

MINUTES CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 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: Council Member Ken Medders, Jr., Ron Pitcock, Theresa Metty, Alita Bagley and Paul Munarriz.

City staff members present were City Manager Susan Guthrie, Assistant City Manager Darla Jones, Police Chief Randy Smith, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Administrative Services Director Wendi Delgado, CVB Director Keith Arnold, Fire Chief Doug Fowler, Transit Director Jesse Arriaga, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Shoreline Management Director Brandon Hill, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Public Information Officer Angelique Soto, Parks and Recreation Manager Anne Payne and City Secretary Susan Hill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stahl 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: FIRE/BEACH PATROL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**
- B. PRESENTATION: POLICE CHIEF YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION**

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2017 SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING. (S. HILL)**

- b. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)**

Invoices approved for payment were paid by General Fund checks numbered 139839 through 139982 and EFT payments totaling \$653,166.71.

- c. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-38 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER Rio Grande VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO RECYCLING TRAILERS. (BALDOVINOS)**

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-38, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- d. **APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-39 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER Rio Grande VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) FOR A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST WITH RECYCLING EFFORTS. (BALDOVINOS)**

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-39, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

- e. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 FOR THE GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE (GOMA) GRANT FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR SOUTH PADRE ISLAND RESILIENT PUBLIC ACCESS AND EDUCATION, CONSERVATION, AND TOURISM MASTER PLAN. (B. HILL)**
- f. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,000 FOR A TOPOGRAPHIC AND BATHYMETRIC PRE-STORM CONDITION SURVEY FOR THE BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT. (B. HILL)**
- g. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,754 TO ALLOCATE 10% OF THE INCREASE IN HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO CVB STAFF AS APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 3, 2016. (ARNOLD)**
- h. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$625 TO ALLOCATE GRANT FUNDS FOR TRAINING. (FOWLER)**
- i. **APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,598 FROM EXCESS RESERVES FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT BODY CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. (SMITH/SHELLARD)**

- VI. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE OF THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH THE PASSENGER & SHIPPING INSTITUTE REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND AS A CRUISE SHIP DESTINATION PORT OF CALL; AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO MOVE \$100,000 FROM THE EDC'S FUND BALANCE TO THE DESIGNATED PROJECTS BUDGET LINE ITEM TO COVER THE EXPENDITURE. (LAPAYRE)**

After some discussion, Council Member Pitcock made a motion to approve the EDC expenditure of \$100,000 for a consulting agreement with Passenger & Shipping Institute for the development of a cruise ship destination port of call for South Padre Island and approve budget amendment for same amount from the EDC's fund balance. Motion was seconded by Council Member Metty, which passed on a unanimous vote.

- VII. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO MERGE THE KEEP SOUTH PADRE ISLAND BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE (KSPIBC) WITH THE PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (PRBC). (BALDOVINOS)**

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Munarriz to approve Resolution No. 2017-40 rescinding the creation of Keep SPI Beautiful Committee and Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee to create a new committee, Parks and Keep South Padre Island Beautiful Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A true and correct copy of said Resolution was placed in the City's Resolution Book and entitled Resolution No. 2017-40, and, by reference hereto, included in these Minutes as if fully set out and spread upon the pages of the Minutes Book.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO EXPIRING OR VACANT TERMS OF THE CITY'S COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSION AND TASK FORCE (HEREIN CALLED COMMITTEES) FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Council Member Pitcock made a motion to appoint the following as members to expiring or vacant terms on the City's committees. Motion was seconded by Council Member Munarriz, which passed on a 5 to 1 vote with Council Member Medders casting a nay vote. Those appointed are as follows:

a. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Paul Fedigan and Cain Mahan as regular members and Gayle Hood as an alternate member.

b. BOARD OF ETHICS

Chrissy Dijkman, Sue Warner, David Eymard

c. CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD

Arnie Creinin, Tom Goodman, Daniel Salazar

d. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS REVIEW TASK FORCE

Gar Treharne, Donna Eymard

e. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thomas Bainter, Theresa Metty

f. PARKS AND KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE (*New Committee*)

Carol Bolstad, Javier Gonzalez, Debbie Huffman, Kat Lillie, Pat Rasmussen, Sally Scaman, Erica Underwood

g. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Art Teniente, Howard Avery, David Zipp

h. SHORELINE TASK FORCE

Virginia Guillot, Neil Rasmussen, Norma Trevino

IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13-24(E) IN REFERENCE OF REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE BEACH AND ADD CHAPTER 13-24(P) PROPERTY OWNERS AND UMBRELLA VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DETAILED EQUIPMENT REMOVAL PLAN, ALONG WITH A DRAWING IDENTIFYING THE PLACEMENT OF STORED EQUIPMENT OUT OF THE CRITICAL DUNE AREA ONCE NECESSARY CONDITIONS (AS DEFINED BY LETTER E IN THIS SECTION) HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR PROXY. (B. HILL/V. BALDOVINOS)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Metty to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 17-17 amending Chapter 13-24(E) and adding Chapter 34-24(P). Motion carried unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BEACH AND DUNE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A TOWNHOUSE WITH CONCRETE DRIVEWAY, SWIMMING POOL AND RETAINING WALL LOCATED AT 5216 GULF BOULEVARD. (B. HILL)

Council Member Munarriz made a motion to approve Beach and Dune Permit to construct a townhouse with concrete driveway, swimming pool and retaining wall at 5216 Gulf Boulevard. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pitcock, which passed on a unanimous vote.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NOMINATION AND SELECTION FOR THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 Rio Grande VALLEY WALK OF FAME AWARD FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. (STAHL)

Council Member Munarriz made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to nominate and select Jeff George of Sea Turtle, Inc. as the City's selection for the 2018 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame award. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; 551.072, DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; TO DISCUSS:

a. REAL ESTATE PROPERTY – CORRAL LOTS

At 7:06 p.m., Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pitcock to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CORRAL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY.

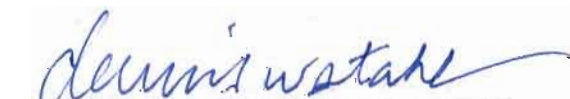
Council Member Pitcock made a motion to direct the City Manager to withdraw from the option of Corral Street project; and direct the City Manager and staff to do a study on other options for boat ramp accessibility. Council Member Munarriz seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

XIV. ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Mayor Stahl adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.


Susan M. Hill, City Secretary

APPROVED


Dennis Stahl, Mayor

