MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present: Mayor Patrick McNulty, Council Members Ken Medders, Jr., Kerry Schwartz, Joe Ricco, Alita Bagley and Eva-Jean Dalton.

City staff members present were City Manager Randy Smith, Director of Operations Wendi Delgado, Chief Financial Officer Rodrigo Gimenez, Chief of Police Claudine O’Carroll, Fire Chief Jim Pigg, Public Works Director Carlos A. Sanchez, Shoreline Director Kristina Boburka, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, and City Secretary Angelique Soto.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ISABEL: FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE YEAR AWARD. (MEDDERS)

B. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING POLICE SERGEANT JAMES WOODARD. (O’CARROLL)

C. PRESENTATION BY DR. JOE YBARRA REGARDING THE FUTURE MEDICAL PROVISIONS FOR SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. (MCNULTY)

V. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 3, 2020, REGULAR MEETING AND JUNE 5, 2020, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING. (SOTO)

B. APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER $24,452 FROM THE PERSONNEL SERVICES BUDGET IN THE (01-514) PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO THE (01-542) INSPECTIONS DIVISION TO BETTER ALIGN STAFF WITH THE NEEDS OF SERVICE IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

C. APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SEND LETTER TO HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY URGING THE LIFTING OF CURRENT BORDER CROSSING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. (MCNULTY)

D. APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT. (GIMENEZ)

Approve invoices for payment by General Fund checks numbered 147274 through 147359 and EFT payments totaling $514,704.87.
VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM FOR DOCKLESS SCOOTERS. (BAGLEY)

Council Member Rico made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to deny the Pilot Program for Dockless Scooters. Motion carried on a 5 to 0 vote with Council Member Bagley abstaining from the vote.

B. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $300,000 TO ALLOCATE MARCH'S HOT COLLECTIONS FOR DIGITAL MARKETING. (CAUM)

Council Member Rico made a motion, seconded by Mayor McNulty to approve the budget amendment in the amount of $300,000 to allocate March's HOT collections for Digital Marketing. Motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF)'S NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCY FUND AND TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT. (BOBURKA)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rico to approve the submission of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)'s National Coastal Resiliency Fund and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT CAF 2003 (29) 072.20 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,027,484 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER GRANT AGREEMENT. (ARRIAGA)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rico to approve the acceptance of the Texas Department of Transportation Project Grant agreement CAF 2003 (29) 072.20 in the amount of $1,027,484 and authorize the City Manager to enter into the grant agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT BBF 2001 (21) 069.20 IN THE AMOUNT OF $71,857 FOR THE PURCHASE ONE NEW BUS, AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER GRANT AGREEMENT. THIS IS A FORMULA BASED GRANT. (ARRIAGA)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schwartz to approve the acceptance of the Texas Department of Transportation Project Grant agreement BBF 2001 (21) 069.20 in the amount of $71,857 for the purchase one new bus, and authorize City Manager to enter grant agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXTEND THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS EPIDEMIC TO 11:59 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020. (MCNULTY)

Council Member Bagley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ricco to extend the City’s Declaration of a Local State of Disaster due to COVID-19 virus epidemic to 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOV'T CODE, 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; 551.074 DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY; A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD TO DISCUSS REAL PROPERTY AND DISCUSSION OF LAND ACQUISITION IN REGARDS TO THE RESTORE ACT GRANT.

This item was pulled.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RESTORE ACT FUNDS AND POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.

This item was pulled.

VIII. ADJOURN.

There being no further discussion, Mayor McNulty adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Angelique Soto, City Secretary

APPROVED

Patrick McNulty, Mayor