

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

City staff members present were City Manager Susan Guthrie, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Police Chief Randy Smith, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Development Director Sungman Kim, CVB Director Keith Arnold, Fire Chief Doug Fowler, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Shoreline Management Director Brandon Hill, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Interim Public Information Officer Angelique Soto, Parks and Recreation Manager Anne Payne, Business Development Director Michael Flores, Shoreline Program Coordinator Manuel Aguilar 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:

- a. Presentation: August Bird of the Month
- b. Presentation: Butterfly Park

Javier Gonzalez, Birding and Nature Center Naturalist announced the Least Bittern Heron as the August Bird of the Month and gave a brief presentation on this tiny heron.

Anne Payne, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave a short presentation on the Butterfly Park located at 4316 Gulf and invited everyone to go by and enjoy this small park.

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. **APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. (S. HILL)**
- b. **APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 138803 through 138987 and EFT payments totaling \$1,222,501.45.

- c. **APPROVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 AS PREPARED BY VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING, LLC. (GIMENEZ)**

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS Rio Grande VALLEY (UTRGV) STUDENT INTERNSHIP. (B. HILL)

Mayor Patel made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to take staff recommendation to cancel current UTRGV Student Internship contract and take at least a full semester, if not two semesters, to renegotiate a new contract that would include, among other things, input and selection by the City regarding research development and student. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

XI. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING RESULTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (UTRGV) LANTERNFEST RESEARCH PROJECT; AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO PERMIT THE CVB SPONSORED EVENT. (ARNOLD)

After much discussion, Council Member Bagley made a motion to deny the permit for the future Lanternfest event. Motion was seconded by Mayor Patel which carried on a 5 to 1 vote with Council Member Munarriz casting a nay vote.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071 T.G.C.:

a. CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF SB 1004.

At 6:48 p.m., Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stahl to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:01 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF SB 1004.

Council Member Pitcock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to join the lawsuit and sign a Letter of Engagement against the State of Texas regarding Senate Bill 1004 enactment.

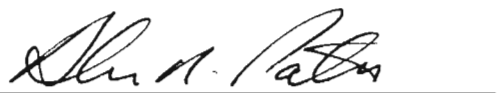
XIV. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Patel adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED

Bharat R. Patel, Mayor