

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021**

**1.CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 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, Fire Marshal Robert Garcia, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, 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.PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

**4.1. PRESENTATION ON SCENIC CITY GOLD AWARD. (BALDOVINOS)**

**5.APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve Consent Items 5.1 through 5.5. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.1. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT CAF 2103 (29) 072\_20 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$748,428 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER GRANT AGREEMENT. (ARRIAGA)**
- 5.2. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**
- 5.3. APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-06 ESTABLISHING EAST SUNSET DRIVE AS A ONE-WAY STREET. (SANCHEZ)**
- 5.4. APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL 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)**
- 5.5. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE EMERGENCY SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AND THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021. (SOTO)**

**6.REGULAR AGENDA**



*Mayor McNulty announced that Regular Agenda Item 6.7 was moved to the first item.*

**6.1. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LAGUNA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE. (MCNULTY, SANCHEZ)**

Public Works Director Carlos A. Sanchez provided an update regarding the Laguna Boulevard Reconstruction Open House that was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

**6.2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2021 MARKETING RFP. (CAUM)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve the 2021 Marketing RFP. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE ATKINS GROUP CONTRACT FOR 6 MONTHS FROM APRIL 1, 2021 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. (CAUM)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the extension of The Atkins Group contract for 6 months from April 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SOUTH TEXAS APOSTOLIC DISTRICT LADIES AUXILIARY 2021 RETREAT, APRIL 8, 2021, AT THE SPI CONVENTION CENTER. (CAUM)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the South Texas Apostolic District Ladies Auxiliary 2021 Retreat, April 8, 2021, at the Convention Centre. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.5. UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR WHITECAP CIRCLE IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM'S (CMP) CYCLE 25. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve the preliminary plans for Whitecap circle improvements funded through the Coastal Management Program's (CMP) Cycle 25. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.6. UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR SIGNING THE UPDATED AGREEMENT ON THE REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (RSMP) THROUGH THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' (USACE) PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES (PAS) PROGRAM AND TO PERFORM A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,500 FOR THE STUDY AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO ARGUS CAMERAS. (BOBURKA)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dalton to approve the Mayor signing the updated agreement on the Regional Sediment Management Plan (RSMP) through the US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program and to perform a budget amendment in the amount of \$62,500 for the study and for the purchase of two ARGUS cameras. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.7. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE "FIREWORKS OVER THE BEACH" FROM CLAYTON'S PIER. (SMITH)**

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve "Fireworks Over the Beach" from Clayton's Pier pending the approval through both the Fire Department and the General Land Office. Motion passed on a 5 to 1 vote with Council Member Ricco casting a nay vote.

**6.8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR GOOGLE EMAIL AND FEATURES RENEWAL FOR NEXT THREE YEARS. (MARTINEZ)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve the contract for Google Email and features renewal for the next three years. Motion passed unanimously.

**6.9. UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE STATUS OF THE CITY'S DUNE PROTECTION, BEACH RENOURISHMENT, AND BEACH ACCESS PLAN. (BOBURKA)**

Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka updated the City Council regarding the status of the City's Dune Protection, Beach Nourishment, and Beach Access Plan. No action was taken.

**6.10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE DONATING THE EXPIRED BUNKER GEAR EQUIPMENT TO BOMBEROS VOLUNTARIOS DE EBANO, SAN LUIS POTOSI MEXICO. (PIGG)**

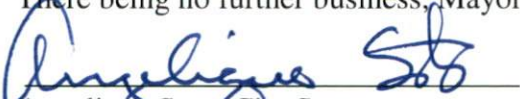
Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve donating the expired bunker gear equipment to Bomberos Voluntarios de Ebano, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. (RICCO, WILSON)**

Council Member Ricco made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to authorize the City Manager to request qualifications for the purchase of a generator for the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**7.ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 6.30 p.m.

  
Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED

  
Patrick McNulty, Mayor

