

## Shoreline survey available

The City of South Padre Island Shoreline Department and HDR Engineering invites the community to take a short survey regarding the Island's shoreline. The survey will be available until Wednesday, April 18. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey.

Within one week of the survey being available, the City has already received over fifty requests for meetings with HDR Consultants. In addition to the phenomenal reception of the survey, the City of South Padre Island's Shoreline Master Plan has stepped into the spotlight. The Gulf of Mexico Alliance program that chose to fund the plan was established to help "Gulf of Mexico coastal communities enhance their overall resilience to future hazards using a systematic and integrated approach leading to standard methods to engage communities."

This project is 1 of 10 that were funded in the Gulf States and has been selected as 1 of 7 that will be featured at the Gulf Communities Projects Café at the Climate and Resilience Community of Practice Meeting to be held in Port Aransas. Shoreline Director Brandon Hill will be speaking on the City's Master Plan efforts as inspiration to other gulf communities.

The Master Plan will also be the subject of a documentary that is focused on highlighting the GOMA funded efforts. A lab based out of Dauphin Island, Alabama is creating a documentary on Coastal Resilience best practices and has selected SPI as one of their subjects. Their film crew will be arriving early May in order to hold interviews and film for the feature.

## Plant of the Month for April

Linda McGonigle and Elizabeth McNabb from the Native Plant Center presented the Plains Wild Indigo (*baptisia leucophaea*) as the plant of the month for April.



## Did you know?

The City of South Padre Island's first official meeting was held on June 20, 1973!

## Transit Study

The South Padre Island Transit Efficiency and Effectiveness Study Plan was initiated to help identify new strategies and service designs to meet the growing needs of the region and serve as a blueprint for decision makers to rely on when considering service changes in the future. This study clearly demonstrated that Island Metro provides a quality service that is ready for an update.

The plan was developed over six months and included surveys, focus groups, field observations, interviews with stakeholders and much more.

The realignment benefits include:

- Seven new additional stops.
- New stop at H.E.B. and riders will not need to cross Highway 100 to meet the bus.

Buses run everyday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Scan or click the QR Code to see where we go!



Click the QR code for job openings, descriptions and much more!



Current job openings

Senior Sales Manager - Austin

City Attorney

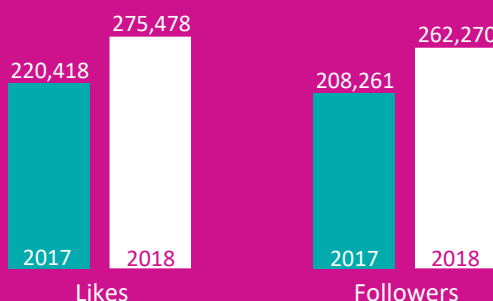
Senior Accountant

## Best Beach in Texas

South Padre Island Beach was named a winner in the Best Texas Beach category by USA TODAY's 10Best Reader's Choice Award contest. The Island ranked #2 out of a competitive list of twenty nominee destinations across the state.

USA TODAY's 10Best Reader's Choice Award contest took place over four weeks, closing voting polls on March 28 at noon. Winners were announced on April 6 at 12 ET / 11 CT and will be promoted across all USA TODAY media platforms.

South Padre Island Tropical Travel Facebook January Comparison



↑  
Increase of  
54,009 followers  
and 55,060 likes.

## Comprehensive Plan

A crucial part of the Comprehensive Plan is input from individuals from all parts of our community and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is striving to reach as many people as possible as they can while drafting the Comprehensive Plan.

The City of South Padre Island will host a public meeting to obtain input from citizens of South Padre Island regarding the Comprehensive Plan on May 1, 2018 at 4 p.m. in City Hall located at, 4601 Padre Boulevard.

## SPI Skatepark update

The City of South Padre Island received bids for the construction of the Skatepark and they were in excess of funding available. The City Council rejected the initial bids and will continue to look for other funding opportunities to construct the Skatepark. The Economic Development Corporation has donated \$100,000 and \$10,000 has been used for engineering.

Currently, the City has a GoFundMe page for donations and partner

Click or scan the QR Code to donate and view sponsorship opportunities.



Skatepark supporters at City Council meeting.

View the recorded meeting



## Friends of the Animal

Sherry Pindard from the SPI Friends of Animal presented the March 2018 statistics.

Shelter Intake: 14 Dog, 2 Cats, 5 Opossums, 6 Birds  
Adopted: 3 Dogs and 8 Cats  
Reunited: 9 Dogs  
Fostering: 1 Kitten

Click [HERE](#) for the Friends of Animal Resuce website!

