021-04 to approve submission of grant application for Stone Garden Project.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2021-04, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

6.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-02 CREATING THE FIRE MARSHALL POSITION. (SMITH)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-02 creating the Fire Marshal Position. Motion passes unanimously.

6.5. UPDATE ON MONTHLY PERMIT ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020. (MEDDERS)

Council Member Medders provided a brief update regarding the Building Permits activity for the month of December.

6.6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE FMA 2020 GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND LAGUNA BOULEVARD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE A COMMITMENT OF 25 PERCENT MATCHING FUNDS. (SANCHEZ)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve Resolution No. 2021-05 approving the Public Works Director to submit the FMA 2020 Grant application for City Drainage including a commitment of 25 percent matching funds. Motion passes unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2021-05, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

6.7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FOR GRADING NEEDS IN THE SHORES AREA SIDEWALKS. (SANCHEZ)

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz approving the budget amendment in the amount of two-thousand dollars for grading needs in the Shores area sidewalks. Motion passes unanimously.

6.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING AND MONARCH TRAIL ALONG THE NORTH END OF PR 100 (PADRE BOULEVARD). (WILSON)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve additional landscaping with grass and monarch trail along the north end of PR 100. Motion carried unanimously.

6.9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A JOINT WORKSHOP BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL, SHORELINE TASK FORCE, AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS. (BOBURKA)** 247

This item was pulled.

6.10. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NICE AUDIO RECORDING SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DISPATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,907.**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve a budget amendment from the General Fund in the amount of \$18,907 to purchase a NICE Audio Recording System for Police Dispatch. Motion carried unanimously.

6.11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,000 FOR GOVERNMENT CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (LAPEYRE)**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve a budget amendment for the South Padre Island Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$54,000 for government consulting services regarding the 2021 legislative session. Motion passed unanimously.

6.12. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO VACANCIES CREATED BY RESIGNATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING: (MCNULTY)**

- A. BOARD OF ETHICS**
- B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
- C. SHORELINE TASK FORCE**
- D. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve the following to fill the expired and unexpired terms to the City's boards, committees, and task force. Motion carried on a unanimous vote:

Board of Ethics: Nicky Novak and Sonya Kohl

Economic Development Corporation: Jerry Pace

Shoreline Task Force: Nancy Gray

Special Events Committee: Amy Salender

6.13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXTEND THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE COVID-19 VIRUS EPIDEMIC TO 11:59 P.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021. (MCNULTY)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to extend the City's Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to COVID-19 Virus epidemic to 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

7.EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7.1. **CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S AUTHORITY AND RELATED ISSUES REGARDING CURRENT EMERGENCY ORDERS AND STATE LAW. (RICCO, SMITH)**

At 6:26 p.m., Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:56 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

8.OPEN SESSION:

8.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE HOSTING AND THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE SPI TRIATHLON EVENT. (CAUM)

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve hosting and funding request for the SPI Triathlon Event and the event must include Federal, State, and County protocols and orders to safeguard the participants from the COVID-19 virus.

8.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE HOSTING AND THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE FIESTA EVENT. (CAUM)

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to approve hosting and the funding request for the Fiesta event. Motion carried unanimously.

9.ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

