The Island Way...
Let Your Voice Be Heard!

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, businesses, the City Council, staff and all associated stakeholders to chart the course for South Padre Island’s future growth.

So far, over 430 survey responses have been received! We encourage everyone to participate in this survey. Your input will be an important part of the development of the plan.

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

Keep It Green
The Environmental Health Services Department, in conjunction with Republic Services, provides the community with a drop-off location to recycle household items.

The City recycling hours are every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, located at 4501 Padre Blvd.

Republic Services provides 18-gallon recycling containers to residents that wish to subscribe to the weekly Recycling Collection Program.

To subscribe to the weekly recycling collection, call Republic Service customer service at: (956) 392-7017.

2017 Property Tax Rate City Comparison

- Port Aransas: 0.28
- Galveston: 0.56
- Harlingen: 0.59
- Brownsville: 0.70
- Corpus Christi: 0.61
- South Padre Island: 0.32

Island Metro
Catch a free ride to the beach with Island Metro!
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!

City Attorney
Beach Rescue Technician (Seasonal/Part Time)
Litter Enforcement Officer (Seasonal/Part Time)
Current job openings

Birding and Nature Center Naturalish Javier Gonzalez presented the American Oystercatcher as the Bird of the Month for May.
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- **Analyze** the process to determine the root causes of poor performance.
- **Improve** the process performance by addressing and eliminating the root causes of poor performance.
- **Control** the improved process.

**Council Highlights**

Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport Director Bryant Walker updated the City Council with the announcement that United Airlines will begin a new nonstop service between Brownsville and Chicago, Illinois this fall.

Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority Executive Director Pete Sepulveda updated the City Council on the second causeway, saying that the environmental study was nearly complete.

Kimley-Horn Vice President Tom Grant updated City Council on the Master Thoroughfare Plan. This plan will be included in the comprehensive plan.

Shoreline Director Brandon Hill updated City Council on current projects and preliminary statistics on the Shoreline Survey. More than 400 people participated in this survey!

The City Council approved the first reading of a Specific Use Permit to allow for the expansion and operation of an “outdoor amusement” park at 1201 Padre Blvd.

The City Council approved an agreement between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Geological Survey and PARTRAC GeoMarine, Inc. to explore a particle tracing survey on the current sand material being placed in the nearshore berm. This will show where the sand is naturally moving on the beach.

The City Council approved the purchase of four air handlers for City Hall in the amount of $101,287. This purchase is part of the Preventative Maintenance Reserve Study approved in 2017.

The City Council approved Resolution No. 2018-14 requesting the State of Texas and the Texas General Land Office annually set aside a portion of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act funding to cities. This resolution will allow the City to receive funds that could improve coastal conservation, coastal programs and strengthen and restore our coast.

**SPI Skatepark**

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.

**Mobile Food Units**

The Council passed the final 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.

**DMAIC update**

Information Technology Director Mark Shellard presented a DMAIC update on the Computer Replacement Plan approved in 2017.

This year, 20 computers have been replaced with plans to replace three more.

**Upcoming meetings**

Budget Workshop • June 6 at City Hall at 3 p.m. (Tentative)

PR 100 Open House • June 6 at City Hall at 4 p.m.

Newly Hired and Promoted Employees • June 6 at City Hall at 5 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting • June 6 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Spring Break Debriefing Workshop • June 13 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan Open House • June 19 at the Birding Center at 4 p.m.

**Island Vibes**

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| Building Permit Valuation Fiscal Year Comparison |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| $9,712,809      | $30,063,330     | $22,777,505     | $55,761,266     | $8,003,152      |

View the May 16 recorded meeting here
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Sign up to receive newsletters and updates delivered to your inbox. http://myspi.org/category/subcategory.php?categoryid=71

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City of South Padre Island’s Facebook Page has more than 6,800 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=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.

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 June 6 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

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

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!