

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor Patel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A full quorum was present: Council Member Dennis Stahl, Theresa Metty, Alita Bagley, Paul Munarriz with Ron Pitcock arriving at 5:45 pm. Also present was City Attorney Kathy Cunningham.

City staff members present were City Manager Susan Guthrie, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Public Safety Director Randy Smith, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Development Director Sungman Kim, Administrative Services Director Wendi Delgado, CVB Director Keith Arnold, Fire Chief William Fowler, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Transit Director Jesse Arriaga, Shoreline Management Director Brandon Hill, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Building Official David Travis, Interim Public Information Officer Angelique Soto, Parks and Recreation Manager Anne Payne, Senior Accountant Eddie Salazar, Police Lieutenant Claudine O'Carroll and City Secretary Susan Hill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Patel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None.

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Patel announced that Item 5d, 5c and 5h will be pulled to be considered separately.

Council Member Pitcock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve Items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5f and 5g on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Stahl made a motion to approve Item 5d on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Metty seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

Council Member Munarriz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bagley to approve Item 5e on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Council Member Bagley made a motion to approve Item 5h on the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote with Council Member Stahl abstaining from the vote.

a. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017 WORKSHOP, MARCH 1, 2017 WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING, AND MARCH 9, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING. (S. HILL)

b. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 137700 through 137979 and EFT payments totaling \$1,344,200.01.

c. APPROVE GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE (GOMA) GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FROM THE BEACH MAINTENANCE FUND FOR LOCAL MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND RESILIENT PUBLIC ACCESS, EDUCATION, CONSERVATION, AND TOURISM MASTER PLAN; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT. (GUTHRIE)

d. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,764 TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OVERTIME AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES DURING SPRING BREAK. (GUTHRIE)

e. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,104 TO INCREASE POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME IN THE GENERAL FUND AND \$6,000 TO INCREASE POLICE DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN THE BEACH MAINTENANCE FUND. (SMITH)

f. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,249 TO TRANSFER STATE-R-2016-SPI-00105 FUNDS AWARDED TO NEW FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET. (ARRIAGA)

g. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200 TO ALLOCATE GRANT FUNDS FOR TRAINING. (FOWLER)

h. APPROVE EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS STAHL FROM THE APRIL 19, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (STAHL)

VI. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING VENUE PROJECTS. (GUTHRIE)

a. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK BOND OPTIONS RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE (SIDEWALK AND MEDIANS FROM THE CONVENTION CENTRE TO NORTH SIDE OF THE SHORES).

Council Member Pitcock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to issue a \$9.1 million bond to begin the sidewalk and median infrastructure for the Venue project. Motion was withdrawn.

Council Member Pitcock made a motion to authorize the City Manager to seek bond options related to infrastructure (sidewalk and medians from the Convention Centre to north side of The Shores) in an amount up to \$9.1 million. Council Member Stahl seconded the motion, which carried on a unanimous vote.

b. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO OBTAIN A SURVEY AND APPRAISAL FOR THE PINNELL PROPERTY; AND APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 FOR SAID SURVEY AND APPRAISAL.

Council Member Metty made a motion to authorize the City Manager to obtain a survey and appraisal for the Pinnell property; and approve budget amendment not to exceed \$15,000 for survey and appraisal. Council Member Stahl seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- c. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM CAMERON COUNTY TO BEGIN PREDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF KAYAK/PADDLEBOARD STATION AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE.**

Council Member Stahl made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to authorize the City Manager to seek approval from Cameron County to begin predevelopment/development of kayak and paddleboard station at the Convention Centre. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

- d. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AND SEEK REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PREDEVELOPMENT, PROPERTY ACQUISITION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A PARKING FACILITY, BOARDWALK, KAYAK/PADDLEBOARD LAUNCH AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Council Member Stahl made a motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise and seek Request for Qualification (RFQ) to select a firm to facilitate surveys, appraisals, wetlands delineation, pre-permitting analysis and pre-design for a parking facility, boardwalk, kayak/paddleboard launch and related infrastructure. Council Member Pitcock seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS/ISSUES RELATED TO SPRING BREAK: (PATEL/GUTHRIE)

- a. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SPRING BREAK DEBRIEFING PROCESS. (GUTHRIE)**

City Manager Susan Guthrie gave an overview of 2017 Spring Break and began the debriefing process.

- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE FOLLOWING: (PATEL)**

- 1. TO REVIEW, RESEARCH AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTING A MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE.**

Council Member Stahl made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to empower the City Manager to form a subcommittee to research, evaluate and make a recommendation regarding implementing a Mass Gathering Ordinance. Committee members to include two (2) Council members, two (2) members from the business community, one (1) member from the Property Owners Who Care (POWC), one (1) citizen at-large, one (1) Convention & Visitors Authority Board member along with key City staff. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

- 2. TO REVIEW AND ASSESS SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE PROCEDURES, POLICIES AND PENALTIES.**

Council Member Pitcock made a motion to authorize the City Manager to create a subcommittee to review and assess short-term rental ordinance procedures, policies and penalties. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which passed unanimously.

- c. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CURB AND/OR CURB DELINEATORS ALONG GULF BOULEVARD TO FURTHER ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS. (GUTHRIE)**

Discussion was held, no action taken.

- d. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING GOLF CART REGULATIONS AND SAFETY CONCERNS. (SMITH)**

Discussion was held, no action taken.

- e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF EAST SUNSET STREET; AND APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02 PERTAINING TO SAME. (JONES)**

Discussion was held, no action taken.

- f. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CURRENT SPEED BUMP POLICIES. (JONES)**

Discussion was held, no action taken.

- VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,271.67 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE CONVENTION CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECTS. (ARNOLD)**

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve budget amendment for \$220,271.67 for the Convention Centre Renovation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BEACH DUNE PERMIT FOR INSTALLATION OF VEHICLE TURNAROUND FOR THE PENINSULA ISLAND RESORT AND SPA LOCATED AT 340 PADRE BOULEVARD. (B. HILL)**

Mayor Patel made a motion to approve Beach & Dune Permit for Peninsula Island Resort and Spa for the installation of a vehicle turnaround. Motion was seconded by Council Member Stahl. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

- X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BEACH DUNE PERMIT FOR REDUCTION OF IMPERMEABLE SURFACE LOCATED AT 5308 GULF BOULEVARD. (B. HILL)**

Mayor Patel made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve Beach & Dune Permit for the reduction of impermeable surface located at 5308 Gulf Boulevard. Motion carried unanimously.

- XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BEACH DUNE PERMIT FOR THE SHORES IN ORDER TO ALLOW CONTINUED BEACH MAINTENANCE. (B. HILL)**

Mayor Patel made a motion to approve Beach & Dune permit for The Shores to allow continued beach maintenance. Council Member Stahl seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

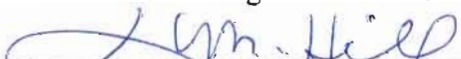
- XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD OF MOONLIGHT WALKOVER CONSTRUCTION TO THE LOWEST BIDDER, WILLIS DEVELOPMENT LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,642.50. (B. HILL)**

Council Member Munarriz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to award a contract for the construction of Moonlight Circle Beach Access Walkover to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Willis Development LLC, in the amount of \$201,642.50. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

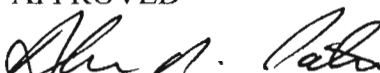
Other bids received were from Bryant Industrial Services in the amount of \$203,759.

- XIII. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED


Bharat R. Patel, Mayor

