

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

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 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, 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, 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. PRESENTATION BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ISABEL: FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE YEAR AWARD. (MEDDERS)

The Rotary Club of Port Isabel presented Fire Lieutenant Ricardo Negrete and Police Officer Jose Rodriguez the First Responders of the Year Award.

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.2. Motion carried unanimously.

5.1. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 3, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (SOTO)

5.2. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Invoices approved for payment by General Fund check numbers 149316 through 149411 and EFT payments totaling \$597,715.57.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

6.1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SELECT A FIRM FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT. (GIMENEZ)

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to select Carr, Riggs & Ingram auditing firm and authorize the City Manager to negotiate the contract. Motion passes unanimously.

6.2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL DESIGNS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT WHITECAP CIRCLE AND TO BEGIN ADVERTISING FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS PENDING THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)'S BEACH/DUNE APPROVAL. (BOBURKA)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve the final designs for improvements at Whitecap circle and to begin advertising for construction bids pending the Texas General Land Office beach/dune approval. Motion carries unanimously.

6.3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF A BEACH AND DUNE PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT LOCATED AT ISLA BLANCA PARK. (BOBURKA)

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve the beach and dune permit for the construction of a parking lot located at Isla Blanca Park. Motion carried unanimously.

6.4. UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING BEACH RENOURISHMENT EVENT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MAY 2021 WITH WEEKS MARINE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. (BOBURKA)

Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka provided an update regarding the beach renourishment scheduled to begin. The United States Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a contract to Weeks Marine who will perform the regular maintenance dredging of the Brazos Santiago Pass Jetty and entrance channel. The sediment to be dredged will be used beneficially. Boburka announced that approximately 270,000 thousand cubic yards of sand will be placed at the northern end of the City limits and about 90,000 thousand cubic yards of sand will be placed at Isla Blanca Park.

6.5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW GENERATOR FOR THE FIRE STATION AND BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,000.00. (WILSON)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve the purchase of a new generator for the fire station and approve the budget amendment of \$165,000. Motion passed unanimously.

6.6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM EXCESS RESERVES FOR NEW FLOORING AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE EXHIBIT HALL AND (2) TRANSIT 350 PASSENGER VANS. (CAUM)

Mayor McNulty announced that item 6.6 would be addressed and voted on separately.

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by council Member Caballero to approve a budget amendment from excess reserves for new flooring at the Convention Centre. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve a budget amendment from excess reserves to purchase two Transit 350 passenger vans. Motion carried unanimously.

6.7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT TRUCKS USED INLAND AND ON THE BEACH FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (BALDOVINOS)

Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$78,000 to purchase two replacement trucks used inland and on the beach for Environmental Health Services Department. Motion carried unanimously.

6.8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,925 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BRUSH TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. (PIGG)

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$86,925 for the purchase of a brush truck for the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; 551.072, PERSONNEL MATTERS; TO DISCUSS:

At 6:13 p.m., Council Member Medders made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:43 p.m., the City Council the City Council reconvened into open session.

- 7.1. A. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF THE CITY MANAGER.**
- 7.2. B. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS SURFVIVE V. SPI LAWSUIT.**

8. OPEN SESSION:

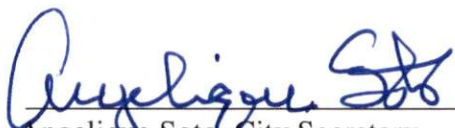
- 8.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF THE CITY MANAGER. (MCNULTY)**

Council Member Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Caballero to extend the City Manager's contract to June 2023 with a five percent (5%) raise. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 21-08 AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF THE MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS PERMITS (MCNULTY)**

Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by council Member Medders to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-08 amending Chapter 10, Section 10-31 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the limit of the Mobile Food Trucks Permits. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURN. There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.


Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED


Patrick McNulty, Mayor

