

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 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, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, 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. ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY. (BALDOVINOS)**
- 4.2. PRESENTATION: SPI HELICOPTER TOURS BY MIKE ROCKS-MACQUEEN.**

**5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Caballero to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 through 5.6. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.1. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #1 TO TRANSFER RESIDUAL FUNDS OF \$125,867 FROM FY 2020 PGA TO FY 2021 PGA. (ARRIAGA)**
- 5.2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,933.82 FOR 6 TICKET WRITERS FOR THE PATROL DIVISION. (O'CARROLL)**
- 5.3. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,900 FOR THE RENTAL OF TWO ATVS USED FOR LITTER PATROL. (BALDOVINOS)**
- 5.4. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14,091 FOR TWO POLICE TAHOE VEHICLES. (O'CARROLL)**
- 5.5. APPROVE THE APRIL 7, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (SOTO)**
- 5.6. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**

Invoices approved for payment by General Fund check numbers 149206 through 149315 and EFT payments totaling \$564,589.87.

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 6.1. MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW FY 2020-21 PRESENTATION. (GIMENEZ)**

Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez explained that the City is required by the Home Rule Charter, Section 5.08 to review the performance of the budget at mid-year. Rodrigo presented an overview of the current budget and highlighted several areas, such as, compliance with required reserves, excess reserves available, and funding for infrastructure.

**6.2. UPDATE ON MONTHLY PERMIT ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021. (MEDDERS)**

Council Member Medders provided a brief update on the building permits for the month of August 2020.

**6.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MARKETING BUY FOR THE LEAL MEDIA 2021 LIFESTYLE CAMPAIGN. (CAUM)**

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member to approve the marketing buy for Leal Media 2021 Lifestyle Campaign. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIREWORK SHOWS AT CLAYTON'S PIER LOCATED AT 6800 PADRE BOULEVARD. (PIGG)**

Council Member Caballero made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve and establish the rules and regulations for firework shows at Clayton's Pier located at 6800 Padre Boulevard. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO FUND UP TO \$80,000 FOR 4 FIREWORK SHOWS ON THE GULF SIDE OF THE ISLAND. (DALTON, CABALLERO)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve \$21,000 for three (3) firework shows on the Gulf side of the Island. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.6. PRESENTATION OF SPRING BREAK MARKETING REPORT. (CAUM)**

Convention & Visitor Bureau Director Ed Caum presented an overview of the marketing costs, Occupancy comparison, Average Daily Rate comparison, and the Rev-Par comparison reports for Spring Break 2021.

**6.7. PRESENTATION OF FIRE AND POLICE SPRING BREAK AFTER ACTION REPORT. (PIGG, O'CARROLL)**

Fire Chief Jim Pigg and Police Chief Claudine O'Carroll presented a summary of the costs, calls for service, staffing, and equipment that was utilized for Spring Break 2021.

**6.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SANDCASTLE HOLIDAY VILLAGE'S SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR 1 YEAR. (CAUM)**

Council Member Caballero made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the Sandcastle Holiday Village's Special Event Permit for one (1) year. Motion passed on at 5 to 0 vote with Council Member Ricco abstaining.

**6.9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09 TO ACCEPT THE LAND APPRAISAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND FUNDED FROM THE RESTORE ACT. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve Resolution No. 2021-09 to accept the land appraisal for the purchase of land funded from the RESTORE Act. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2021-09, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

**6.10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) FOR THE LIVING SHORELINE FEASIBILITY STUDY UNDER THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF)'S GRANT. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve a joint funding agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the living shoreline feasibility study under the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)'s grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROJECT PROPOSAL IDEAS FOR THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)'S CYCLE 27 AND THE COASTAL EROSION PLANNING AND RESPONSE ACT (CEPRA)'S CYCLE 12. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to approve project proposal ideas for the Coastal Management Program (CMP)'s Cycle 27 and the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CERPRA)'s Cycle 12. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD**

*Mayor McNulty announced that 6.12 would be moved up (after 6.4).*

With only one position needed to fill to the Convention and Visitors Advisory, Mayor McNulty announced that Craig Thomas was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

**6.13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AND FINAL 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)**

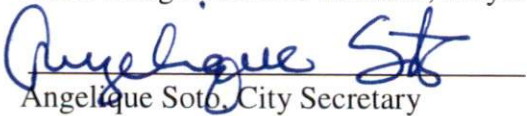
Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 21-07 Amending Chapter 18, Section 18-31 through Section 18-36 of the Code Of Ordinances to provide for the Prohibition, Definitions, and Regulations Regarding Dockless Scooters, Escooters, Motorized-Assisted Scooters, and similar type of equipment. Motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote with Council Member Dalton casting the nay vote and Mayor McNulty abstaining.

**6.14. 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 MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021. (MCNULTY)**


Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to extend City's Declaration of a Local State of Disaster Due Covid-19 Virus Epidemic to 11:59 P.M. on Monday, May 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

  
Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED

  
Patrick McNulty, Mayor