### Fiscal Year Hotel/Motel & Venue Tax Collections

February 2018	\$357,622
January 2018	\$216,130
December 2017	\$291,453
November 2017	\$329,842
October 2017	\$387,961

Since October 2017, \$1,583,006 has been collected.

## Spring Break Public Meeting

City staff is debriefing on Spring Break this month and will continue into May. The City will hold a Spring Break public meeting with a presentation of data on Wednesday, June 13.

## Dune Planting

The Shoreline Department in collaboration with Mr. Steve Mercer from Coastal Transplants and students from the Port Isabel Junior High participated in a Volunteer Dune Planting Event.

Mr. Mercer arrived with the plants and a plan was formulated to round up the one hundred sixty-five (165) students, give them an introduction to planting dune vegetation, why they are important and examine the role they play in the surrounding ecosystem.

## Committees

The City of South Padre Island encourages its residents to become actively involved. Residents can volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of the community by setting policy, aiding fellow citizens and planning for the Island's future.

City Council has appointed the following:

- Economic Development Corporation - Gayle Hood
- Shoreline Task Force - Rob Nixon
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee - Kyra Hudson

## Beach & Dune permits

City Council approved Beach & Dune permits for the following:

- 5306 Gulf Blvd. to construct a swimming pool.
- 4004 Gulf Blvd. to install pavers around the existing residence.
- 5908 Gulf Blvd. to construct a retaining wall along the designated Historic Building Line.
- 6800 Padre Blvd. to construct a ten-foot wide by fifty-foot long wooden beach ramp in lieu of a beach access staircase and allow a 375 square feet of dune vegetation to be planted as mitigation for another project in the area.

## Meet Willie Higginbotham!

Willie oversees projects for the Public Works Department related to the City's Rights-of-Way. He issues Right-of-Way permits and receives concerns pertaining to the Public Works Department. Currently overseeing the Padre Boulevard Improvements Project, he will also be overseeing the 2018 Street Reconstruction Project. If you see Willie out and about, please wave hello.





# Island Vibes

## Stay informed

The City of South Padre Island has many ways to keep you informed!

### Subscribe

Sign up to receive newsletters and updates delivered to your inbox.  
<http://myspi.org/category/subcategory.php?categoryid=71>

### Facebook

City of South Padre Island's Facebook Page has over 5,000 followers. Follow us today to stay up-to-date.  
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthPadreTexas/>

For tourism information follow us at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/sopadre/>

### Website

The City's website has the most information about your Island!

Key Information:

- Upcoming Meetings
  - Agendas
  - Live Stream Meetings
  - Press Releases
  - Departmental Documents
  - Financial Reports
- [www.myspi.org](http://www.myspi.org)

### Meetings

View upcoming meeting agendas, live stream meetings in session or watch archived meetings.

<http://www.myspi.org/egov/apps/services/index.egov?view=detail;id=20>

### Swift911

The City of South Padre Island utilizes Swift911 to notify citizens, businesses and visitors of emergency situations.

The emergency notification system is web-based, giving the City the ability to message residents and visitors any time day or night using text, voice or email alerts.

Click or scan the QR code to sign up



### Re-Entry Sticker

Re-Entry Stickers are available at the Police station for residents, property owners and businesses.

The stickers allow re-entry to the Island following a major storm event.

Click or scan the QR code for more information



Next City Council  
meeting is April 18  
at City Hall

## Key Contacts

Building Division (956) 761-8103  
City Hall (956) 761-6456  
Community Center (956) 761-8168  
Convention & Visitors Bureau (956) 761-3000  
Planning (956) 761-8112  
Economic Development Corporation (956) 761-6805  
Environmental Health (956) 761-8123  
Finance (956) 761-8130  
Fire Department (956) 761-3830  
Municipal Court (956) 761-3225  
Parks (956) 761-8168  
Police Non-Emergency (956) 761-5454  
Public Works (956) 761-8159  
Shoreline (956) 761-8166  
Transit (956) 761-8178  
Visitors Center (956) 761-6433

## Save The Date!

The City of South Padre Island invites the community to the Multi Modal Ground Breaking Ceremony. This ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Modal, located at the Park and Ride area.

## Things To Do!

On South Padre Island, there are always exciting things to do and fun new activities to try all year long. Each member of your family or group is sure to find something that fits their personality and interests perfectly. If you enjoy getting out and having a crazy new adventure, you can try flyboarding, ziplining, tandem skydiving, surfing, kiteboarding, driving ATVs, stand-up paddleboarding, snorkeling, scuba diving, parasailing, jet skiing, and deep sea fishing.

Click or scan the QR Code to view events, deals and much more!

