MINUTES
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

Pursuant to Section 551.045, an Emergency Meeting may be held when there is urgent public necessity such as an imminent threat to public health and safety.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Special Emergency Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2020 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz (arriving at 2:11 p.m.), Joe Ricco, Alita Bagley (arriving at 2:20 p.m.) and Eva-Jean Dalton.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, Chief of Police Claudine O’Carroll, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, Information Technology Director Mark Shellard, Public Information Officer Angelique Soto and City Secretary Susan Manning.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McNulty led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

4. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 (2), TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

At 2:01 p.m., Council Member Dalton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Medders to go into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:48 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open session.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS THE CITY CAN TAKE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND.

Council Member Ricco made a motion to suspend regular Council meetings through and including April 1, 2020. Council Member Medders seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND THE CITY’S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS EPIDEMIC TO APRIL 1, 2020.

Council Member Ricco made a motion to extend the City’s Declaration. Motion was seconded by Council Member Medders. Motion was withdrawn.

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to extend the current Local State of Disaster Declaration until April 1, 2020. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.
There being no further business, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Susan M. Maginney, City Secretary

APPROVED

Patrick McNulty, Mayor