

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, and Joe Ricco.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Chief of Police Claudine O'Carroll, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, Shoreline Grant and Special projects Administrator Ericka Hughston, 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. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve Consent Items 4.1 through 4.7. Motion carried unanimously.

4.1. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. (SOTO)

4.2. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Approve invoices for payment by General Fund check numbers 148812 through 148896 and EFT payments totaling \$567,033.03

4.3. APPROVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AS PREPARED BY VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING L.L.C. (GIMENEZ)

4.4. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO REDUCE TRANSFER TO THE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT AND REALLOCATE FUNDING TO THE GENERAL FUND. (GIMENEZ)

4.5. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,684.00 TO PURCHASE A NEW PD F-150 POLICE INTERCEPTOR. (SANCHEZ, O'CARROLL)

4.6. APPROVE THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-03 AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 4-5(A) BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CURRENT STANDARD CODES. (TARVER)

A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 21-03, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

4.7. APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORD. NO. 21-04 RENEWING THE GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION FRANCHISE WITH BFI (ALLIED/REPUBLIC) WASTE SERVICES UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 2026. (SMITH)

A true and correct copy of said Ordinance was placed in the City's Ordinance Book and entitled Ordinance No. 21-04, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

5.REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor McNulty announced that Regular Agenda Item 5.3 was moved to the first item.

5.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-05 AMENDING SECTION 11-6 OF ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 11 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AGE OF THE TAXICAB VEHICLES. (MCNULTY, O'CARROLL)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-05 amending section 11-6 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 to increase the maximum age of the Taxicab vehicles. Motion passed unanimously.

5.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, PURSUANT TO SEC 11-216 OF THE CITY CODES, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WRECKER COMPANIES APPROVED TO OPERATE ON THE CITY'S ROTATION LIST AND/OR TO CONDUCT PRIVATE PROPERTY TOWING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. (MCNULTY, O'CARROLL)

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to NOT amend Section 11-216 of the City Codes to increase the number of wrecker companies. Motion failed on a 3 to 3 vote with Mayor McNulty and Council Members Ricco and Dalton casting a nay vote; and Council Members Medders, Schwartz, and Caballero casting an aye vote.

5.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER'S LETTER OF SUPPORT AND FUNDING REQUEST. (MCNULTY, BALDOVINOS)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the letter of support and the funding request in the amount of \$7,842. Motion carried unanimously.

5.4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ENGLAND CATTLE COMPANY ANNUAL SALE & AUCTION AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURE PERMIT, MAY 21-22, 2021, AT THE SPI CONVENTION CENTER. (CAUM)

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the England Cattle Company Annual Sale & Auction and temporary structure permit. Motion carried unanimously.

5.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06 FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. (PIGG)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve Resolution No. 2021-06 for the submission of the Homeland Security Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 21-06, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

5.6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07 FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AND TO SELECT PROJECTS FOR THE 2021 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES GRANT AND APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS. (SANCHEZ)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve Resolution 2021-07 for the submission of the 2021 Transportation Alternative Funding Opportunities Grant and selected options B and C. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 21-07, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

5.7. UPDATE ON MONTHLY BUILDING PERMITS ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021. (MEDDERS)

Council Member Medders provided a brief update regarding the Building Permit activity for the month of January 2021.

5.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 FOR THE NEW AUDIO AND VIDEO SYSTEM FOR THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. (MARTINEZ)

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$75,000 for the purchase of new audio and video system for the Council Chamber. Motion passes unanimously.

5.9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000 FOR THE PARK ROAD 100 SIDEWALKS LEADING TO THE WIND AND WATER SPORTS PARK. (BOBURKA, SANCHEZ)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$17,000 for the Park Road 100 Sidewalks leading to the Wind and Water Sports Park. Motion carried unanimously.

5.10. UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE WIND AND WATER SPORT VENUE AND TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS. (BOBURKA)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the advertising for constructions bids. Motion carried unanimously.

5.11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-06 ESTABLISHING EAST SUNSET DRIVE AS A ONE-WAY STREET. (SANCHEZ)

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-06 establishing East Sunset as a one-way street. Motion carried unanimously.

5.12. 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 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021. (MCNULTY)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to text the City's Declaration of a Local State of Disaster due to COVID-19 Virus epidemic to 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

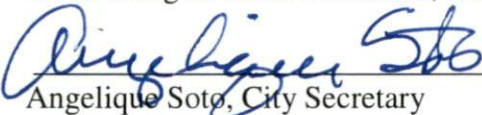
5.13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MODIFY AND EXTEND THE EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING BEACH OPERATIONS. (MCNULTY)

5.14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE. (O'CARROLL)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to extend the Emergency Beach Order regarding beach operations until April 8, 2021. Motion passes on a 4 to 2 vote with Council Members Dalton and Caballero casting a nay vote.

6.ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

