South Padre Island is in the process of updating its plan for the future, “The Island Way – South Padre Island’s Comprehensive Plan.” This plan is a collective effort between the residents, the City Council, staff and all associated stakeholders to chart the course for South Padre Island’s future growth.

The City held the first public workshop for the plan on May 1 and members of the public where able to speak with Council Members, staff and Kimley-Horn consultants. This interactive workshop allowed attendees to tour different stations and let their voices be heard!

We encourage you to participate in the South Padre Island comprehensive planning process: The Island Way. This plan will bring together all the ideas in our community to create a shared vision for our future.

The next public comprehensive planning meeting is scheduled for June 19 at the Birding Center from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Did you know?**

Guided daily bird walks are provided by the SPI Birding and Nature Center! For additional information call (956) 761-6801.

**Sales Tax Collection History**

- 2017: $3,335
- 2016: $3,156
- 2015: $3,066
- 2014: $2,822
- 2013: $2,500
- 2012: $2,000
- 2011: $1,500
- 2010: $1,000
- 2009: $500
- 2008: $2,377
- 2007: $2,799

**Electronic Recycling Comparison**

- 2017: 2,670 pounds
- 2016: 1,933 pounds
- 2015: 2,006 pounds

Since 2015, over 6,600 pounds of electronic waste has been properly recycled.
Since June 2016, over 2,400 people now follow the City’s Facebook page.

Administrative Professional’s Day April 25
Child Abuse Prevention Month - April
Arson Awareness Week May 6 - May 1
National Travel & Tourism Week May 6 - May 12
Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month - May

City Council has awarded the construction of the Multimodal Facility to Noble Texas Builders, L.L.C. in the amount of $4.5 million.

City Council approved a budget amendment in the amount of $22,856 for a Homeschool Marketing Pilot Program. The Homeschool Coalition has identified over 120,000 registered students in Texas that are homeschooled. Marketing will target families that are homeschooled in an effort to attract them during non peak seasons.

City Council approved a budget amendment in the amount of $17,144 for Texas Tourism Co-Op opportunities that will target millennials, generation X and baby boomers that are interested in the outdoor, beaches and fishing.

The Parks committee is fundraising for revenue to be used to construct a skate park at Tompkins Park. We are asking you to join us and be a part of the newest recreational attraction. Your sponsorship of the new skatepark will link you or your company directly with this fun and active new landmark.

Currently, the City has a GoFundMe page for donations and sponsorships.

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

The Council passed a first reading of an amendment to Ordinance No. 18-15 Chapter 10, Section 10-31(C)(2) to add an additional six Mobile Food Unit Permits for a total of twelve permits allowed.

City Council approved Beach & Dune permits for the following:
• 1010 Padre Blvd. to replace and extend beach mats at two existing walkways.
• 8100 Padre Blvd. to construct at five story hotel with a parking structure and an elevated beach walkover.

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REIM Contractors are currently removing sections of driveways on East Lantana and grading continues on East Atol. This project will improve side streets with sidewalks, improved drainage and additional parking spaces.

Birding and Nature Center Naturalist Javier Gonzalez presented the Painted Bunting as the Bird of the Month for April.

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

Shelter Intake: 4 Dogs, 10 Cats, 6 Opossums, 16 Birds, 1 Raccoon
Adopted: 4 Dogs and 6 Cats
Reunited: 4 Dogs and 2 Cats

Click HERE for the Friends of Animal Rescue website!
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 more than 6,000 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

Meetings
View upcoming meeting agendas, live stream meetings in session or watch archived meetings.
http://www.myspi.org/egov/apps/services/index.egov?view=detailed;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.

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.

Next City Council meeting is May 16 at City Hall

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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

Parks and Recreation
The City of South Padre Island maintains several City parks.

• Water Tower Park
• John L. Tompkins Park
• Turtle Park
• Butterfly Park
• Lis Memorial Park
• Queen Isabella Memorial Park

Click or scan the QR Code to view locations and amenities!

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!