MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor Stahl called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A full quorum was present: Mayor Dennis Stahl, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Ricco, Alita Bagley and Eva-Jean Dalton.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Administrative Services Director Wendi Delgado, Fire Chief Doug Fowler, Transit Director Jesse Arriaga, Shoreline Management Director Kristina Boburka, CVB Director Ed Caum, Planning Director Aaron Hanley, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Building Official David Travis, Police Lieutenant Juan Herrera, Public Information Officer Angelique Soto and City Secretary Susan Manning.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor Stahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND JUNE 6, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING. (MANNING)

B. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 144614 through 144753 and EFT payments totaling \$950,605.09.

C. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25 SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE BEACH MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020. (BOBURKA)

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2019-25, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

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D. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26 THAT ESTABLISHES RENTAL CHARGES FOR BEACH CLEANING EQUIPMENT AND LABOR TO BE USED FOR THE CITY'S BEACH MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT SUBMISSIONS. (BOBURKA)

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2019-26, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- E. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,328 FOR TWO DEL TEC TACTICAL 40MM L.W. SINGLE LAUNCHER WEAPONS. (O'CARROLL)
- F. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27 TO APPOINT CHRIS HUFFMAN AS THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD JUDGE FOR THE JUNE 29, 2019 RUNOFF ELECTION. (MANNING)

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2019-27, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DEDICATE THE NEW TRANSIT MULTIMODAL FACILITY TO FORMER MAYOR AND ALDERMAN, ROBERT N. PINKERTON, JR. (RICCO/STAHL)

Council Member Ricco made a motion to dedicate the new Transit Multimodal Facility to Robert N. Pinkerton, Jr., former Mayor and Alderman. Motion was seconded by Mayor Stahl, which carried unanimously.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT THE RENTAL OF THE UNUSED OFFICE SPACE AT THE TRANSIT MULTIMODAL FACILITY. (RICCO/MEDDERS)

Council Member Ricco made a motion to instruct the Interim City Manager to authorize staff to make the unused office space at the multimodal facility available for lease to transportation related businesses to the facility at fair market rate. Council Member Bagley seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

VIII. UPDATE REGARDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) FEASIBILITY STUDY ON AN EMERGENCY CARE FACILITY. (SCHWARTZ)

This item was pulled.

IX. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LAGUNA BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (MEDDERS/SCHWARTZ)

Discussion was held, no action taken.

X. UPDATE REGARDING STREET PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. (SANCHEZ)

Public Works Director Alex Sanchez gave an update on the Street Preventive Maintenance Program.

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XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RELOCATE THE VISITOR'S/WELCOME CENTER TO THE TRANSIT MULTIMODAL FACILITY. (RICCO/MEDDERS)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve the relocation of the Visitor's/Welcome Center to the Transit Multimodal Facility. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE REDESIGN/REMODEL OF THE VISITOR CENTER BUILDING FOR A PARTIAL MUSEUM THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE HISTORICAL ITEMS. (RICCO/BAGLEY)

Council Member Ricco made a motion to instruct staff to design and put out to bid and review the renovation of the interior of the north wing of Visitors Center to be used and dedicated to a historical museum. Museum performance would also be reevaluated after 24 months of grand opening. Council Member Bagley seconded the motion. Council Member Ricco amended the motion to include a contract with the museum, Council Member Bagley seconded the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE REGARDING PROPOSED LIQUID NATURE GAS (LNG) PLANTS INCLUDING CURRENT FILINGS, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) ACTIONS, TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) ACTIONS, AND CITY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATIONS. (SCHWARTZ/SOTO)

Public Information Officer Nikki Soto gave a presentation on the Liquid Nature Gas (LNG) plants and other environmental related issues.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-10, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4-17, STANDARD HOUSING CODE, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS, AND SECTION 4-18, STANDARD UNSAFE BUILDING ABATEMENT CODE AND CHAPTER 214 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. (HANLEY/TRAVIS)

Council Member Bagley made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 19-10. Council Member Ricco seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 4 to 0 to 0 vote with Mayor Stahl abstaining and Council Member Dalton momentarily stepping out of the Council Chambers.

XV. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROCEED OR MAKE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED PALM STREET BOAT RAMP AND SUNSET BEACH ACCESS PROJECTS. (BOBURKA)

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bagley to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR THE PARTICLE TRACING STUDY BY \$10,000 FOR INSTRUMENT RECOVERY. (BOBURKA)

Mayor Stahl made a motion to allow the Interim City Manager to amend the agreement the U.S. Geological Survey to increase the Particle Tracing Study in the amount of \$10,000 for instrument recovery. Motion was sec

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS; TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, TO WIT, INTERIM CITY MANAGER RANDY SMITH.

At 7:49 p.m., Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:07 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

XVIII. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT INTERIM CITY MANAGER, RANDY SMITH AS CITY MANAGER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Dalton, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to appoint Randy Smith as the City Manager. Motion carried on a 5 to 0 vote with Council Member Bagley absent from the Council Chambers.

XIX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NEW CITY MANAGER. (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion to execute a contract with the new City Manager. Motion was seconded by Council Member Medders, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote with Council Member Bagley absent from the Council Chambers.

XX. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Stahl adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Susan M. Manning, City Secretary

APPROVED

Dennis Stahl, Mayor