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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2- 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.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, 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, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, EDC Director Darla Lapeyre, CVB Director Ed Caum, 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. PROCLAMATIONS:

- A. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. (DALTON)**
- B. FAIR HOUSING MONTH. (DALTON)**

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.6. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.1. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,705 FOR EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH FEBRUARY WINTER EVENT. (GIMENEZ)**
- 5.2. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,405.02 FOR REPAIRS FOR PD UNITS 161 AND 163. (SANCHEZ)**
- 5.3. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,771.49 FOR REPAIRS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT T-1 LADDER. (SANCHEZ)**
- 5.4. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,641 TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO SPRING BREAK 2021. (GIMENEZ)**
- 5.5. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**
- 5.6. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 17, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (SOTO)**

6.REGULAR AGENDA

- 6.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO VACANCIES CREATED BY RESIGNATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING: (MCNULTY)**
A. CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD
B. PARKS & KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL

Council Member Caballero made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to allow a Council Member to switch their vote after the deadline. Motion carried unanimously.

Convention and Visitors Advisory Board: Tied and will return at the next regular meeting.

Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful: Steve Rambo

- 6.2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A BEACH AND DUNE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DUNE WALKOVER AT 5550 GULF BOULEVARD. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve the Beach and Dune Permit for construction of a dune walkover at 5550 Gulf Boulevard. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE BEACH AND DUNE PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AND DUNE WALKOVER AT 8354 BREAKERS BOULEVARD. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve a Beach and Dune Permit for construction of a single family home and dune walkover at 8354 Breakers Boulevard. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 21-07 AMENDING CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18-31 THROUGH SECTION 18-36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITION, DEFINITIONS, AND REGULATIONS REGARDING DOCKLESS SCOOTERS, ESCOOTERS, MOTORIZED-ASSISTED SCOOTERS, AND SIMILAR TYPE OF EQUIPMENT. (RICCO, SCHWARTZ)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-07 amending Chapter 18, Section 18-31 through Section 18-36 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for the prohibition, definitions, and regulations regarding dockless scooters, escooters, motorized-assisted scooters, and similar type of equipment. Motion passed on a 4 to 1 with Council Member Dalton casting a nay vote and Mayor McNulty abstaining.

- 6.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DIRECT CITY STAFF TO REVIEW THE CITY'S ORDINANCE REGARDING GOLF CARTS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL. (SCHWARTZ)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to authorize the City Manager to direct City staff to review the City's ordinance regarding golf Carts, while reaching out to the golf cart owners for their recommendations and make recommendations to the City Council. Motion passed unanimously.

6.6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT ONE OR MORE PROJECTS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FOR THE 2021 TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS. (HUFFMAN)

Council Member Caballero made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to review possible projects for the 2021 Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant application process and bring back to City Council within two months. Motion carried unanimously.

6.7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADDRESS OUTDOOR DISPLAYS AND GREEN SPACE/LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLIANCE. (MCNULTY, RICCO)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to form a committee consisting of 2 residents, 2 staff members, 3 business owners, and Mayor McNulty and Council Member Ricco to address the outdoor, greenspace, and landscaping requirements and compliance. Motion carried unanimously.

6.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 FROM EXCESS RESERVES FOR THE CONCEPTUAL EXHIBIT DESIGN FOR AN AQUARIUM AND BUTTERFLY PAVILION AT THE BIRDING AND NATURE CENTER. (CAUM/LAPEYRE)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$80,000 from excess reserves for the conceptual exhibit design for an aquarium and butterfly pavilion at the Birding and Nature Center. Motion passed on a 5 to 1 vote with Council Member Caballero casting a nay vote.

7.ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 8:11p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

